



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

May 30, 2018 Board Meeting

Trustees: (back row) Connie Huelsman, Melissa Copley, Allan Tarnoczi, Superintendent Kurt Sacher, Gord Kerr, Joe-Anne Knispel-Metejka
(front row) Vice Chair Holly Bilton, Chair Colleen Butler, Sherry Cooper, Trudy James

Budget 2018-2019:

The Chinook's Edge Board of Education approved a \$129 million budget for the 2018-2019 school year, with operating reserves expected to decrease by \$265,000 and capital reserves by \$431,000. This budget is based on predictions that student enrolment will grow by 0.5%. The division is faced with subsidizing the Transportation Dept. budget in excess of \$900,000 by using a combination of instructional dollars and reserves.

School Fees:

Admin Support staff from schools have worked hard this year to report extensively on details around school fees, as required by Alberta Education. The Board approved the fee schedule as part of budget documentation.

Community Learning Campus:

The Board received the 2018-2019 budget report from CLC Director, Jackie Taylor. The Community Learning Campus is a joint venture between Chinook's Edge and Olds College.

High School Completion Rates:

Earlier this week, Chinook's Edge received a highly successful report from Alberta Education regarding PAT/Diploma Exam results and other data from last school year. Karyn Barber, Associate Superintendent of System Services, presented a report to the Board which indicates a very high level of success in the number of students achieving measures of Acceptable, the number of students participating in writing the exams, and the number of students transitioning to post-secondary learning. Of significant note are measures of excellence, high school completion and a reduction in drop-out rates. "This showcases the hard work in our schools, and their focus on student success across all grades that lead every student to high school completion," said Superintendent Kurt Sacher. "The dual credit opportunities available to every high school student, and the career/post-secondary counselling teams at every high school is ensuring each student has a plan post-graduation. Our survey results are positive, as well, with school improvement, and safe and caring numbers from staff, students and parents remaining very high. It's what we want for students—not only to graduate, but to have a world of opportunities for further success open to them."

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ASBA Zone 4 Edwin Parr Awards:

The annual Zone Edwin Parr Awards took place in Innisfail on May 28. Zone 4 Chair and Chinook's Edge Trustee, Connie Huelsman, was photographed with Trustee Sherry Cooper as she prepared to sing the National Anthem. The ASBA officials who formed the selection committee described the eight beginning teachers who had been nominated by their school divisions as 'professionals who have a strong investment in ensuring students are engaged, creative individuals who have a global understanding of teaching, and are reflective practitioners and caring relationship-builders.' This group of beginning teachers has set the bar high, and the committee selected Brittni Turner from Wolf Creek Public Schools as the Zone 4 award recipient. They congratulated, once again, Steve Higgs from C.P. Blakely Elementary School in Sylvan Lake for being this year's Chinook's Edge nominee.

**Educational Assistant graduation:**

The Board congratulated the 60 EAs from Chinook's Edge who are graduating this Friday from a unique professional development opportunity, as the current cohort in a new collaboration between Chinook's Edge and Red Deer College's School of Education. Organizers worked to design a program that would allow EAs to pursue further learning, without interrupting their important work in schools.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 27, 2018.

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