1. **2016-2017 School Year Calendar**
The 2016-2017 school year calendar was reviewed and approved.

2. **Policy Review**
District Principal Teresa Loewen was in attendance to provide the Board with an overview of each policy, share any feedback received and respond to questions of the Board. The Policies below were reviewed by the Board:

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3. **First Quarter Financial Statement**
Director of Finance Christine Lee was in attendance to respond to questions by the Board with respect to the First Quarter Financial Statement. The Board received the 2015/2016 First Quarter Financial Statement as presented.

4. **New Age Integrated Technology for Chinook High School Gymnasium**
The Board rescinded motion 6364/15 from October 27, 2015 the approval to award the contract for the New Age Technology at Chinook High School to Digital Edge Media in the amount of $244,452.27.
5. **Amendment to the Xerox Contract**
   The Board approved the amended contract with Xerox which has a number of benefits to the District.

6. **Tender for the New West Lethbridge (Waterbridge) Middle School**
   The Board awarded the contract for the building construction to Dawson Wallace Construction Ltd. For the New West Lethbridge (Waterbridge) Middle School.

7. **Poverty Intervention Committee Terms of Reference**
   The Poverty Intervention Committee made some changes to the Terms of Reference that were approved by the Board as amended.

8. **Opportunity Knocks**
   Chinook Regional Foundation for Career Transitions is hosting their 4th annual Opportunity Knocks on March 9, 2016. This Job and Career Fair is an initiative of the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce, who has once again contracted with Career Transitions to assist with the coordination of the event. The Board will support Opportunity Knocks Job and Career Fair at the Apprentice level ($1,000) which includes a booth. Lethbridge School District students are active participants in the event. As well, Lethbridge School District No. 51 Human Resources Department will attend and set up an employment opportunity booth highlighting the career opportunities within the District.

9. **Board Donations in Lieu of Christmas Treats**
   The Board will once again this year make donations in the amount of $50 in lieu of Christmas treats to charitable organizations on behalf of respective staff groups.

10. **Breakfast with the Board**
    Breakfast with the Board has been scheduled at Mike Mountain Horse School on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 from 7.30 – 8.00 a.m. Following the breakfast, Principal Erin Hurkett will provide a tour of the school for trustees.
11. **Board Priorities Report**
   Superintendent Cheryl Gilmore provided the Board with a progress report with regard to Board Priorities.

12. **Snacks with the Superintendents**
   All the staff of Gilbert Paterson Middle School have been invited to have Snacks with the Superintendents on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 beginning at 11:35 a.m.

13. **Donations and Support**
   Lethbridge School District No. 51 is fortunate to be in a community that strongly supports programs and services for students. The District is appreciative of the difference the support makes to the lives of children. These partnerships and support further the efforts of helping children come to school ready to learn, providing opportunities for engagement, and facilitating student growth and well-being. Listed below and attached are the donations and support received by the District.

   - **Community Foundation of Lethbridge** awarded $9,000 to Park Meadows School for the Snoezelen Room Project.
   - **Communication Foundation of Lethbridge** awarded $15,000 to Galbraith School for the Digital Sound System Upgrade Project.

14. **Board Reports**
   - District Student Advisory – November 25
   - Poverty Intervention – December 1
   - Healthy Schools – December 2
   - District School Council – December 7
   - Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce – Education Committee – December 8
   - Community Engagement Committee – December 10
   - ATA Local Committee – December 2

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**Congratulations!**

To...
Park Meadows School teacher **Megan Cummins** won the $1,000 grant from The Awesome Foundation for her “Welcome to Canada Project”. Prompted by a new family arriving from East Africa, the project will have the students and parents shop for two families brand new to Canada, buying household items, toiletries, clothing and even some toys.
Michelle Wengel (substitute) cut off her long hair to donate it to the Canadian Cancer Society.

The Fleetwood Bawden Choir performed with the Chinook bands and choir in October. They performed Do-Re-Me, Where is Love, Close Every Door, Song of the King and Any Dream Will Do. On the 25th of November the choir performed with the Lethbridge Symphony at Southminster United Church. The choir performed Dona Nobis Pacem and Reindeer on the Roof. The choir is directed by Christine Slomp and continues in the new year with many other great performances.

The following district students received recognition at the Canada Music Week Recital and Student Awards Presentation recently:

- Roshan Bidarian (GS Lakie)
- Reuben Peters (ICES)
- Jerry Wang (Nicholas Sheran)
- Jason Cheng (LCI) – RCM Gold Medalist
- Zitong Wu (Lakeview)
- Kristen Lea (GS Lakie)
- Steven Yang (Mike Mountain Horse)
- Michelle Wu (GS Lakie)
- Anna Jeong (LCI)
- Tina Liu (WCHS)
- Kimberly Crowe (LCI)
- Mia Lahiji (LCI)
- Hudson Renaud (LCI)
- Tracey Liu (WCHS)
- Gabriel Conrad (Chinook)
- Frances Reid (WCHS)
- Mina Akbar-Y Zheng (Gilbert Paterson)
- Candace Chan (WCHS)
- Janelle Bykowski (Chinook)
- Ashley Na (GS Lakie)
- Amanda Visser (ICHS)
- Wenyu Chen (GS Lakie)
- Emily Huynh (WCHS)
- Brigitt Morton (Chinook)
- Julia Pham (WCHS)
- Emily Han (WCHS)
- Oliva Earl (Chinook)
- Katherine Van Tol (WCHS)

Everyone is welcome to attend the Board Meetings. They begin at 3:30 p.m. and are held in the Education Centre Board Room located at 433 – 15 St. S. If you can't make it at 3:30, you can drop by at any time during the meeting. They usually end at around 6:00 p.m.