



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Sept 9, 2015 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

Oath of Office:

At the annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education, Trustees reconfirmed the roles of Colleen Butler as Board Chair and Ron Fisher as Vice Chair.

Board Committee Structure:

The Board of Education confirmed Trustee representation on all Board Committees and Ad Hoc Committees. A complete list is available on the Board section of the Chinook's Edge website.

Trustee remuneration:

Trustees passed a motion providing an increase to the Board of Education remuneration, to be in line with the Alberta CPI index at approximately 1.3 percent.

Gasoline Alley Career High School:

The Board passed a motion to officially change the name of 'Chinook's Edge Career High—Red Deer Area Campus' to Gasoline Alley Career High School. This successful Chinook's Edge school provides a flexible approach to high school students, and the entire school community is looking forward to the construction completion at their permanent location in Gasoline Alley in the coming few months. Until then, they continue to serve students at their interim location at Penhold Crossing Secondary School.

Summer School:

The Career High schools in Sylvan Lake, Innisfail and Olds each hosted Summer School programming again this year, where a total of 127 students took the opportunity to further their learning goals. This included 21 Diploma-level courses.

Town of Carstairs:

Board Chair Colleen Butler will send a letter of appreciation to the Town of Carstairs, thanking them for the work they completed over the summer to improve the parking, bus loop and walkway at Hugh Sutherland School.

Safety Audit success:

The Board thanked all staff in schools and departments throughout the division whose efforts created highly successful COR (Certificate of Recognition) safety audit results. Chinook's Edge achieved a score of 89 percent in the external audit, which is well above average and which reflects the priority of safety across the entire division.

Royal Tribute:

Trustees joined a special event at Innisfail's Branch 104 of the Royal Canadian Legion to celebrate the milestone of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, as officially the longest-reigning Commonwealth Monarch. The ceremony commenced at noon and was part of a coordinated event across all of Canada at that time. The event included a Legion Colour Party, a Piper, and an official proclamation and statement honouring the Queen.



Board Chair Colleen Butler accepted a commemorative publication from Legion Branch Manager, Arno Glover.



Correspondence from the Office of the Premier of Alberta:

Premier Rachel Notley acknowledged the Board's previous letter regarding funding challenges facing Chinook's Edge. 'Our government recognizes that school boards have a crucial role to play in our efforts to ensure that our children have the support they need to reach their full potential, and that in order to fulfill this role, boards need stable and predictable funding from the province... Our government will continue to invest in our children's education and help ensure school authorities have the resources and the flexibility they need to make decisions that are in the best interest of the students in their communities.'

Trip request:

The Board approved in principle a request from Spruce View School to travel to New York City during Spring Break 2016.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

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