



Chinook's Edge School Division
Board of Trustees

Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2024
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Boardroom

Practical Vision, Strategic Assumptions and Guiding Principles

Attendance

Trustees Present: H. Bilton, S. Cooper, D. Hutchison, K. Kemmere, G. Kerr, T. Leslie, J. Swainson, L. Wagers

Trustees Absent: M. Copley

Staff Present: L. Woodward - Communications Coordinator, S. Russell - Associate Superintendent Corporate Services, K. Sacher - Superintendent/CEO, S. Babb – Assistant to the Superintendent, S. Westwood - Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair H. Bilton called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Land Acknowledgement • Treaty 7

Trustee H. Bilton opened the meeting with a Treaty 7 Land Acknowledgement.

Agenda/Minutes Approval

Agenda Approval

Resolution # 20241217001BOT

Moved By: K. Kemmere

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

Minutes Approval

Resolution # 20241217002BOT

Moved By: G. Kerr

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division Board of Trustees approve the minutes on the 2024 November 26 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Carried

In Camera

Resolution # 20241217003BOT

Moved By: J. Swainson

Motion to move In Camera at 9:04 a.m.

Carried

Personnel

Resolution # 20241217004BOT

Moved By: K. Kemmere

Motion to accept the personnel report as presented.

Carried

Resolution # 20241217005BOT

Moved By: T. Leslie

Motion that The Chinook's Edge School Division Board of Trustees terminate participation in the Supplementary Executive Retirement Program (SERP) effective December 31, 2024 and pay the total contribution amounts as of the December 31, 2024 and a prorated amount of the interest in the fund to each employee currently part of SERP in January 2025.

Carried

Resolution # 20241217006BOT

Moved By: S. Cooper

Motion that The Chinook's Edge School Division Board of Trustees direct the Superintendent to report to the Board on Associate Superintendent compensation regarding a SERP replacement by the January 2025 Education Meeting.

Carried

Superintendent's Personnel Update

Superintendent K. Sacher provided a personnel update.

Facilities Update

Associate Superintendent Corporate Services S. Russell provided an update on facilities matters.

Negotiations Committee / TEBA Update

Information Items

Accounts Payable

Visa

Superintendent Hiring Process (CAUCUS)

Trustees moved In Caucus at 10:13 a.m.

Returned to the regular meeting at 10:30 a.m.

New Business

Numeracy Report

Associate Superintendent Learning Services J. Drent joined the meeting to present CESD numeracy data emphasizing results for Grades 5, 6, and 7 while aligning with our long-term goal of achieving 100% Acceptable Standard and 25% Standard of

Excellence. The evolving nature of our assessment tools and curriculum changes over the past three years, and anticipated updates in 2025-2026, limits the applicability of trend data at this time. This year, Grades 1-4 are assessed with the Elk Island Numeracy Screen, which will be replaced for Grades K-3 by new government numeracy tools in 2025-2026, while Grades 5-8 will continue with Elk Island tools. To support teachers, we rely on the CESD Numeracy Framework, curriculum support resources, and professional learning opportunities, with particular attention on Grades 5 and 6 teachers adapting to new content. Challenges persist with aligning resources to the Alberta curriculum, as well as addressing student and teacher struggles in key areas like Fractions, Integers, Place Value, and Algebra. Our Numeracy Committee is developing a professional development plan to enhance teacher practices, particularly in Grades 1-6, and we are re-evaluating assessment tools to ensure meaningful impacts on instruction. By continuing our collaborative efforts and targeted strategies, we aim to overcome these challenges and meet our ambitious goals.

Academy Report

As per a motion directing the Superintendent to provide information on academies being offered throughout the division, J. Dent provided the academy report highlighting the following:

The data collected for this report was gathered through a stratified random sampling of Urban vs. Rural boards to provide an overview of academy programming across CESD and the province. The term "academy" is interpreted in various ways, with common themes including extended opportunities for students to engage in their passions, often supported by partnerships with community organizations or experts. These programs are typically housed within local schools due to scheduling and transportation constraints and are rarely offered across schools. Larger urban divisions may align core programming with career-focused education, but this remains uncommon.

Most school divisions are transitioning toward the provincial Collegiate model, emphasizing traditional core programming in schools with collegiate programming occurring in afternoons or during dedicated days. CESD exemplifies co-curricular academy programming across all middle and high schools, with notable examples including nine Career Pathways available through the Central Alberta Collegiate Institute, supported by partnerships such as CAREERS and TEPF. Dual credit opportunities further enhance these pathways.

