



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Nov. 4, 2015 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

Beacon Hill Elementary School:

The Board approved 'Beacon Hill Elementary School' as the name for the new Sylvan Lake school, after reviewing various names that were suggested by families and community members through an extensive survey process. Beacon Hill Elementary School was the most frequently suggested name in the survey, and is located in the developing neighbourhood of Beacon Hill. A separate media release is being issued on the new Kindergarten to Grade 6 school, which is scheduled to open in Fall 2016.

Cooperative busing agreement:

The Board approved a cooperative busing plan with Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, involving the communities of Olds and Innisfail, and directed the Superintendent to develop a cooperative busing agreement for the 2016-2017 school year. The cooperative busing plan results in a significant positive impact on both divisions' transportation budgets.

Calendar adjustment 2016-2017:

To better align calendars with Red Deer Catholic in support of the cooperative busing agreement, Chinook's Edge made slight revisions to the school calendar, which can be viewed on the website.

Dual Credit Symposium:

The Board discussed the success of the October 29 Dual Credit Symposium at the Community Learning Campus in Olds. Over 70 delegates from throughout the province spent the day discussing strategies to expand dual credit opportunities for learners in Alberta. Students benefit from the opportunity to engage in curriculum that allows them to earn credit at both the high school level and the college level, and supports a seamless transition into post-secondary learning.

Trip Requests:

The Board approved in principle the following trip requests: Olds High School band trip to Seattle at the end of April 2016; Delburne Centralized School study trip to Germany, France and the Netherlands in April 2017 which coincides with the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 25, 2015.

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