



Board Highlights

October 5, 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

Transportation quarterly report:

Shawn Russell, Associate Superintendent of Corporate Services, reported that the changes implemented by the new Transportation Director have resulted in several efficiencies, resulting in a highly successful school start up. A full transportation schedule, with every student assigned to a school bus, was achieved in record time despite an increase in the number of bus students in Chinook's Edge (3890 registered student riders). One concern continues to be a shortage of bus drivers, which has already resulted in the cancellation of a handful of routes on certain days when staff were ill and no replacements were available, despite extensive advertising and promotion.

Professional Learning Days:

Jason Drent, Associate Superintendent of Learning Services, provided an update on the collaborative work underway in schools. The Board understands the value of professional learning days and the impact they have on student learning. The Board approves both the calendar and the budget that provide for these non-instructional days for students so that staff can grow in their craft. The Central Office Leadership Team is working with schools to ensure parents have thorough information about the work being accomplished on these days.

Digital Citizenship:

Jason Drent shared a technology report, outlining the division's robust firewall which ensures the technology resources properly and effectively support student learning. Teachers instruct students on how to appropriately use the grade-specific technology available to them in schools, to ensure they are taught skills to manage technology in a safe manner that enhances their learning.

Supporting Innovation:

The Board reviewed the first innovation application they have received to the Board's Flourishing Stories and Innovation project, and approved \$3,200 for Amy Severtson, a middle school teacher at Bowden Grandview School, for an in-school farmers market to run over two semesters.

School viability:

Board policy requires an annual review of key considerations of any schools that may require a viability review. There are detailed processes and timelines that Chinook's Edge must adhere to regarding school viability, and there are currently no schools required to move to that process.

Student enrolment:

The formal September 30th student enrolment numbers, which will be filed with Alberta Education, show 11,053 students are enrolled in Chinook's Edge.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

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