Specific schools within CESD have developed unique academy programs, such as Hockey, Robotics/Coding, and Dance at Hugh Sutherland, extended PE options at Sundre High and Penhold Crossing, and Outdoor Education at Cremona. Olds High

School's Green Quad is evolving to integrate flexible core learning with academy programming.

In athletics, ASAA regulations restrict sport-specific academies in member schools for sanctioned sports, directing most such programs to independent associations. While non-ASAA sports like hockey, baseball, and swimming are accommodated, ASAA sports like soccer or basketball align with independent organizations such as the Calgary Independent Schools' Athletic Association (ISAA). Notably, athletic academies often require additional tuition fees ranging from \$10,000 to \$30,000 or more, particularly for those involving international competition.

This report highlights CESD's diverse academy offerings.

11:19 a.m. J. Drent left the meeting.

Electoral Ward Boundary Bylaw - Reading #3

Resolution # 20241217007BOT

Moved By: J. Swainson

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division Board of Trustees receive third and final reading of Bylaw No. 1/05.

Carried

Reflecting on Board School Visits

G Kerr and T. Leslie reflected on the November Board school visits.

Trustees discussed a plan for four trustees to be invited to school visits so if one cancels there will still be three that can attend.

Recess: 11:33 a.m.

Reconvene: 1:11 p.m.

Board e-News

The draft Board e-News was provided for review.

January Board of Trustees and Education Committee Meetings

Trustees were reminded that the January Board of Trustees and Education Committee meetings are online.

Superintendent Update

Superintendent K. Sacher provided a written and verbal updated one the following:

- Teachers Matter
- Colt "Wonder & Invention" meeting #2.
- Colt offsite at Olds College
- Literature Update
- Olds & District Kiwanis Music Festival Society donation.

Committees

Audit Committee

No meeting prior to this meeting.

It was asked if anyone touched based with the public members.

Cheque Review Comments

Education Committee (November 26th)

The minutes of the 2024 November 26 Education Committee meeting were provided for review.

Resolution # 20241217008BOT

Moved By: G. Kerr

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division Board of Trustees proceed with the Strategic Education, Readiness, Oversight and Planning Engagment Proposal with the option to renew, to include a cancellation clause with the first contract to the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Carried

Resolution # 20241217009BOT

Moved By: K. Kemmere

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division Board of Trustees send PL 3 - 07.2.0 Sponsorships and Partnerships to the Policy Committee to review the purpose statement using guiding principles and strategic assumptions, add a school based partnership section and branding guidelines for the Board to review.

Carried

Facilities and Maintenance Committee

No meeting prior to this meeting.

Governance Effectiveness Committee

No meeting prior to this meeting.

Policy Committee

Resolution # 20241217010BOT

Moved By: S. Cooper

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division Board of Trustees accept PL 2 - 01.4.1 Board Committees Exhibit 1 as presented.

Carried

Resolution # 20241217011BOT

Moved By: G. Kerr

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division Board of Trustees accept PL 2 - 01.0.1 Capital Plan Priorities as presented.

Carried

Flourishing Stories and Innovation Adhoc Committee

No meeting prior to this meeting.

Trustee Onboarding Adhoc Committee

Board representative J. Swainson provided a verbal update from the 2024 November 12 Trustee Onboarding Adhoc Committee. The minutes from the meeting were provided for review.

Resolution # 20241217012BOT

Moved By: G. Kerr

Motion that the Chinook's Edge School Division Board of Trustees review the Rocky View School onboarding sessions one through six to focus on which to use in the Boards orientation session after the election with the goal of three sessions.

Carried

Health Adhoc Committee

No meeting prior to this meeting.

Regular Business

Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- An email from Red Deer Catholic Regional schools regarding requesting a meeting with the Board Chair H. Bilton and the Mayor of Sylvan Lake M. Hanson. Dates available:
- An email from Red Deer County regarding a meeting date as the County is not available on Tuesdays. Alternate dates were provided to share with Red Deer County.
- Letter from the Town of Penhold regarding the shared library space at Penhold Crossing School.

Alberta School Boards Association

Board representative S. Cooper provided an update on the following:

- November 25th Zone 4 highlights.
- The next Zone 4 meeting is January 27 - Clearview (virtual only).
- Virtual training

Canadian School Boards Association

No information at this time.

National School Boards Association

No information at this time.

Rural Caucus

No update at this time.

Trustee Professional Development Reports/Conferences

Information Items

- **Transportation Quarterly Report**
- **Enrolments**
- **Approved Trip Requests**
- **Board Work Plan**

Adjournment

Resolution # 20241217013BOT

Moved By: G. Kerr

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Carried

H. Bilton - Chair

D. Hutchison - Vice Chair

S. Russell - Corporate Secretary