



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 9, 2016 Board Meeting

Trustees: (back row) Sherry Cooper, Ron Fisher (Vice Chair), Colleen Butler (Chair), Superintendent Kurt Sacher, Connie Huelsman
(front row) Sheldon Ball, Trudy James, Jackie Swainson, Holly Bilton, Gordon Kerr

Capital Plan Requests

The Board approved the Capital Plan Requests for the period 2017-2020 to include: Olds Koinonia Christian School annual lease support; H.J. Cody School (Sylvan Lake) modernization; Carstairs Elementary School addition; Jessie Duncan Elementary School (Penhold) addition; École Olds Elementary School modernization; Carstairs new elementary school; Spruce View School gymnasium addition and modernization; Elnora School modernization.

Guiding Principles for Capital Plan Requests

The Board directed the Superintendent to work to set clear guiding principles for determining the development of the division's Capital Plan requests to the Government of Alberta. Each school division is required to identify their priority capital needs for the coming years, based on a number of considerations including current utilization rates, projected school growth, community demographics and expected growth, program changes and long-range plans for the area. Once the guiding principles are finalized, which is expected to be presented at the June Board Meeting, the Board will re-examine their priority capital needs based on that criteria.

Big Brothers Big Sisters representation

The Director of this organization in central Alberta requested the Board consider having representation on their Board, as many of the people utilizing their organization are students in Chinook's Edge schools. Board Chair Colleen Butler volunteered to be the Board rep, voicing her support of the organization goals to provide mentorship to many hundreds of young people in the communities served by Chinook's Edge, including several in-school mentoring programs. "They are involved in our communities and their sphere of influence impacts many of our students," said Mrs. Butler. "They add to the wellness in our communities and have a very worthwhile role to play. I'm happy to be part of this initiative." This role will become a regular part of the Chinook's Edge Board's annual organizational meeting each fall, at which time Trustees make commitments to various boards and committees for that school year.

Rural Education Symposium

Trustees provided a re-cap on this annual conference, which many attended recently in Banff. They indicated the sessions and presentations were highly relevant and timely. Trustees commended Superintendent Kurt Sacher for his impactful presentation on 'The Story of David', which highlights the impact that a highly functioning team can have on the success of every single student.

Trip Requests

The Board approved in principle a request from H.J. Cody School (Sylvan Lake) to travel to Hawaii in April 2017.

Administrative Procedure Update

The Board passed a motion to delete Admin Procedure 4-18, 'Retirement of School Bus Drivers', in order to delete the reference to age and better reflect the Admin Procedure's priority to focus on skill.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

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