



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 13, 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

Capital Plan Update:

The Board approved an updated 2020-2023 Capital Plan, as they continue to respond to changing community demographics. This includes: 1) Carstairs Elementary School-250 student classroom addition; 2) Penhold Middle School-new 500 capacity replacement school; 3) new Grade 10-12 High School in Sylvan Lake; 4) new 400 student capacity Olds Elementary School.

Class size overview:

The Board reviewed a report showing class size averages across the division, which shows that efficient and healthy class size levels continue to be sustained in the division overall despite fewer resources. In Chinook's Edge, class sizes are influenced annually through an internal Resource Allocation Working Group (RAWG) process, which involves school and division office administrators working collaboratively on a detailed and transparent allocation strategy for the division.

School Councils:

Trustees discussed various ideas to further engage with School Councils as a Board, particularly as the Alberta School Councils Association's provincial conference approaches in April. The Board appreciates the enthusiasm and ideas that are generated through School Councils in Chinook's Edge, and recognizes the strong support they provide to school administrators.

Facilities update:

The Board reviewed the list of upcoming projects from the Facilities Department, which is based on priorities as outlined by Alberta Infrastructure. An extensive list of ongoing maintenance projects take place throughout the year, although much of the Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal (IMR) work takes place over the upcoming summer months when schools are closed. The Board commended the Facilities department staff for their exceptional work to maintain the division's 40 school sites.

Inclement Weather policy:

The Board discussed the recent Inclement Weather Red Day, which was experienced in Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona, Reed Ranch and Sundre schools on March 8th. Trustees discussed the detailed strategies that are in place regarding how decisions are made and communicated. This policy is built around the priority of safety.

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, April 10, 2019.**

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