



Board Highlights

June 21, 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

Board recognizes National Indigenous Peoples Day

At the Board meeting trustees spent a moment reflecting upon National Indigenous Peoples Day. Superintendent Kurt Sacher noted that the division has close to 1000 students self identifying as Indigenous. There have been celebrations throughout division schools this month, including some today. Sacher thanked the Board for its leadership with a flag ceremony earlier this year that has positively impacted schools.

Trustees receive safety update

Chinook's Edge Health and Safety Coordinator Rod Maclean provided an annual report to the Board regarding the division's safety program and the results of the annual internal audit. Completed work this year includes: hazard assessment review, support for employees with hazard assessments and reviews, work with communities that do not have routine fire inspections, ensuring emergency response plans are up to the standard, work on a process for documenting injury investigations at the school level, and air quality baselines for schools. One focus for the 2023-24 school year will be enhancing emergency response plans.

Enterprise risk management review to occur in 2023-24 school year

The Board approved MNP to conduct an enterprise risk audit and controls review to be completed in the 2023-24 school year. The purpose of the audit will be to take a wide view of risks facing Chinook's Edge so the Board can consider any that may exist and respond appropriately.

Board received quarterly report from Transportation

Highlighted items in the quarterly transportation report include: completed spring bus evacuation drills and the success of Chinook's Edge drivers at the regional and provincial Bus Road-eos. The division has been working to train bus drivers; the Board heard that the shortage of examiners in Alberta is impacting the time it takes to get newly qualified drivers in place.

Board completes annual Superintendent evaluation

The Board completed an annual review of the Superintendent's work. The Board said it is very pleased with the performance of Kurt Sacher and in particular noted some of his strengths including attention to relationships, work to move Indigenous learning forward, and his support for the collaborative response model (CRM) that exists in all CESD schools. Trustees also encouraged him to reflect on some specific areas requiring his attention.

Locally developed courses approved

The Board approved 27 locally developed courses for use in schools. Of those, 26 are courses that have been renewed. One course that is new is called "Surviving Financially as an Adult". Courses may be offered at schools based on interest and staff expertise.

The Board launches a strategic planning process

The Board has approved work with consultant Peter Wright to engage with a variety of stakeholders including staff, parents, community members, and community leaders in Chinook's Edge. Feedback collected will support the Board in strategic planning in the 2023-24 school year.

**The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division is scheduled to take place on
September 5, 2023**

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