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## Directions Newsletter Regular Meeting of the Board – October 2014

### Organizational Meeting

Nominations and elections resulted in Randy Beler and Larry Caswell re-elected to continue as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. Trustee information can be found at <http://chinooksd.ca/Board/Pages/default.aspx>. Upon re-election Chair Randy Beler remarked, *“I’d like to thank my fellow trustees for having faith in Larry and myself to fulfill the roles of Chair and Vice Chair for another year. We are honoured to be selected by our peers and we will do our very best.”*

Stark & Marsh Accountants were approved as Auditors for period Ending August 31, 2015. Board members also agreed to continue to have the Regular Meetings on the second Monday of the month at 3:00pm; when the Monday is a statutory holiday the meeting will be on the following Tuesday. The Chinook School Division Annual Meeting will be held on March 23, 2015 at 7:00pm.

### External Committees Appointments:

**Public Board Section:** Tim Ramage

**South West Municipal Government:** Tim Weinbender

**SWAC (South West Athletics Council):** Shauna Wright

**SAMA (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency):** Rod Fairbrother

**SSBA (Saskatchewan School Boards Association) Members Council:** Elaine Anderson

### Standing Committees Appointments:

**Finance:** Shane Andrus, Bernie Ford, Tim Weinbender

**Technology:** Bernie Ford, Tim Weinbender, Shauna Wright

**Facilities:** Elaine Anderson, Bernie Ford, Shauna Wright

**Transportation:** Rod Fairbrother, Bernie Ford, Tim Weinbender

**Recognition of Teaching Experience:** Rod Fairbrother

**Chair:** Randy Beler

**Vice-Chair:** Larry Caswell

**\*\* Randy Beler, Larry Caswell and Liam Choo-Foo will be de facto members of all Standing Committees**

## **Home Based Education Status Report**

*Presented by JP Claire, Superintendent of Schools*

As outlined by provincial legislation, Home-Based Education students (between the ages of 6 and 15) are to register with their local school division or directly with the Ministry. Parents/Guardians are to provide school divisions with an educational plan in the areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies that fit with the Ministries Goals of Education prior to the commencement of the Home-Based program/school year.

Parents/Guardians are also required to submit an Assessment or Progress Report to the School Division at the end of the school year and prior to registration approval for the following year. The Board has approved funds of up to \$300 per child per annum to support the costs of educational materials and resources.

The total enrollment of students in Home-Based Education has decreased slightly from 141 in 2013-2014 to 136 in the current school year of 2014-2015. Currently, the bulk of the students are in grades 1-10.

Data is collected at the point of registration for the parent/guardian to indicate their reasons for home schooling. Three categories were identified: Faith, Programming/Choice, and Safety/Security, with Faith being the most popular reason in all geographic areas of Chinook followed by Programming/Choice, very few families have indicated that Safety/Security was the reason they chose Home-Based Education.