



Chinook's Edge School Division
Board of Trustees

Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Boardroom

Attendance

Trustees Present: H. Bilton, S. Cooper, D. Hutchison, K. Kemmere, G. Kerr, T. Leslie, J. Swainson, L. Wagers

Trustees Absent: M. Copley

Staff: S. Bexon - Communications Officer, S. Russell - Associate Superintendent Corporate Services, K. Sacher - Superintendent, S. Babb - Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, S. Westwood - Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair H. Bilton called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Land Acknowledgement • Treaty 7

Trustee H. Bilton opened the meeting with a Treaty 7 Land Acknowledgement.

Agenda/Minutes Approval

Agenda Approval

Resolution # 20220511001BOT

Moved By: K. Kemmere

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

Minutes Approval

Resolution # 20220511002BOT

Moved By: S. Cooper

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division Board of Trustees approve the minutes on the 2022 April 06 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Carried

In Camera

It was noted that H. Bilton, S. Cooper, D. Hutchison, K. Kemmere, G. Kerr, T. Leslie, L. Wagers, S. Russell, R. Hoppins and K. Sacher remained in the meeting at this time.

Resolution # 20220511003BOT

Moved By: D. Hutchison

Motion to move In Camera at 9:05 a.m.

Carried

Agenda Clarification

The Board of Trustees reviewed the agenda for clarification.

Personnel

Associate Superintendent People Services R. Hoppins provided an update on personnel items during the In Camera portion of the meeting.

Resolution # 20220511004BOT

Moved By: T. Leslie

Motion to accept the personnel report as presented.

Carried

Resolution # 20220511005BOT

Moved By: J. Swainson

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division Board of Trustees approve the non-teaching staff compensation as presented. G. Kerr recused himself

Carried

Superintendent's Personnel Update

Superintendent K. Sacher provided an update on personnel items during the In Camera portion of the meeting.

Accounts Payable

The accounts payable cheques over \$500.00 dollars and the deposits up to April 30, 2022 were reviewed during the In Camera portion of the meeting.

Visa

Visa purchases over \$500.00 for February 24, 2022 to March 23, 2022 were reviewed during the In Camera portion of the meeting.

Facilities Update

Associate Superintendent Corporate Services S. Russell provided a facilities update during the In Camera portion of the meeting.

Resolution # 20220511006BOT

Moved By: L. Wagers

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division Board of Trustees approve the use of up to \$150,000 of Capital Reserves to build bus storage compounds in Didsbury and Carstairs.

Carried

Negotiations Committee / TEBA Update

Trustee S. Cooper and Associate Superintendent Corporate Services S. Russell provided an update on negotiations during the In Camera portion of the meeting.

Resolution # 20220511007BOT

Moved By: T. Leslie

Motion to return to the regular meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Carried

New Business

Recess: 10:35 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:52 a.m.

Roy E. Cope Award

Trustees discussed the selection for the Roy E. Cope award. The award will be presented to Tom Christensen.

Policy Assurance Quarterly Review (February to April)

Superintendent K. Sacher presented the quarterly policy assurance review (February to April).

Locally Developed Courses

Trustees reviewed the Locally Developed courses for approval.

Trustees would like to know if it would be possible to see a report on how many students take these courses. S. Russell will check with Student Information Services regarding this request.

Resolution # 20220511008BOT

Moved By: D. Hutchison

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division Board of Trustees approve this 11th day of May 2022, the following Locally Developed Courses:

Course Name	Credits	Status	Start Date	Expiry Date	Development Type	Developed By School Authority
Astronomy (2022) 15LDC1947	3	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2026	Acquired	The Calgary School Division
Astronomy (2022) 25LDC2947	3	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2026	Acquired	The Calgary School Division
Astronomy (2022) 35 LDC3947	3	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2026	Acquired	The Calgary School Division
Competencies in Math (2022) 15 LDC 1515	3 & 5	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2026	Acquired	The Red Deer School Division
Intercultural Studies (2022) 15 LDC 1502	3	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2026	Acquired	The Calgary School Division
Military Studies (2020) 15 LDC1051	3 & 5	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2024	Acquired	The Calgary School Division
Military Studies (2020) 25 LDC2051	3 & 5	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2024	Acquired	The Calgary School Division
Military Studies (2020) 35 LDC3051	3 & 5	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2024	Acquired	The Calgary School Division
Psychology – Abnormal 35LDC3155	3	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2026	Acquired	The Pembina Hills School Division
Sculpting (2022) 15 LDC1799	5	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2026	Acquired	The Calgary School Division
Sculpting (2022) 25 LDC2799	5	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2026	Acquired	The Calgary School Division
Sculpting (2022) 35 LDC3799	5	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2026	Acquired	The Calgary School Division
Technical Theatre 15 LDC1987	3 & 5	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2026	Acquired	The Calgary School Division
Technical Theatre 25 LDC2987	3 & 5	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2026	Acquired	The Calgary School Division
Technical Theatre 35 LDC3987	3 & 5	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2026	Acquired	The Calgary School Division
Marine Life & Ecosystem Studies (2022) 35 LDC3141	5	Authorized	Sep. 1, 2022	Aug. 31, 2026	Acquired	The Parkland School Division

