



Board Highlights

January 9, 2024

Trustees (left to right):

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

Board reviews finances

The Chinook's Edge School Board received an overview of the financial health of the school division from Nadeem Altaf, Treasurer. The overview was based on the audit of 2022-23 school year approved by the Board [in December 2023](#). The purpose of the overview was to highlight information and provide explanations, enhancing the understanding of the division's financial statements as well as the factors that influenced the financial results presented in the audited statement.

Trustees look forward to meeting with municipal partners

The Board enjoys working with municipalities in the communities it serves. The Board extends several invitations annually for meetings with municipal councils. This year the Board plans to request meetings with Sylvan Lake and Penhold councils.

Board receives update about technology

Jason Drent, Associate Superintendent, presented an update on technology in Chinook's Edge. Drent reported risk mitigation and security with technology is being managed, including through online training for staff. Trustees heard that Chromebooks now have 10 years of software support, which the division anticipates will be positive from a budget perspective. Chinook's Edge is actively expanding expertise in coding and robotics work for the benefit of students.

Drent also shared with trustees that Chinook's Edge continues to work with the [Collegiate application process](#), and is now moving into the instructional course design with post-secondary partners; Construction, Fabrication and Mechanics courses have been completed. Other courses are being considered.

Board sponsors school council members to attend Alberta School Council Association conference

The Board is offering to sponsor several members of local school councils to attend the Alberta School Council Association conference in Edmonton in April. The Board is asking school councils to discuss this in January.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

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