



# Board Highlights

## September 7, 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*

### **Election of Board Executive:**

As part of the annual Organizational Meeting, the Board of Trustees reconfirmed Holly Bilton as Chair and Melissa Copley as Vice Chair of the Chinook's Edge Board for the 2022-2023 school year.

### **Board Committees:**

Trustees committed to the Board of Trustees' standing and ad hoc committees, as part of the Organizational Committee Meeting. A full list will be available on the Board section of the Division website.

### **Trustee Remuneration:**

After remaining constant for the past number of years, the Board voted to amend the rate of trustee remuneration to match the two percent increase staff received last spring.

### **High School Completion Rates:**

Jason Drent, Associate Superintendent of Learning Services, provided an overview of current graduation data which shows 'exciting trends upward'. The Learning Services team is analyzing the consistently high achieving schools to determine their best practices which can be shared collaboratively with high schools throughout the division. Many programs and structures are in place to support the division's focus on high school completion including a Collaborative Response Model that supports at-risk students and Dual Credit opportunities with post-secondary institutions (students who participate in Dual Credit programs have shown a 98 percent graduation rate).

### **Summer School:**

The Board was provided with a recap of this year's summer school programs in Sylvan Lake (70 students took part), Innisfail (48 students) and Olds (52 students). As well, 171 students took part in 'Jumpstart' - a self directed, online six credit course that is designed to equip students with project management and technology skills for high school success.

### **School Visits:**

The Board reviewed a schedule for school visits, which will allow trustees to visit each school in Chinook's Edge over a four-year period. The visits involve the local trustee, Chair or Vice Chair and one or two other Trustees, to ensure the visits are supportive and informal.

### **Student Enrolment:**

The Board reviewed current student numbers, which are coming in as projected leading to the September 30th enrolment reporting date.

### **Trip Requests:**

The Board approved resuming out of province student field trips, along as trips within the continental United States. As with pre-pandemic travel, all field trips are required to have detailed plans and proposals submitted and approved by the Superintendent.

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**Welcome!** Chair Holly Bilton shared greetings from the Board of Trustees with Chinook's Edge Principals and Vice Principals, at their first meeting of the year.

### **School start-up:**

Superintendent Kurt Sacher commented on a number of successful start up meetings. This involved the new teacher orientation and mentorship program, administrative support start-up day, all principals and vice principals planning meeting, and a bus driver planning and kick-off day. It has been a busy and effective start to the school year, all supporting the arrival of over 11,000 students on their first day of school on September 1st.

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**The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 5, 2022.**

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