



Board Highlights

June 22, 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

ASBA Honouring Spirit Student Award Recognition:

Rhiannon DeLuca, a grade 8 student from École Deer Meadow School in Olds, has received an honourable mention from the Alberta School Boards Association for the 'Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award'. Rhiannon was present at the Board meeting, along with her parents, to receive a certificate and letter of congratulations from ASBA. *Please see Page 2 for more information.*

Staff Professional Development:

The Board passed a motion that allows staff PD to resume to the continental United States, along with anywhere in Canada.

Superintendent Evaluation:

The Board has concluded an internal evaluation of Superintendent Kurt Sacher, which involved feedback from Trustees, the Central Office team and school administrators. The Board appreciates the Superintendent's effectiveness in guiding the division through the time of COVID-19, and looks forward to his continued leadership moving forward.

Transportation Quarterly Report:

The Board received notification that the provincial government will be reinstating the Fuel Price Contingency Program to support student transportation funding from March - June, based on an estimated average diesel price of \$1.80 per litre during this period. The funding is expected to arrive in July and will be retroactive to March.

Third Quarter Financial Report:

Treasurer Shauna Kaiser presented a financial update for the period September 1 - May 31, which shows numbers are as expected in the division's budget. Some schools continue to see substitute teacher costs coming in slightly over budget, which the finance team continues to monitor.

Risk Mitigation:

The Board directed the Superintendent to research options for solutions to address the growing insurance restrictions that impact certain activities on school division property.

Safety Audit:

The Board directed the Superintendent to provide the results of the annual safety program and audit as part of the annual Risk Mitigation report.

Locally Developed Courses:

The Board approved a number of [locally developed courses](#) that can now be made available to students in Chinook's Edge, including: American Sign Language & Deaf Culture, History of War & Warfare, Learning Strategies.

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École Deer Meadow Student acknowledged for Honouring Spirit Award nomination:



Rhiannon DeLuca was presented with a certificate and letter of congratulations from the Alberta School Boards Association at the Board of Trustees meeting. Photo: Chair Holly Bilton, Trustee Kathy Kemmere, Rhiannon DeLuca surrounded by her parents Paul and Tannis, Deer Meadow's Indigenous Lead Tracy Laut, Superintendent Kurt Sacher.

In the school's nomination for the ASBA Honouring Spirit Student Indigenous Award, Rhiannon is described as a fiercely proud Indigenous person who takes every opportunity to promote her culture and Indigenous roots. Rhiannon is both First Nations and Métis, and she wears the Métis sash to school regularly and happily explains its significance. Rhiannon became part of the local Jigging Youth Group while still in Grade 4 at Olds Elementary, and has performed at numerous events and celebrations throughout Central Alberta for the past five years. Rhiannon is the Grade 8 lead on Deer Meadow's Indigenous Tribestone Youth Group, where she is always ready to help organize events for the school and to work with the younger Indigenous students during activities. Rhiannon's quiet, calm demeanor is a wonderful asset and she is a role model for all students. She is a strong leader.

Rhiannon embodies all of the qualities the Honouring Spirit Award stands for: perseverance, respect, responsibility and kindness. She promotes the importance of traditions, she values family and she strives to live an honest way of life. Rhiannon is connected to local Elders in the community and is hungry for knowledge of Indigenous culture, so her influence will continue in the years to come.

Trustees thanked everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities for working together to ensure a year of meaningful learning for our students.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

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