

## Chinook Board Re-elects Chair and Vice Chair for 2019-20

At the Chinook School Division Board Organizational Meeting on November 12, the Board re-elected Kim Pridmore to continue as Board Chair and Katelyn Toney to continue as Vice Chair for the 2019-2020 term. Congratulations to Kim and Katelyn!



Kim Pridmore, Chair



Katelyn Toney, Vice Chair

### External Committees Appointments:

Public Board Section and SSBA (Saskatchewan School Boards Association) Members Council: Larry Caswell

South West Municipal Government Committee: Shane Andrus

SWAC (South West Athletics Council): Tim Ramage

SAMA (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency): Tim Weinbender

### Committees Appointments:

Finance:

Allan Bridal, Tim Weinbender, Tim Ramage

Facilities:

Susan Mouland, Dianne Hahn, Tim Ramage

Transportation:

Allan Bridal, Susan Mouland, Shane Andrus

Technology:

Dianne Hahn

Employee Satisfaction and Engagement:

Gwen Humphrey

Remuneration and Expenses:

Dianne Hahn, Gwen Humphrey



Chinook School Division Board 2016-2020

**Chair:** Kim Pridmore

**Vice-Chair:** Katelyn Toney

*\*\* Kim Pridmore, Katelyn Toney and Director Kyle McIntyre will be de facto members of all Standing Committees*

### [Trustee information](#)

## Transportation Status Report

Kevin Jones, Manager of Transportation and Facilities

An overview was provided of highlights in the areas of personnel, budget, route development and maintenance, fleet maintenance, new buses, bus operations and repairs, policies and communications, and future plans. The Transportation department aims to provide good customer service, while balancing parental expectations with efficiency and consistency in the application of the Transportation policy.

The 2018-19 Transportation Budget was \$10,020,314. Items that affect budget include fuel and oil prices, cost of repairs, maintenance and salaries.

- Rural buses drove a total of **3,684,215** in 2018-2019
- Buses transported **3,268** students daily in 2018-2019



We are maintaining our bus fleet at 10 years old or newer, currently at 8.5 years for the entire fleet, and are continuing the process of right-sizing the buses in order to reduce operating and maintenance costs.

The Transportation Department continues to hold scheduled quarterly meetings with Chinook's superintendents of schools, and the Swift Current schools transportation committee was successful with a smooth startup and the school year is going well so far. Formed in September 2015, the committee members are school administrators, Division senior administration, school office managers and members of the Transportation Department. The committee has created an evergreen document that the stakeholders follow and the process has proven to be very successful.

This past year was the first complete cycle of solely operating the Swift Current urban routes under Chinook School Division, after assuming the operation of the previously contracted routes from Rilling bus and onboarding 23 new bus drivers. The year went really well with many learning opportunities for the transportation department. We are fortunate to have a full complement of drivers and spares.



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Human Resources recently introduced Bus Driver Recruitment Fairs, and the initiative has exceeded our expectations. This past year saw three recruitment fairs in Hazlet, Shaunavon and Leader, which resulted in 26 hires of casual and full time drivers. Interviews are conducted on site with support from Human Resources and members of the Board, senior administration and the Transportation Department. Driver and route information is provided to candidates, along with an opportunity to test drive a bus and enjoy a barbecued burger.

The Transportation Department continues to utilize the “Transportation Request Form” to be completed by parents in order to receive services, as well as to ensure effective communication and the safety of the students. This form, as well as updates and other information, can be accessed in the “Bus Information” banner on the Chinook website.

The Transportation Department would like to acknowledge the Board for approving the funding to enable the acquisition of the bus fleet. In this past year, Chinook received five 53 passenger buses and fourteen 29 passenger buses are ordered. This initiative will support student transportation in Chinook in a sustainable way for the next few years.

The Transportation Department looks forward to finding additional solutions resulting in improved services for the students in Chinook School Division. We greatly appreciate the ongoing support from the Board and senior administration as well as the communication from the schools and bus drivers, and the support from the mechanics as it is all very crucial to our services.

## Southwest Municipal Government Committee Welcomes Chinook

Members of the Chinook Board of Education, including Kim Pridmore (Chair), Katelyn Toney (Vice Chair), Shane Andrus (Chinook Trustee Representative on SWMGC) along with Kyle McIntyre (Director of Education), Rod Quintin (CFO) and Kevin Jones (Manager of Transportation and Facilities) attended the Southwest Municipal Government Committee meeting on November 4, 2019. Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Quintin presented information on the finances and funding challenges faced by our rural school division, and members had a round table discussion with questions for the school division administration.

