



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

April 11, 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

Transportation fees:

Despite a concerning Transportation deficit of over \$700,000, the Board passed a motion to maintain current Transportation Fees for the 2018-2019 school year as they await the outcome of the upcoming Alberta Government transportation fee and regulatory review which is expected in the fall. This priority item will be part of the agenda on an upcoming meeting with the Minister of Education, to ensure Chinook's Edge students can continue to be transported to school each day without requiring funding support from division budgets other than Transportation.

Sale of property:

The Board approved the sale of the former Instructional Media Centre site in Bowden, pending Ministerial approval.

Playground equipment:

The Board approved the moving of playground equipment from the former River Glen School property to Jessie Duncan Elementary School playground in Penhold, with costs to be incurred by Jessie Duncan School.

Safety Advisory Committee:

The Board will send a representative to an information meeting regarding a new regional collaborative approach to crime and justice issues at a community level.

Elnora School 100th Anniversary:

The Board extended congratulations to the Elnora School community, which is organizing celebration events the first week of May to commemorate a century of learning.

Health and Wellness priorities:

The Board voiced their support for a number of Health and Wellness initiatives underway across the division, and two Trustees will be attending the annual CASS Zone 4 Healthy Schools Conversation in May.

Supporting small high schools in Chinook's Edge:

Four staff (two Principals and two members of the Central Office Leadership Team) attended a conference in Saskatchewan for information-gathering purposes, as an initiative has gotten underway in that province to explore a variety of options schools are pursuing to support curriculum delivery in small high schools.

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Student presentation:

Nine students from Sundre High, along with Principal Scott Saunders and teachers Ryan Beck and Kevin Challoner, presented their extensive research into the impact of PCBs on polar bear bones.



Sundre High students have spent over a year designing and executing an in-depth science project which was supported by several organizations, including a grant from BP Canada that allowed students to study at the prestigious Canadian Light Source in Saskatoon. Students described the project as a tremendous amount of work, but also an exceptionally rewarding experience. Board Chair Colleen Butler congratulated the students involved and the staff who have supported them so extensively, “This is an extremely impressive project and I’m amazed by your work, your findings and the great experience you’ve had. It is a rare opportunity to work at this level, and we congratulate you on your success with this.” Students have also been invited to present to several events and environmental/leadership organizations, including a spirited presentation to BP Canada. They are continually congratulated for being bright and inspirational leaders.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook’s Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

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