1. **2015/2016 Audited Financial Statement**
   School jurisdictions are required to submit an audited financial report to Alberta Education. Will Zobell, Partner BDO Canada LLP was in attendance to speak to the audited financial statement. The Board approved the Audited Financial Statements for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

2. **2015/2016 Budget Update**
   Director of Finance Christine Lee was in attendance to provide an overview of the 2015/2016 Budget Update and responded to questions from the Trustees. The Board accepted the 2015-2016 Budget and thanked Christine for her work in preparing the budget.

3. **District Three Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report**
   Alberta Education requires that each school jurisdiction develop a Three Year Education Plan (3YEP) which incorporates the vision, priorities, and strategies developed by the Board in consultation with stakeholders in the District. Alberta Education requires that the formally approved 3YEP be combined with the Annual Education Results Report (AERR) and be posted on the jurisdiction website by November 30.

   The Education Plan serves as a template for implementation of strategies, professional learning activities, and financial planning in the District. District Administrator Teresa Loewen has been instrumental in coordinating the production of the 3YEP / AERR document.

   Teresa received input from all the departments within District administration. The priorities identified in the plan were developed from input received at the annual Town Hall Meeting, and from consultation with District and school administration.
The results contained in the report contain Information from the provincial 2014-2015 Accountability Report as well as the Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams.

Teresa Loewen was in attendance at the Board meeting to highlight both the 3YEP and the AERR.

The Board approved the 3YEP and the 2014-2015 AERR as presented and formally thanked Teresa Loewen for her outstanding effort in coordinating the production of the 3YEP/AERR.

4. **Locally Developed Courses**
District highs schools are continually looking for courses to enhance program offerings to students. The Board approved the use of *Film Studies, 15, 25 and 35 for 5 credits* to enrich program offerings to students.

5. **Policy Review**
District policies are reviewed on a continuous basis to ensure they reflect the position of the Board. The Policy Advisory has representation from the Board, District School Council, each of the employee groups, and District and school administration. District Principal Teresa Loewen coordinates the meetings. In the current year, the Policy Advisory Committee will:

- Finish review of policies in the 600, 800, 900, 1000, 100 sections which were held over from last year.

- Approve new policies in these areas: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments, Learning Commons, Copyright, Use of Technology/Digital Citizenship, and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.

- Ensure that the policy manual is current, according to June 2015 changes to the current School Act and impending changes to the Education Act currently tabled by government.

The policy listed below was reviewed by the Policy Advisory Committee. Subsequently, the policy was distributed to school and District administration, staffs and school councils for input.

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Teresa Loewen was in attendance at the Board meeting and provided an overview of the policy, shared feedback that had been received and responded to trustee questions.

The Board adopted the revisions of the policy as presented by the Policy Advisory Committee, or as amended.

6. **Second Language Programs**

   The elementary school capital project on the Westside of Lethbridge provides opportunity for examination of second language programming in Lethbridge elementary schools. Potential expansion of opportunities provides choice and increases potential accessibility to second language programming.

   The Board gave approval to engage stakeholders and implement plans for the development of a French Immersion program on the Westside as well as engage stakeholders to assess if there is insufficient interest for the developments of an elementary Spanish Bilingual program.

7. **Breakfast with the Board**

   Lethbridge School District trustees have a long standing practice of visiting district facilities in order to better understand the operations at each site. Visits by trustees are truly appreciated by staff.

   On a monthly basis trustees meet with the staff of at least one district site for a continental breakfast. The informal meeting provides an opportunity for staff to share highlights of their work with trustees. Additionally, trustees can share information about district initiatives and respond to questions staff members may have.

   Breakfast with the Board has been scheduled at **GS Lakie on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 7:45 a.m.** and at **Immanuel Christian High School on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7:45 a.m.** Following the breakfasts, Principals Doug James and Rob vanSpronsen will provide school tours for trustees.

8. **Snacks with the Superintendents**

   At the beginning of each school year, Executive Council members are designated as school liaisons for each of the District schools. As a liaison, the Executive Council members represent the District at school functions. It has also been a long-standing practice for Executive Council members to visit schools and classrooms on a regular basis, observing first-hand the activities
that take place in the school. Visits by Executive Council members are appreciated by staff.

On a monthly basis Executive Council as a whole meets with the staff of one school for snacks. The informal meeting provides an opportunity for staff to share highlights of their school. Additionally, Executive Council members can share information about district initiatives and respond to questions staff members may have.

All the staff of Dr. Probe School have been invited to have Snacks with the Superintendents on Wednesday, December 9th beginning at 11:45 a.m.

