



## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

**Oct. 9, 2019 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, Second Vice Chair Shery Cooper, Trudy James*

### **Transportation Quarterly Report:**

The Board reviewed a quarterly report which includes ride times and fiscal updates. The report indicates a deficit which is lower than projected, due to lower fuel costs from higher efficiencies in the division's new buses, along with higher urban fee collection. The deficit is currently projected at \$420,000.

### **Collaborative Days:**

The Board reviewed a report outlining the professional development and quality learning endeavours that staff have undertaken during the division's collaborative days. The Board supports improvements to student learning through collaboration.

### **Field Trip administrative procedure:**

The Board approved minor adjustments to the field trip admin procedure to reflect the division's new online registration process. The Board is committed to procedures that ensure safety for all students.

### **Locally Developed Courses:**

The Board approved a Fire Rescue Services 15 course, which is now available to all high schools in the division. All locally developed courses that are approved by the Board are outlined on the Learning Services section of the website, so that all schools in Chinook's Edge can ensure the additional options are available to students.

### **Rutherford Scholarship data:**

The Board directed the Board Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education, with a copy to the Minister of Red Tape Reduction, requesting access to data housed at Alberta Education that can allow schools to more easily tabulate the Rutherford Scholarship applications on behalf of students.

### **Compensation request for staff time:**

The Board directed the Board Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education, requesting that appropriate compensation be provided to Chinook's Edge for the hours of work required to gather paperwork for a national copyright infringement court proceeding. Chinook's Edge was one of 12 school divisions in Alberta to be randomly selected in the proceeding, which requires documentation of copyright implementation and compliance since 2013. The Board recognizes the impact this onerous process will have on a number of staff.

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**Student excellence:**

The Board recognized the achievements of three Chinook's Edge students and their teachers for attaining 100% on June Diploma exams: Board Chair Allan Tarnoczi with Chemistry 30 teacher Jennifer Leinweber from Innisfail High (student Laura Rib), Physics 30 teacher Ken Lafferty from Olds Koinonia Christian School (student Hunter Jackson) and Chemistry 30 teacher Bailey Sisson from Olds High School (student Rex Asis). The students are busy at post-secondary and were unable to attend.

**K-12 Collaboration:**

A new project that brings together teachers in the division's Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools has been well received. The group provides collaborative opportunities for teachers who are often working in isolation, and strives to share teaching resources when possible so that students in smaller schools can benefit from teacher expertise. For instance, Spruce View School's Paleontology option has been provided to several other schools using creative delivery models.

**Red Deer College collaboration:**

The Board directed the Superintendent to continue building a strong relationship with Red Deer College. On behalf of the Board, the Superintendent will meet with RDC's new President, Peter Nunoda, later this month to continue looking at ways to partner and innovate together. As well, Chinook's Edge will provide a letter of support for RDC's plan to offer a full Bachelor of Education program in the future.

**Under the School Act, School Board responsibilities are to govern, advocate and promote. For more information please visit [About the Board](#).**

**The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 13, 2019.**

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