

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

April 10 , 2019 Board Meeting



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

Recognition of Excellence:

The Board congratulated students who achieved 100 percent on the January Math 30-1 Diploma Exam: Paulina Wolswinkel and Laura Rib from Innisfail High, with teacher Erin Lapierre Hand; and Rexelle Asis from Olds High, with teacher Kent Lorenz. Vice Chair Holly Bilton and Superintendent Kurt Sacher are also in the photo.



Edwin Parr Award nominee:

The Board congratulated Bailey Sisson from École Olds High School for being named the Chinook's Edge Edwin Parr Award nominee. The Alberta School Boards' Association 'Edwin Parr Award' recognizes teachers who are new to the profession who show significant promise in their first year. A separate media release is being issued with these Highlights.

Board Advocacy and Priorities:

The Board reviewed the Stakeholder Committee's advocacy plan leading up to and following the provincial election on April 16, in an effort to provide Education information to elected officials and support their important work.

Second quarter financial statement:

Treasurer Susan Roy presented a report for the period September 1 to February 28, including an overview of school and department budgets. The financial statement is in alignment with budget expectations.

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School and Transportation Fees:

Each year the Board sets school and transportation fees for the upcoming school year, as outlined in AP5-11 and AP 3-17. To take steps towards offsetting the large deficit in the Transportation budget and because fees have not increased for a number of years, the Board approved an increase for bus students of \$6 per year for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 and \$12 for Grade 6-12. To offset rising costs, fees on CTS courses will increase by 30 cents per credit to a total of \$7.30 per credit.

School Calendars 2020-2021:

The Board approved the traditional calendar, along with the year-round calendar which affects only Horizon School, for the 2020-2021 school year. These will now be posted to the website. The Board requested additional information be produced to provide further background and clarification on the process with which school calendars are developed, and this will be posted to the website once complete.

CASS President:

In his final months in the role of President of the Council of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS), Superintendent Kurt Sacher will have the opportunity to address the Alberta School Councils Association at the end of April and the Alberta Teachers Association in May. At the end of June, Kurt moves into the role of CASS Past-President and will remain on that association's executive committee for the next school year. The Board voiced appreciation to Kurt for taking on this provincial role without causing disruption to his work as Superintendent.

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, May 15, 2019.

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