

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

April 8, 2020



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

The April 8th Board Meeting took place remotely through an online platform, with Trustees each participating remotely.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Superintendent Kurt Sacher provided an overview of the transition to online learning from home and the ongoing communication the central office team is engaged in with staff, parents and students. Trustees commended Chinook's Edge staff and teachers who are continuing to deliver learning in Chinook's Edge, particularly given the news that that other provinces are having challenges moving education forward during the current COVID-19 situation.

Budget Update: The central office team continues to support Chinook's Edge staff, as adjustments are implemented according to provincial government temporary cutbacks. The typical Resource Allocation Working Group (RAWG) processes are underway with all school administrators, as they work through specific budgets in order to provide the Board with options and advice with regards to the 2020-2021 division budget. Central Office will be moving forward with budget planning for next year as per traditional protocols, including waiving discussions around implementing new school fees.

Calendar approval: Following a detailed presentation by Karyn Barber, Associate Superintendent of System Services, the Board approved the calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. The calendar honours the guiding principles that have been developed with input from staff and parents, and aligns with Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools to support the existing joint transportation agreement.

Collaborative Days: The Board approved Collaborative Days for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years, with a subsequent motion directing the Superintendent to prepare a review of the Collaborative Day approach to be presented at the October Board of Trustees Meeting.

Board decisions: The Board approved a motion that in an emergency situation, the Board has the ability to make decisions by email to be subsequently ratified at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Out-of-province travel: The Board made a motion to cancel all out-of-province student travel and staff work-related travel until September 30 due to COVID-19.

Edwin Parr Award: Kasey Graham, Grade 7 teacher at École Innisfail Middle School, has been named the Chinook's Edge Edwin Parr Award nominee. A separate media release is being distributed with details.

Under the School Act, School Board responsibilities are to govern, advocate and promote.

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The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

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