Carried

Pre-kindergarten Program Update

Associate Superintendent Student Services M. Perdue joined the meeting to present the Pre-Kindergarten Program Update. There are three challenges that the program is facing.

- Viability of maintaining the six pre-k programs that Chinook's Edge has. There is a drastic reduction in the number of PUF students that qualify with the new criteria.
- Privatization of playschool will impact Chinook's Edge. Families can apply for a grant to cover the cost of playschool fees.
- CESD is competitive in cost but some private playschools are lower cost.

M. Perdue shared that some divisions have accessed the playschool privatizing grant and they are privatizing their playschool within the division. However divisions cannot use instructional money as well as the grant. M. Perdue is reluctant to make too much change at this time to privatization of playschool as this could change next year.

M. Perdue noted that the criteria have change for PUF requirements so fewer students get funding.

Private playschool accessing the government grant do not have to have a licensed teacher but do have regulations that must be followed.

It was asked if there be potential in partnering with a private playschool? M. Perdue did research and if the division did go that route they could not have both playschool and pre-kindergarten.

M. Perdue noted the in 2021 the division received 1.3 million in PUF funding and for 2022 it is \$524,000.00.

Trustees agreed that the Board of Trustees need to advocate for this issue as a rural school Board. Ask the government to explain the rational for the funding. Ask what the role of the school board is the new model.

The Board Chair, Trustee Hutchison and M. Perdue are meeting with Associate Minister Ellis and Minister Nixon on May 25th and will discuss the following items with them:

- CESD is interested in collaboration.
- Where is the 30 million dollars for school boards tied to mental health and when will that money come?
- Where is the data from the Call to Actions panel?
- There is a wave of social emotional needs and the question to government is what data are you looking at to prevent and support this crisis.
- What is the government going to do this the number of our student's access mental health as the number keeps increasing?
- Assessments: the cue is too long for mental health assessments.

- Child and Family Services and the government removed funding from Family School Wellness and the need is increasing, what is your plan?

It was also suggested that this issue be brought to the Rural Caucus for discussion. M. Perdue asked if S. Cooper would ask participating Rural Caucus boards for their PUF

Resolution # 20220511009BOT

Moved By: G. Kerr

Motion to direct the Rural Caucus representative to bring forward the Pre-K issue at the June meeting.

Carried

Resolution # 20220511010BOT

Moved By: D. Hutchison

Motion to direct the chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education regarding PUF and the data to support the change and what is the role of school boards moving forward.

Carried

Resolution # 20220511011BOT

Moved By: J. Swainson

Motion to change the start of the Board of Trustees meeting to 2:00 p.m. on May 25th.

Carried

Recess: 12:35 p.m.

Reconvene: 1:02 p.m.

Technology Quarterly Update at 1:00 p.m.

Associate Superintendent System Services K. Barber joined the meeting to present the Technology Quarterly Update, highlighting the following:

- Service Orientation: while CESD was successful in supporting remotely, LANtechs and the Core Tech Team are pleased to be back in buildings working alongside teachers and students in classrooms.
- Risk Mitigation: TAG involved in decision to move forward with unique passwords grade 1-12. Technology did see an increase of computer misuse. The first phishing "test" was to come out in May but did not meet compliance for the divisions insurer. The test will be in place prior to October 31st. Demands of cyber insurance continue to mount, many of which are at the cost to our division. Chinook's Edge has exceeded the minimum requirements identified to be completed by the end of May.
- Budget: Centralization of PA Systems - the RFP has closed and there will be a panel decision on May 12th
- Infrastructure: Data storage costs are increasing.
- Partnerships: Firewall costs, CESD share was \$64,000.
- Educational Technology: Jumpstart program, Olds College Instructor collaboration piloted a six credit course on computer literacy.
- Successes: Increased connectivity for Reed Ranch and Delburne Schools - doubled the bandwidth. A thank you to Technology Director involved in collaborative opportunities - ATLE, Rural Alberta Connectivity Consortia.

