



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

November 29, 2017 Board Meeting

Trustees: Colleen Butler (Board Chair), Holly Bilton (Vice Chair), Sherry Cooper (Second Vice Chair), Joe-Anne Knispel-Metejka, Connie Huelsman, Trudy James, Gordon Kerr, Mellssa Copley, Allan Tarnoczi, Superintendent Kurt Sacher.

Approval of Audited Financial Statements:

Following a presentation from Treasurer Susan Roy and from the independent auditing firm which conducts the Chinook's Edge audit, the Board approved the audited Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2017. The Audit Committee had reviewed details from each school and department prior to the financial statements being brought forward to the Board. Overall, the statements show revenue of \$130.6 million, and expenses of \$128.9 million. The Audited Financial Statements will now be filed with Alberta Education and posted to the website at www.cesd73.ca.

Three Year Education Plan:

The Board approved this year's combined Three Year Education Plan and Annual Results Report, following a presentation from Superintendent Kurt Sacher. Trustees were pleased with the plan and data contained in the report, which indicates an upward trend in many measures. The full report will be posted to the website, with school-specific information being made available through each school.

Surplus Building in Bowden:

The Board passed a motion that declares the Instructional Media Centre (IMC) building in Bowden as surplus, as IMC will be housed in the expanded Chinook's Edge Division Office building in Innisfail in the new year. As such, the former IMC site in Bowden is now listed for sale.

Community Learning Campus (CLC):

The CLC Executive Director, Jackie Taylor, provided an overview of the annual financial statement and a recap of overall programming and its impact on Chinook's Edge schools. The CLC, which is a joint venture between Olds College and Chinook's Edge, involves a number of opportunities for K-12 and provides numerous dual credit opportunities at the high school level.

Emerging Trends in Education Law:

The Trustees and Division Office staff who attended this workshop reported on key items that were presented, including: specific personnel clauses, access to information and privacy, social media conduct, and marijuana policies (which are currently being addressed and developed through an administrative procedure review that is underway).

Trustees in provincial executive positions:

Connie Huelsman was re-elected Chair of Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Zone 4. Holly Bilton was elected Chair and Sherry Cooper elected Director on the Rural Caucus, which represents 33 rural school boards providing a rural perspective to ASBA.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

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