



Board Highlights

April 5, 2023

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

Chinook's Edge trustees receive technology update

The Board received a technology update from Jason Drent, Associate Superintendent of Learning Services, Chinook's Edge School Division. The Board supports the department's current focus on security for the division's technology. CESD is currently working on updating chromecast devices in division office and will be updating these in the schools over the next year. The new devices provide robust options for users and offer a high level of security.

Board adjusts transportation fees for 2023-24

The Board responded to changes in provincial funding for transportation. Starting in the fall, K-6 students living one kilometer or more from the school will be eligible for bussing. Students in grades 7 to 12, who live two kilometers or more from their school will be eligible. CESD will lower fees from \$200 to \$175 for eligible riders who are registered by June 1, 2023.

Board updates the 2023-24 and 2024-25 student attendance calendars

The Board approved an updated 2023-24 and 2024-25 calendar. The new calendar reflects significant feedback from parents, students and staff that was gathered this year. Click [here](#) to see the 2023-24 calendar.

Westglen School approved for portables and a link to the school

The Board approved up to \$150,000 to build a link to four portables that will be moved to Westglen School.



Erin Lapierre (IHS Math teacher), Holly Bilton (Board Chair), Alexis Newberry, Swaleh Zaidi, Kurt Sacher (Superintendent), Chris Adamson (IHS Principal)

Board celebrates two students who received 100% on Math 30-1 diploma exam

Swaleh Zaidi and Alexis Newberry from Innisfail High School came to the board meeting. The Board congratulated them both for achieving 100% on their Math 30-1 diploma exam in January 2023. Both are headed to the University of Alberta in the fall to take engineering.

Board nominates Amy Severtson for Edwin Parr Award

Amy Severtson is a first year teacher at Bowden Grandview School, and the Board is thrilled to nominate her for this award. Click [here](#) to read more. Also, click [here](#) to watch a video showcasing what students think of her.

Board approves the purchase of 7 school buses

The Board approved the purchase of 7 schools buses, for approximately \$1 million. This brings the total of approved bus purchases to 14 this school year. The additional 7 vehicles were approved in response to changes in provincial funding for transportation. The division anticipates the change will result in additional riders and routes.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

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