

The Chinook's Edge Board of Trustees [reviewed at its February 6 Board meeting](#), with senior leadership, the division's plan for resource allocation. The plan emphasizes fairness and transparency, and involves significant involvement from school based leaders working with division leaders.

Also at the February 6 meeting, the Board [reviewed draft wording](#) of the division's new land acknowledgement. The division plans to have the new land acknowledgement in place by the end of this school year. The Board also [received a report](#) that more than 550 Chinook's Edge staff members have chosen to sign up for an online learning opportunity, called The Four Seasons of Reconciliation. The course allows staff members to learn more about Indigenous history in Canada.

At its February 6 meeting, trustees serving on the Board's policy committee [updated](#) the rest of the Board with the work underway to [make revisions and additions](#) to the Board's Code of Conduct policy.

The Board sends a welcome and congratulations to [Mike Garrow](#), who has [been selected](#) to be the new Associate Superintendent of People Services. Garrow officially takes the role in August 2024.

The Board is supportive of [collaborative work](#) between the division's high school Career and Technology Studies (CTS) teachers. During the high school exam week in January, the teachers gathered at Olds College of Agriculture & Technology every day, to learn from each other and Olds College instructors. Chinook's Edge believes it is critical to have highly skilled CTS teachers in schools, as students begin career exploration.

Trustees are thankful for [industry support](#) for students wanting to explore and learn about the skilled trades. Recently, The Educational Partnership Foundation along with the United Association of Plumber and Pipefitters Local 496 donated welding supplies to Delburne school, along with learning materials to support the teacher. The same industry partners support a 16 week experience - free of charge - for Chinook's Edge students to learn welding techniques and receive exposure to pipefitting careers.

The Board was pleased to see educators [working together](#) to receive training on the [Collaborative Problem Solving model](#). Educators from Innisfail High School, as well as from other schools met to learn more about the model, which is focused on supporting students with challenging behavior or complex needs.

The Board believes that professional learning days are an essential part of providing a quality education for students. On the February 9 professional learning day, many activities were underway, including a gathering of elementary school [teachers in the Sylvan Lake area](#), and [Reed Ranch and Elnora teachers](#) working together.

Bowden Grandview School has [nominated](#) a Grade 9 student for the Honouring Spirit Indigenous Student Award through the Alberta School Boards Association. [Lisa Arnesen-Davidson](#) is known to proudly represent her Cree and Métis heritage at school. She is a strong student, and is involved in school sports and in leadership opportunities. Trustees congratulate Arnesen-Davidson on the nomination.

The Board sends out congratulations, as well, to [Renu Mathew](#). [Mathew teaches](#) cosmetology, art, ceramics and a chocolate class at Ecole Olds High School. She is a [contestant](#) on the [CBC show The Great Canadian Pottery Throwdown](#). The first episode aired February 8.

The Board was also impressed to learn the Ecole H.J. Cody teacher, Melissa McQueen, [has written a chapter](#) in a book that was recently published. The book is about villainification in Social Studies.

Trustees are appreciative of educators who organized the opportunity for junior high and high school band students from across Chinook's Edge to participate in [honour band](#). The concerts were held on February 12 and 13. This was the first time the honour bands have been held since before the pandemic.