9. **Board Reports**
   - Joint Committee of City of Lethbridge and Lethbridge School Boards – October 21
   - District School Council – November 2
   - ASBA Zone 6 General meeting – November 4
   - Policy Advisory Council – November 4
   - ATA Local Council – November 4
   - Audit Committee – November 18

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**Congratulations!**

**To...**

District students who competed and placed in recent Judo International tournaments as follows:

**Montreal**
- U18 Gold – **Virginia Nemeth** (LCI), **Sarah Perks** (LCI) and **Tanner Sudo** (LCI)
- U18 Silver – **Taeya Koliaska** (WCHS) and **Alexandra Gagnon** (Chinook)
- U16 Gold – **Kiera Westlake** (GPMS) and **Joel DeMaere** (ICHS)
- U16 Bronze – **Brady Dixon** (GS Lakie)
- Senior Division – **Taeya Koliaska** (WCHS) and **Virginia Nemeth** (LCI)

**Toronto**
- U18 Gold – **Alexandra Gagnon** (Chinook), **Virginia Nemeth** (LCI) and **Sarah Perks** (LCI)
- U18 Silver – **Taeya Koliaska** (WCHS) and **Joel DeMaere** (ICHS)
- U16 Gold – **Kiera Westlake** (GPMS)
- U16 Bronze – **Joel DeMaere** (ICHS)
- Senior Division – **Virginia Nemeth** (LCI)
District students awarded by the 2015 Southern Alberta High School Football League as follows:

**Division A**
- Most Valuable Player and All Star Linebacker – **Mitch Boychuk**, LCI
- Most Outstanding Player and All-Star Running Back – **Liam Hyland**, LCI
- Most Outstanding Player and All Star Offensive Line – **Tyler Lentz**, LCI
- Most Outstanding Player and All Star Defensive Back - **Brady Nelson**, LCI
- Most Outstanding Player and All Star Defensive Line – **Paul Dumont**, LCI
- All Star Receiver – **Tyler Evans**, LCI
- All Star Offensive Line – **Drayton Kary**, LCI

**Division B**
- Most Valuable Player and All Star Linebacker – **Zack Prankard**, Chinook
- Most Outstanding Player, All Star Quarterback and Defensive Back – **Nick Myndio**, Chinook
- Most Outstanding Player and All Star Running Back – **Tim Prankard**, Chinook
- Most Outstanding Player and All Star Offensive Line – **Connor Kopp**, Chinook
- All Star Receiver – **Connor Lozza**, Chinook
- All Star Offensive Line – **Cam Andres**, Chinook
- All Star Defensive Line – **Jack Martin**, Chinook

Winston Churchill High School student, **Brooklyn Fowler** who had the privilege of dancing in both the Moscow Ballet’s Great Russian Nutcracker as well as the Jeunesse Ballet Society’s Nutcracker held in Lethbridge.

Chinook High School boys and girls volleyball teams who captured the 4A Zone Championship banners and head to provincials in Edmonton.

Immanuel Christian High School boy’s volleyball team who finished second in the 2A Zone Tournament and are heading to Okotoks for provincials.

Churchill grade 11 student **Alexis Iwaasa** for being selected to Canada’s U16 Junior National Racquetball Team. Alexis represented Canada at the Junior World Championships in the Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic November 8-14, 2015.

3 Churchill students, who are currently playing with the Lethbridge Hurricanes, on their recent successes representing Canada at the U17 World Championships in Dawson.
Creek. Brett Davis won gold with the Canada White team, and Jordy Bellerive and Nick Watson were on the Canada Red team. Teams in the tournament were from Finland, Sweden, the Czech Republic, Russia and the US.

Students from the WCHS ELL Canadian Studies 25 class who will have their crochet works of art installed at Galt Gardens as part of the "Yarn Bombing" display in collaboration with other District schools. This artwork will become part of the Christmas festivities in downtown Lethbridge.

Churchill who recently presented a very successful production of the play Game of Tiaras. Approximately 30 students were involved with the production. The play ran for five performances at the Sterndale Bennett theatre and was praised for the high energy and professionalism of the performers.

10 Churchill Biology 30 students who are participating in a cross-curricular project with Art under the guidance of Jared Heidinger and Becky Hudson. They are doing Kids’ Art For a Cause to raise money to support people in need of wheelchairs due to neurological diseases such as Cerebral Palsy. The project connects to the Biology 30 nervous system unit and the art style of Henri Matisse.

Churchill ELL students, who under the direction of teacher Janice Brown, presented and recorded their experiences as immigrants to Canada through a Reader’s Theatre production that was recorded last year at Winston Churchill. Their experiences have become a video feature of the "Changing Places: immigration and Diversity" exhibition at the Galt Museum. The exhibition runs from October 31st 2015 to January 17th 2016.

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.