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## **Directions Newsletter**

### **Regular Meeting of the Board – November 2016**

#### **Organizational Meeting**

Chinook School Division held their annual Organizational Meeting and Elections on November 12, 2015. It was also announced that Larry Caswell will continue as Chair and Shane Andrus will become Vice Chair for the 2016-2017 term. Congratulations to Mr. Caswell and Dr. Andrus. Trustee information can be found at <https://www.chinooksd.ca/Board/Trustees/Pages/default.aspx>.

Stark & Marsh Accountants were approved as Auditors for period Ending August 31, 2017. 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 business day. The Chinook School Division Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Chinook Education Centre.

#### **External Committees Appointments:**

##### **Public Board Section and SSBA (Saskatchewan School Boards Association) Members**

**Council:** Shane Andrus

**South West Municipal Government:** Tim Weinbender

**SWAC (South West Athletics Council):** Susan Mouland

**SAMA (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency):** Allan Bridal

#### **Standing Committees Appointments:**

**Finance:** Allan Bridal, Tim Ramage, Tim Weinbender

**Technology:** Dianne, Allan, Shannon

**Facilities:** Susan Mouland, Kim Pridmore, Shannon Armstrong

**Transportation:** Kim Pridmore, Bernie Ford, Tim Weinbender

**Employee Satisfaction and Engagement:** Dianne Hahn

**Chair:** Larry Caswell

**Vice-Chair:** Shane Andrus

**\*\* Larry Caswell, Shane Andrus and Director 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 increased slightly from 123 in 2015-2016 to 130 in the current school year of 2016-2017. Currently, the bulk of the students are in grades 3-12.

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 overall (68), followed very closely by Programming/Choice (60). Very few families (<1%) have indicated that Safety/Security was the reason they chose Home-Based Education.

## **Board Contributes to Burstall School SCC**

Chinook School Division received a request of the Burstall School Community Council (SCC) to donate a \$500.00 grant to assist the SCC in supporting Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) to come to the school for a residency December 12-16, including an hour long musical performed with students on the last day.