

Directions Newsletter Regular Meeting of the Board – November 2018

Organizational Meeting



Kim Pridmore, Chair



Katelyn Toney, Vice Chair

Chinook School Division held their annual Organizational Meeting and Elections on November 13, 2018. It was announced that previous Vice Chair, Kim Pridmore, Trustee for Subdivision 5 (Maple Creek, Consul), is newly elected as Chair. Katelyn Toney, Trustee for Subdivision 4 (Gull Lake, Tompkins, Wymark) was elected as Vice Chair for the 2018-2019 term. Notably, Kim Pridmore is the first ever female Chair of the Chinook Board of Education and it is the first time to have women in both roles at the same time. Congratulations to Kim and Katelyn!

External Committees Appointments:

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

Council: Larry Caswell

South West Municipal Government: Shane Andrus

SWAC (South West Athletics Council): Tim Ramage

SAMA (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency): Allan Bridal

Standing Committees Appointments**:

Finance: Allan Bridal, Tim Weinbender, Dianne Hahn

Technology: Gwen Humphrey

Facilities: Susan Mouland, Allan Bridal, Dianne Hahn

Transportation: Susan Mouland, Larry Caswell, Shane Andrus

Employee Satisfaction and Engagement: Gwen Humphrey

Chair: Kim Pridmore

Vice-Chair: Katelyn Toney

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

Declaration of Oath

New Chinook Board member, Gwen Humphrey, was also officially sworn in as a Trustee. Gwen recently won the By-election for Subdivision 6, which includes the school communities of Eastend, Frontier, Shaunavon, as well as several Hutterian schools.

Gwen lives in Eastend with her husband, where she has been helping him run his cattle/trucking & trenching business for close to 50 years. Her job experience includes managing the co-op grocery store in town, working for a photographer for 7 years, and she was an SGI customer service representative for 7 years. She has served on the Innovation Credit Union Board for the past 8 years.

Delegation: Gull Lake School ACTION Team

The Gull Lake School ACTION Team along with Vice Principal, Ms. Marla Poisson, visited the Chinook Board meeting to talk about events & activities they create & sponsor to fulfil their service learning goal. ACTION is an acronym that originally stood for *A Community Team Involving Ourselves NOW!* The current team found that onerous to remember and say, so now is it just their name. However, the students explain that it is more about what they DO, not what the word says.

Their motto: **“We are a service learning club, a group of young people working together to make the world a better place.”**

The students talked about where their interest in ACTION began, what the club does (service learning) and what it does not (peer support and SLC). They also showed the Board members some of the events and activities they create and sponsor in order to fulfil their service learning goal.

The presentation was made by senior members Nikita Trapp, Braiden Leppa, Aidan Slade, Brenlyn Butts, Jacey McCarty and Leila Zanidean, who all joined in Grade 8 and have been active since.

**Photos available on Chinook social media accounts.*

Home Based Education Status Report

Presented by Bob Vavra, Superintendent of Learning

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 Ministry's 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 from 126 in 2017-2018 to 131 in the current school year of 2017-2018.

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. Programming/Choice was the most popular reason overall (82) for choosing Home-Based Education, followed closely by Faith (49). No families indicated Safety/Security as their reason.