
Directions Newsletter

Regular Meeting of the Board – September 12, 2016

Facilities and Maintenance Status Report

Presented by Kevin Jones, Manager of Facilities and Maintenance

Chinook maintains over 30 buildings in the Division. In 2015-2016, the Maintenance department completed a total of 1,903 work requisitions. Every year the Maintenance Department completes an assessment of all school facilities within Chinook. They are rated out of 100% according to criteria that includes Electrical, Plumbing, Structural, Roofing, Accessibility, Exterior Conditions, Health and Safety, Yard Site Development, Interior Finishes and Functionality. In the past nine years, 26 out of 29 schools (90%) have shown an increase in their overall facility rating. 79% have increased more than 5% in their overall rating since 2005.

We are now in year three of the new PMR (Preventative Maintenance and Repair) Ministry funded program. Currently funding is allocated to each School Division based on the total gross area of all Schools. Chinook received \$872,138 for 2014-2015, \$1,203,335 for 2015-2016 and \$1,488,253 for the current year 2016-2017. This type of funding, combined with previous budget allotments, will allow Chinook to plan and complete renovation projects internally without Ministry delays. PMR projects must be approved by the Board and follow the criteria set out by the Facilities Branch.

The department is working as a team to ensure work gets done on time and that there is regular communication with the schools. They take pride in their work, and have received accolades from the schools and communities expressing appreciation for the work that is done.

Opening Day Enrolments

Presented by Liam Choo-Foo, Director of Education

The enrolment numbers often change daily in the first month of the school year, and are not official. At this point, it appears that Chinook has 5871 students, resulting in 111 students more than the previous year. This is expected to fluctuate throughout the first month and official numbers will be released after September 30, 2016.

Policy Updates

The following policies were updated and are available on our [website](#) (Board – Policies, Modules 4 and 8): *Policy 410 - Safety, Policy 411 - Protective Services, and Policy 801 - Transportation Services.*