



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Dec. 10, 2014 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

School Calendars:

After a lengthy review, the Board approved the school calendars for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 which have been posted to the website. As well, the Board voted to extend the collaborative time project for an additional two years, with qualitative and quantitative evidence of success expected to be presented to the Board annually.

Three Year Education Plan:

The Board approved this year's combined Three Year Education Plan and Annual Results Report, which will be posted to the website. School-specific information will be available on individual school websites and through school offices. Trustees were pleased with the data compiled and how the report is presented, which indicates an overall upward trend through the measures. This is considered to be a result, in large part, to the collaborative work being accomplished across the school division among all staff. This year's Education Plan also includes a section to draw attention to certain challenges: ensuring the provincial government is aware of the expenditures required to provide appropriate supports for Inclusive Education and the ongoing concerns regarding the lack of funding for transportation.

Fall Budget Update:

Treasurer Susan Roy presented a first quarter report, which shows projections are expected to be consistent with what was budgeted in the spring. Once schools finalize their actual enrolment numbers in the fall, they modify spending accordingly. The overall division budget is on track with revenue and expenditures as presented in the spring budget.

No Fees for Kindergarten:

The Board passed a motion to retain 'no fees for Kindergarten students in Chinook's Edge' once again for the 2015-2016 school year.

Central Alberta Regional Science Fair:

The Board approved \$1,700 in support of this regional fair which takes place in March and traditionally highlights the talents of many Chinook's Edge students. Trustees commented that the science fair initiative draws out excellence from Chinook's Edge students, who typically dominate at provincial and national levels.

Carstairs—Building A Plan Together:

Trustee Sheldon Ball reported on the successful work of this ad hoc committee, which is gathering input into the future of learning in this fast growing Chinook's Edge community. Over 200 residents responded to a recent survey, which provided important data and encouraged further discussion. Committee meetings are garnering meaningful information, as the community moves forward with long term planning regarding learning spaces and a vision for learning for Chinook's Edge students in the Carstairs area.



As is tradition during the December Board of Education Meeting, a school is invited to share their musical talent for an audience of trustees and division office staff. The Board welcomed Olds High School teacher Rhonda West and some student cast members from *The Music Man*, which just completed a successful run at the TransCanada Theatre in Olds.

Board Chair Colleen Butler indicated trustees have admired the calibre of the annual Olds High School performances for many years and recognize the level of commitment that is required to make all school performances so successful. She is pictured thanking the students for sharing their talents, and is shaking hands with Grade 12 student Brian DeLong who has been invited to audition at New York University in January.

The Board extended best wishes for a happy holiday season and thanked everyone in each of our school communities for another wonderful year of working together in Chinook's Edge, where students come first.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, January 14, 2015.

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