



# Board Highlights

April 6, 2022

## **Trustees (left to right):**

***Vice Chair Melissa Copley, Linda Wagers, De Anne Hutchison, Sherry Cooper, Chair Holly Bilton, Terry Leslie, Jackie Swainson, Kathy Kemmere, Gord Kerr***

## **Edwin Parr Award nomination - Innisfail High teacher:**

The Board congratulated Madeline Pereira, who teaches Science courses at Innisfail High. She was named the Chinook's Edge nomination for the ASBA Edwin Parr Award, which recognizes teachers who are new to the profession who show significant promise in their first year. Each of the eight school divisions in Zone 4 select a nominee to be honoured at the annual Edwin Parr event, which will be held on May 30 this year. A separate media release featuring Maddie Pereira is being distributed with these Board Highlights.

## **School and Transportation Fees Remain Unchanged:**

After considerable discussion, Trustees made a motion to maintain School Fees and Transportation Fees at the current rates for 2022-2023. The Board made a motion to conduct a Transportation review in November 2022.

## **2023-2024 School Division Calendar:**

The Board approved the calendar for the 2023-24 school year which was determined after gathering input from various stakeholders. Horizon School, which moved from a year-round calendar to the traditional calendar throughout the past two years of pandemic, will continue to follow the traditional school calendar moving forward. All Chinook's Edge schools will now follow the traditional calendar beginning next school year.

## **Second Quarter Financial Report:**

Treasurer Shauna Kaiser presented a financial report for the period September 1 - February 28, which falls within expectations. One area that is coming in slightly higher than anticipated is substitute teacher costs in certain schools, which isn't expected to create budget challenges.

## **Provincial Budget:**

The Treasurer discussed elements of the recently announced provincial budget. There is a 4.6% increase in the transportation budget, primarily due to the rising cost of insurance and fuel, and a slight increase in other areas due to enrolment growth. The Finance Department continues to analyze budget details in preparation for 'Resource Allocation Working Group' (RAWG) discussions to begin with schools next week. RAWG is a made-in-Chinook's Edge approach to determining budget allocations together as a group of school administrators, which ensures transparency and equity across the division.

## **COVID Learning Loss Funding:**

The Board will send a letter of thanks to Education Minister Adriana LaGrange for the ministry's strong consultation and funding to effectively address learning loss in early grades, caused by COVID disruptions.

## **School Bus Purchase:**

Following an RFP process, the Board approved a bus proposal from Western Canada Bus and will proceed with the purchase of seven buses for the 2022-23 school year.

## **Supporting Innovation:**

The Board created an ad hoc committee, consisting of three Trustees and an alternate, along with the Superintendent, to develop the pillars, processes and framework to look into flourishing stories and innovation.

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**The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.**

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