



## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

**Nov. 5, 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

### **Carstairs—Building A Plan Together:**

Carstairs is one of the fastest growing communities in the division, and the Board of Education is facing a blend of short term and long term challenges regarding learning spaces. In early October, the Board appointed an ad hoc committee of trustees to further engage multiple stakeholders around their vision for learning for Chinook's Edge students in the Carstairs area for the next five years. This committee is proceeding quickly towards a public consultation process in an effort to gain feedback from parents and community members. Anyone wishing to provide feedback are encouraged to:

- o Attend the November 18 Parent/Public Meeting at Hugh Sutherland Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.; or
- o Take part in an online survey from November 18-November 26, by visiting the 'Carstairs - Building A Plan' at [www.chinooksedge.ab.ca](http://www.chinooksedge.ab.ca); or
- o Phone (403) 227-7071 to provide feedback.

The committee will build a plan for moving forward, based on the feedback from stakeholders, and will present recommendations to the Board.

### **Trustee Remuneration:**

Following an extensive review, and in an effort to more closely reflect the time and responsibility involved with trusteeship, the Board of Education accepted the recommendations of an ad hoc committee as follows: the position of Chair - \$525 per month; Vice Chair - \$400; and Trustees - \$275. As well, the daily rate has been adjusted to \$250 across the board. The Board is also focusing on reducing overall expenses, so that the effects of the remuneration changes are minimal. Trustees will continue to be vigilant to the effects of these changes through annual trustee remuneration reviews.

### **New Sylvan Lake School:**

The Board directed the Superintendent to write a letter to Alberta Infrastructure regarding approval of the Schematic Design Plan for the new Sylvan Lake School.

### **Music Festival:**

The Board will provide \$700 in financial support to the Olds & District Kiwanis Music Festival.

**Sundre property:**

The Board directed the Superintendent to work with the Sundre Rodeo Association and the Sundre Agricultural Society to develop a lease, for approval by the Board no later than March 1, 2015.

**Facilities and Maintenance Committee:**

This committee of the Board provided a financial overview of the Facilities and Maintenance Department, which has taken multiple measures in an effort to maintain the level of service within their department budget which was substantially reduced. The Board commended the department staff for their professional efforts in adjusting to the reduced budget.

**Public Audit Committee Members:**

The Board reappointed public members Connie McKay and Warren Van Orman, both for an additional two-year terms.

**The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, December 10, 2014.**

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