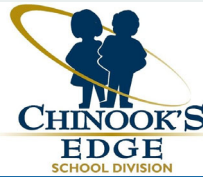


BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Sept. 11, 2019 Board Meeting



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

Election of Board Executive:

The Chinook's Edge Board of Education held their annual Organizational Meeting on September 11th, which involves the election of the Board's executive positions. The Board elected Allan Tarnoczi as Chair, Colleen Butler as Vice Chair, and Holly Bilton as Second Vice Chair. Colleen Butler, who has held the Chair position for the past nine years, had provided the Board with advanced notice that she would not be running for the position this school year as part of her personal succession plan.

"I believe that unity is our defining strength as a Board, and I believe this serves our division and our students well," said Chair Tarnoczi. "I am looking forward to continuing our governance journey together as Board Chair, and I would like to thank Colleen Butler for her many years of strong leadership on our Board."



Student Enrolment numbers:

Student numbers as of today's date were discussed, although these numbers may fluctuate somewhat prior to the final report being filed with the provincial government on September 30. The report shows enrolment is up slightly in Chinook's Edge.

Board Committees:

Trustees committed to the Board of Education's standing and ad hoc committees, as part of the Organizational Committee Meeting. A full list will be available on the Board section of the Division website. As a new approach, the work of the Finance Committee will now be dealt with by the Board as a whole.

Summer School Report:

The Board reviewed a report from the three Chinook's Edge communities where Summer School had been held this year: Sylvan Lake had 59 registered students, Innisfail had 54 students (who wrote 20 Diploma Exams) and Olds had 42 students. Summer School provides high school students with the opportunity to take courses to upgrade existing marks, complete a required course missing from their timetable, or for personal reasons.

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Introduction of new staff:

Board Chair Allan Tarnoczi greeted staff who are new to Division Office, once they had been introduced to the Board. Most staff are entering existing positions which had been left vacant due to staff transfers.

**Teachers Matter Committee:**

The Board reviewed the list of teacher representatives on this division-wide committee, which has been an impactful committee in Chinook's Edge for several years. Superintendent Kurt Sacher has been invited to share the mandate, culture and work of the Teachers Matter Committee to neighbouring school divisions.

Under the School Act, School Board responsibilities are to govern, advocate and promote. For more information please visit [About the Board](#).

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 9, 2019.

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