



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 11, 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

Second quarter financial report:

Treasurer Susan Roy presented a 'no surprise' interim report for the September 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015 period. Overall, the status is precisely where it was expected to be when the budget was passed last spring. That said, the Transportation Department budget is expected to run a deficit by the end of this school year, due to government funding shortfalls, fuel price fluctuations, and an aging fleet of buses. Chinook's Edge is operating on a \$124 million budget that was passed in May 2014.

KRAZE Seeds of Kindness Grant:

KRAZE 101.3 Radio personalities, Matt Panelli and Matt Geddes, presented the Board with a \$1,000 Seeds of Kindness grant in support of the Relationships Matter Movement. Relationships Matter is an information campaign, being launched later in March, that provides strategies, resources and 'sharable' positive messaging that embrace a way of interacting that builds personal strength, encourages generosity of spirit, and continues the work of building a culture of safe and caring schools in Chinook's Edge. The Relationships Matter project supports the new Admin Procedure and the overall work of the Safe and Caring Working Group. It became one of the eight successful projects in the new KRAZE initiative to support safe and caring initiatives at schools in four central Alberta school divisions in their listening area. Through an annual golf tournament, KRAZE plans to grow the safe and caring grant initiative even further. The Chinook's Edge Relationships Matter Movement caught their eye because of its broad, division-wide reach and its proactive approach to nurturing a caring culture.

Access to high speed Internet in rural areas:

The Board made a motion directing the Board Chair to send a letter to an Alberta School Boards' Association consultant requesting that a report they are preparing for the provincial government include a request that the government fulfill the original intention of the Alberta SuperNet to connect all Albertans with high speed Internet. Copies of the letter will also be sent to the Ministers of Education and Infrastructure, and local MLAs.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, April 8, 2015**.

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