



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Sept. 6, 2017 Board Meeting

Trustees: (back row) Sherry Cooper, Ron Fisher (Vice Chair), Colleen Butler (Chair), Superintendent Kurt Sacher, Connie Huelsman (front row) Sheldon Ball, Trudy James, Jackie Swainson, Holly Bilton, Gordon Kerr

Summer School 2017:

Summer School programming was offered at three locations in Chinook's Edge communities this year, and all were very successful in meeting the needs of students. Sylvan Lake Career High had 59 students enrolled, Innisfail Career High 60 students, and Olds Career High 54 students. Summer School 2017 resulted in a total of 711 CEUs.

School and Transportation Fees:

The updated Administrative Procedure that adheres to the provincial government's new fee schedule (Bill 1: An Act to Reduce School Fees) was presented to the Board and is being sent to Alberta Education for approval. Once the wording on AP 3-17 has been approved, it will be updated on the Chinook's Edge website and information will be shared with parents through their child's school as needed.

Google Summit:

The Superintendent provided an overview of the two-day PD event that took place at the Community Learning Campus at the end of August, which was well attended by Olds College and Chinook's Edge staff, as well as a number of Chinook's Edge Trustees. The extensive offering of keynote overviews and individual sessions was very well received, and with over 400 people reducing their summer vacation in order to attend, it was considered a highly successful event. The Board expressed gratitude to Division Principal Jason Drent, Associate Superintendent System Services Karyn Barber, and the entire Chinook's Edge Tech Team who were instrumental in coordinating the Summit.

New President:

The Superintendent's Team met with new Olds College President, Stuart Cullum, who is very open to continuing and building on the successful relationship that has been forged through the Community Learning Campus. This joint venture between Olds College and Chinook's Edge has created substantial opportunities for learning and rural development for over 10 years now. President Cullum was also available to join Superintendent Kurt Sacher in welcoming participants at the Google Summit and to welcome Chinook's Edge school administration teams at their first monthly meeting of the year.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

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