

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Chinook School Division No. 211 held on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Chinook Education Centre.

PRESENT: Kimberly Pridmore
Dianne Hahn
Ken Duncalfe
Rachael Eliason
Gwen Humphrey
Susan Mouland
Rachelle Patzer
Tim Ramage
Katie Toney

Mark Benesh – Director of Education
Kathy Robson – Deputy Director of Education
Sharie Sloman – Chief Financial Officer
Joanne Booth – Communications Coordinator
Katie Andreas – Executive Assistant

Regrets: Shane Andrus

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chair Kimberly Pridmore

AGENDA 016/22 Ramage THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated and revised.

CARRIED

CLOSED 017/22 Mouland THAT the Chinook Board of Education recess the meeting to go into closed session to discuss personnel items and other confidential matters to be received by the Board.

CARRIED

RISE 018/22 Eliason THAT the Chinook Board of Education rise and report.

CARRIED

MINUTES 019/22 Duncalfe THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2022, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

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CONSENT 020/22 Hahn THAT the Information Agenda Items be approved.
ITEMS

CARRIED

BP 021/22 Toney THAT the revised Board Policy 17, Transportation,
17 be approved as attached.

CARRIED

BUS 022/22 Patzer THAT the Chinook Board of Education purchases 7 buses
PURCHASE from Legacy Bus Sales for a quoted cost of \$545,825 plus
taxes and purchase 5 buses from Western Canada Bus for
a quoted cost of \$552,683 plus taxes.

CARRIED

AUDIT 023/22 Duncalfe THAT the Chinook Board of Education accept the proposal
SERVICES for audit services for a three-year period plus two-year option
commencing August 31, 2022 as submitted by the firm of Stark
and Marsh.

CARRIED

2022-23 024/22 Ramage THAT the 2022-2023 Budget Workplan be approved.
BUDGET
WORKPLAN

CARRIED

FRENCH 025/22 Humphrey THAT the Swift Current Comprehensive High School and Ecole
DESIGNATION Centennial School be designated as a French Language of
Instruction School, as per the Education Act.

CARRIED

CAPITAL 026/22 Hahn THAT the Chinook Board of Education approves the submission of
FUNDING the Capital Funding application to the Ministry of Education, as
attached.

CARRIED

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TRUSTEE 027/22 Eliason
RESIGNATION

THAT we accept, with regret, the resignation of Shane Andrus from his position as Trustee of Subdivision 1, on the Chinook School Board of Education, effective February 14, 2022.

CARRIED

CHINOOK 028/22 Toney
HEALTH &
SAFETY

THAT the Chinook Board of Education acknowledges that Senior Administration has rescinded AP 405.1 – Chinook Health & Safety Procedures and plans to review the Chinook Return to School Plan.

CARRIED

HR 029/22 Humphrey
REPORT

THAT the Employee Contracts be ratified as contained in the Human Resources Report dated February 14, 2022.

CARRIED

COMMITT- 030/22 Ramage
EE
REPORTS

THAT all committee reports are received.

CARRIED

2022-23 031/22 Mouland
CALENDAR

THAT the Chinook School Division 2022-2023 School Calendar be approved, as attached.

CARRIED

CLOSED 032/22 Eliason

THAT the Chinook Board of Education recess the meeting to go into closed session to discuss personnel items and other confidential matters to be received by the Board.

CARRIED

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RISE 033/22 Hahn THAT the Chinook Board of Education rise and report.

CARRIED

ADJOURN 034/22 Patzer THAT we do now adjourn.

CARRIED

Board Chair

CFO

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Chinook School Division (Chinook) shall provide transportation for students requiring access to school in accordance with *The Education Act, 1995*, *The Highway Traffic Act*, and *The Vehicle Administration Act*. In addition, provisions are made for special use of buses to enable students to participate in education and education-related activities. The Board strongly favors the practice of using buses to transport students. However, the Board recognizes that there will be times when it is impractical or inefficient to use school buses. In such cases, it is permissible for the Director to make administrative procedures to use private vehicles. Clear direction must be provided regarding the use of fifteen-passenger vans.

Administrative Procedures relating to transportation services shall be developed by the Director. The Director is responsible for providing student transportation services and administrative procedures with due regard to safety, efficiency, client satisfaction (including parent complaints) and length of ride. An annual student transportation accountability report shall be provided to the Board in regard to these parameters.

Specifically

1. Transportation for students residing in Chinook may be provided through a combination of Division owned school buses, contractor school buses and private vehicles.
2. Chinook may provide transportation services to other school divisions under contract, when approved by resolution of the Board.
3. Chinook may receive transportation services from other school divisions for Chinook students attending schools outside of Chinook boundaries.

Regular Student Transportation

4. Buses are to be restricted to provincial highways, municipal roads, and approved yard service.
5. Routes will be designed with a targeted maximum ride time of 75 minutes. Exceptions to the targeted 75 minute ride time may occur in extenuating circumstances such as, but not limited to the following:
 - 5.1. Alternate school choice
 - 5.2. Geographic barriers
 - 5.3. Extreme isolation

6. There may be circumstances or conditions making it necessary to arrange for transportation other than through the provision of busing. The Director may make special arrangements which may include a transportation allowance for parents who convey their own children or a boarding allowance.
7. Courtesy pick-ups may be provided to students attending Catholic or Fransaskois schools within Chinook under conditions set by the Director.
8. Courtesy pick-ups may be provided to students from eligible day care facilities located in towns and villages within Chinook under conditions set by the Director.

Special Arrangements

9. There will be no special arrangements for the purposes of extra- curricular activities (e.g. Music Lessons, Swim Lessons, etc.)
10. The Board supports the viability of small rural schools and to that end, directs students to attend their catchment area school. Exceptions with transportation may be provided as per AP 560.
11. The Board will review special arrangement provisions on an annual basis.
12. The ability to access transportation to alternate school locations will sunset June 30, 2022.
13. Grade 9 - 12 busing service shall be provided for students in Swift Current south of Railway Street and north of Trans-Canada Highway.

Legal Reference: School Act Sections 85, 87, 194, 195, 196, 197,
Education Act Highway Traffic Act

Approved: October 26, 2021
Revised: February 14, 2022