



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Sept 10, 2014 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.

Penhold Crossing Secondary School:

The Board discussed the grand opening event for the new Grade 7-12 school in Penhold and approved \$1,000 to support the event, which will take place on Thursday, October 9, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. As well, the Board established guidelines for non-school events that may take place at the two areas in the new facility that are shared by Chinook's Edge and the Town of Penhold (the gymnasium and library).

Summer School:

The Career High schools in Sylvan Lake, Innisfail and Olds each hosted Summer School programming again this year, where a total of 129 students took the opportunity to further their learning goals.

Trustee Remuneration:

The Board determined an ad hoc committee to review Trustee remuneration and PD expenses.

Communications Award:

The Board congratulated Communications Officer, Sandy Bexon, who received a Bravo Award from the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education for the 'Celebrating Education Week in Chinook's Edge' newsletter that was sent to all staff each day during Ed Week last spring. It featured the division's various 'Matters Committees' and was included in Alberta Education's media release.

Student Enrolment:

Although final numbers are confirmed at the end of September, the overall trend shows an enrolment increase across much of the division with approximately 200 additional students overall.



Collective Agreement with Chinook's Edge teachers: Board Chair Colleen Butler and Local ATA President Trevor Sanche (front), Assoc. Superintendent Allan Tarnoczi, Vice Chair Ron Fisher, Trustee Sherry Cooper, Superintendent Kurt Sacher, Chair – Negotiations Committee Cherra-Lynne Olthof, Teachers Janine Becker and Ian Paton celebrated the official signing, once the agreement that had been reached last spring was signed off by the provincial ATA.

“All the hard work that has been accomplished by the Negotiations Committee—the positivity, the desire to work together and the value of this great relationship—has allowed us to reach a Collective Agreement with far less strife and in far less time than many other school divisions. The Board appreciates the relationship we have with our teachers, because it makes a difference to everyone... most importantly to our students.”

- Colleen Butler, Board Chair

“This has been a great experience. Working with our Board has been very positive and the relationships we are building are vitally important to all of us as teachers. I went to the summer ATA Conference and when people found out what school division I’m from, they were envious. I totally understand why, and I am very grateful.”

- Cherra-Lynne Olthof, Acting Chair Negotiations Committee

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

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