

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

December 11, 2019



Trustees: (back row) Connie Huelsman, Melissa Copley, Chair Allan Tarnoczi, Superintendent Kurt Sacher, Gord Kerr, Joe-Anne Knispel-Matejka (front row) Second Vice Chair Holly Bilton, Vice Chair Colleen Butler, Sherry Cooper, Trudy James

Approval of Collective Agreement:

The Board approved a Memorandum of Agreement with the local Alberta Teachers' Association. The Memorandum of Agreement had been ratified by the Chinook's Edge teachers on December 9, and representatives on both bargaining committees indicated the quality of the work in the Agreement shows the solid relationship that exists between teachers in Chinook's Edge and the Board of Trustees.

Three Year Education Plan and Annual Results Report:

Karyn Barber, Associate Superintendent of System Services, presented the division's report on requirements and outcomes as outlined through Alberta Education's reporting requirements. The report was approved by the Board of Trustees and will be posted to the website and filed with Alberta Education. The Central Office Leadership Team will present the findings to the Ministry's Zone 4 Manager in January.

Budget Update:

Treasurer Susan Roy provided a brief budget update, as the Finance team is continuing to navigate the changes prompted by the provincial government's fall budget adjustment. The Board of Trustees and Central Office Leadership Team continues to be vigilant as the division responds to the current year's budget challenges.

Transportation deficit:

The Board spent considerable time discussing the continual Transportation deficit, which included deliberation on a possible Transportation fee. The Board requested Transportation and Central Office staff to map out a thorough plan, which focuses on quality learning for students at its core, to be presented at the January meeting to address the ongoing transportation shortfall.

Matters Committees:

Following the November 22 Teachers Matter Committee meeting, the Board acknowledged the strong work that continues through the division's 'Matters Committees', which ensure strong lines of communication and support continues to be advanced throughout Chinook's Edge. There are currently Matters Committees involving Teachers, Students, Support Staff and Division Office.

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Holiday Spirit

Board Chair Allan Tarnozci thanked students from École Olds Elementary School following their choir performance at the Board holiday luncheon. The Grade 1 & 2 students, along with teacher Amanda Koch and Music teacher Lois Munchinsky, performed A Bugz Christmas.

Trustees in provincial leadership roles:

The Board congratulated Trustee Sherry Cooper for being elected President of the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards. This continues a strong tradition of Chinook's Edge Trustees and Central Office staff in leadership roles in provincial organizations that support education goals, including Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA), Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP), Association of School Business Officials of Alberta (ASBOA) and the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS).



The Board extends best wishes for a happy holiday season and thanks everyone in our schools and departments for another wonderful year of working together in Chinook's Edge, where students come first.

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The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

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