



Board Highlights

February 2, 2022

Trustees (left to right):

Vice Chair Melissa Copley, Linda Wagers, De Anne Hutchison, Sherry Cooper, Chair Holly Bilton, Terry Leslie, Jackie Swainson, Kathy Kemmere, Gord Kerr

Provincial government invites parent and public input into draft K-6 curriculum:

From January 31 to February 28, 2022, Alberta Education will host 44 engagement sessions across five regions regarding its draft K-6 curriculum and draft social studies design blueprint. Participants will engage in small group conversations facilitated by independent engagement specialists. Albertans can sign up for notifications about upcoming engagement sessions and register for sessions at [Have Your Say](#).

Safe and caring school environments:

Karyn Barber, Associate Superintendent of System Services, shared information that was presented recently by the ATA to school administrators, as a growing number of schools are working to support students who identify as LGBTQ++. Chinook's Edge schools are striving to ensure they are as safe, caring and inclusive as they can possibly be, to support this population of vulnerable students.

Technology Quarterly Update:

The Tech Team has successfully set all staff in the division onto a two factor authentication for logging into the Chinook's Edge systems, which is particularly good timing as there is an increase in phishing and other detrimental emails. Not only does this process meet or exceed various requirements, it helps continue to keep division information secure.

Indigenous Students Matter Committee:

Board Chair Holly Bilton attended the recent Indigenous Students Matter online sessions, which were very successful with highly engaged students. This is the newest of the division's extensive Matters Committees, having had the inaugural session in early November, 2021.

Resource Allocation Working Group (RAWG):

Treasurer Shauna Kaiser and the Superintendency Team are fine tuning processes in preparation for the 2022-23 school year budget discussions. Starting next month, these discussions will involve the collaborative effort of all school administrators. The annual RAWG approach ensures a fair distribution of limited funds.

Support for Music Festival:

The Board provided financial support in the amount of \$700 to the Red Deer Festival of the Performing Arts for the 2022 event, which was able to proceed as a virtual festival last year.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

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