



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 14, 2018 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, Sherry Cooper, Trudy James

Transportation Update:

The Board reviewed a quarterly Transportation report, including ride times and fleet renewal requirements for the upcoming year. This represents approximately \$700,000 in fleet renewal costs to the Transportation budget, which includes a special handicapped-equipped bus that is required to replace an aging bus.

Preparation for relocatable classrooms:

The Board approved the use of funds from land sales to construct a connecting hallway for four relocatable classrooms that were recently announced for Jessie Duncan Elementary School. Rapid growth in the Town of Penhold has resulted in capacity and utilization challenges at all three Chinook's Edge schools, and the addition of these classrooms at Jessie Duncan will ease the pressure at each school. As a result, the following grade configurations will be in effect at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year:

Jessie Duncan School: Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 3

Penhold Elementary School: Grades 4-6

Penhold Crossing Secondary School: Grades 7-12

Capital Plan 2019-2022:

The Board approved an updated Capital Plan, which represents the highest capital priorities in the division. An extensive study was undertaken by the Facilities Committee, to ensure objective guidelines are used to determine the updated report. The report will be filed with the Alberta Government as follows: 1) expansion of Carstairs Elementary School to meet demographics and community growth; 2) new Olds Elementary School to meet demographics and community growth; 3) H.J Cody High School modernization in Sylvan Lake, which remains the division's highest modernization priority; 4) replacement of current Penhold Elementary School with a new 600 capacity middle school; 5) request for a new 500 capacity Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 4 school in Carstairs.

Naloxone Kits:

The Board requested the Superintendent to further assess the risk, required training, current trends and practices in other school divisions regarding the implementation of Naloxone Kits in schools, as a response to potential fentanyl exposure.

Indigenous Education:

The Board discussed the learning opportunities that were shared by Indigenous Education expert, Charlene Bearhead, during a recent PD session for Chinook's Edge school leaders. Ms. Bearhead shared stories and discussions, and led the group through plans for next steps.

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Recognition of Excellence:

The Board congratulated several students who earned 100% on Diploma Exams, and acknowledged the hard work of their teachers.



Left to right: Board Chair Colleen Butler, HJ Cody School teacher Rebecca Schaab with student Nicole Blair (Math 30-1), HJ Cody School teacher Theresa Donaghy with Everett Jeffries (Physics 30), Innisfail High teacher Erin Lapierre with Kyla Westman (Math 30-1) and Ashley White (Math 30-1), Didsbury High School student Simon Kreiser (Math 30-1), Bowden Grandview School's Claire Martin (Social 30-1) with teacher Kellie Crandal, and Superintendent Kurt Sacher. Missing from photo: Didsbury High School student Haley Nichols (Biology 30) and teacher Curtis Dick.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

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