K. Barber asked if the Board had any guidance for next year for areas of focus.

Joint Use Agreement - Carstairs

Associate Superintendent Corporate Services S. Russell provided the Carstairs Joint Use Agreement for review.

It was noted that at a Board to Board meeting compensation for playgrounds and maintenance needs to be discussed.

Superintendent Update

Superintendent K. Sacher provided an updated on the following items:

- My Budget File (April 13th)

- Teachers Matter (April 29th)
- Admin. Off-Site Planning (May 4th)
- Learning Services partnership with Olds College
- Superintendent Survey
- uLead - the Summit of Educational Leadership - Banff, AB - April, 2022

Committees

Audit Committee

No meeting prior to this meeting.

Education Committee (April 13th & 27th)

The minutes of the 2022 April 13th and April 27th Education Committee meeting were provided for review.

Facilities and Maintenance Committee

No meeting prior to this meeting.

Governance Effectiveness Committee (May 5th)

The minutes of the 2022 May 11th Governance Effectiveness Committee were provided for review.

Two discussion items:

- Board Culture and Dynamics: Use the trustee platform session to create this half-day session annually, should be implemented as part of the Board Work Plan.
- Board Orientation and Development: Determine the split of when things actually need to be done. Not everything needs to occur on day one. Rethink the session setup. It was noted that this is being sent back to the governance effectiveness committee to see what they would like in regards to orientation and then develop a timeline.

Both recommendations were tabled to the next governance effectiveness meeting.

Policy Committee

No meeting prior to this meeting.

Stakeholder Relations Committee (May 5th)

Board representative T. Leslie provided an update from the May 5th Stakeholder Relations Committee meeting. The minutes of the meeting were provided for review.

Transportation Committee

No meeting prior to this meeting.

Flourishing Stories and Innovation Adhoc Committee

No meeting prior to this meeting.

Regular Business

Enrolments

Superintendent K. Sacher shared enrolment numbers as of May 5, 2022.

Correspondence

Board Chair H. Bilton reviewed the following correspondence:

- A response from The Honourable Jason Copping, Minister of Health, dated March 24th, 2022 regarding child and youth mental health.
- A letter from The Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education and the Honourable Prasad Panda, Minister of Infrastructure, dated April 25, 2022 regarding design funding for the replacement of Penhold Elementary School.
- Thank you cards from the Olds Kiwanis Music Festival participants will be circulated.

Trip Requests

None received

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Board Committees

Committee Chairs were asked to provide information regarding proposed meeting date for 2022-2023 and requirements of administrative support and any recommended changes to the structure. This information is required by May 27th and will be included in the June 8th Education Committee meeting package.

Board Work Plan - 2021/2022

The Board Work Plan was provided for review.

Alberta School Boards Association

- April 25th ASBA Zone 4 meeting highlights
- Next meeting is May 30
- Spring General Meeting - June 6 and 7

Trustees reviewed the proposed 2022-2023 ASBA budget. Key Piece is ASBA is running a large deficit and will be using reserves. The Board does not want to see an increase in membership fees.

Trustees asked J. Swainson to ask the following questions regarding the budget at the May 30th meeting:

- Why there is a 17% increase in staffing costs,
- Why there is a 13% decrease in services and
- Why there is no year to date data

The Board of Trustees did agree that when voting at the ASBA SGM they would vote to pass the budget.

Canadian School Boards Association

Nothing to report

National School Boards Association

Nothing to report.

Rural Caucus

The Rural Caucus Participant meeting will be June 5th.

Trustee Professional Development Reports

A trustee professional development report was provided for review.

Trustee Round Table

Trustees provided updated on their wards.

Meeting Duration

Trustees discussed and agreed to 6 hours for reporting.

Reading Financial Statements

S. Kaiser asked the Board what they would like to see in this year's budget presentation.

- 5 year trends.
- How did the pandemic affect the budget?
- Liked the long presentation in the past.
- Better sense of reserves and patterns.
- School Generate Reserves.

Adjournment

Resolution # 20220511012BOT

Moved By: S. Cooper

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Carried

H. Bilton - Chair

M. Copley - Vice Chair

S. Russell - Corporate Secretary