

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

May 9, 2018 Board Meeting



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

Transportation Survey:

Trustees completed the provincial government's Transportation Survey as a full Board, highlighting their priorities for a standardized structure of funding to eliminate the potential for competition between divisions, and clear levels of service provided to urban and rural students.

Pre-Kindergarten programming:

The Board reviewed a detailed report on Pre-Kindergarten programming in Chinook's Edge, which is growing and meeting the needs of young students. Over 200 students are involved in Pre-Kindergarten programming at École Steffie Woima Elementary School in Sylvan Lake, Jessie Duncan Elementary in Penhold, École Olds Elementary, Ross Ford Elementary in Didsbury, École John Wilson Elementary in Innisfail, and River Valley School in Sundre.

Slight calendar modification:

The Board approved a minor change to the 2018-2019 school calendar, which moves the May 3 collaborative/non-instructional day to June 7.

Collaborative Days:

The Board approved the continuation of the division's collaborative days through to the end of the 2021 school year, encouraging staff to learn from each other with a focus on moving forward the organization's strategic goals.



Joe-Anne Knispel-Matejka, Trustee for Sylvan Lake, congratulated Steve Higgs and Principal Anne Frey from C.P. Blakely Elementary School. Mr. Higgs is the Chinook's Edge nominee for this year's Edwin Parr Award. The award recognizes teachers who are new to the profession who show significant promise in their first year. The Edwin Parr Award winner from Zone 4 will be awarded on May 28.

Student performance:

The choir from École Steffie Woima Elementary School in Sylvan Lake performed for Trustees and the Central Office team, during a regular school visit last week. While individual Trustees are frequently at schools in their ward, the entire Board of Education also visits each school in the division on a four-year schedule.

**Minister visit:**

The Board discussed the recent visit with Minister David Eggen, at which they had the opportunity for a lengthy discussion advocating key priorities to Chinook's Edge, including the need for a new school in Carstairs in response to learning space challenges in that community, Inclusive Education supports, and transportation funding, among other items. The Board appreciated the positivity and genuine interest of the Minister.

Thank you cards:

Trustees reviewed several cards of appreciation that were hand-written by individual students who were involved in the Olds & District Kiwanis Festival, which the Board had supported through a \$700 fund.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 30, 2018.

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