1. **Meritorious Budget Award**

The Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International has awarded Lethbridge School District No. 51 its Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) for excellence in budget presentation during the 2015–2016 budget year.

The Meritorious Budget Awards (MBA) program promotes and recognizes excellence in school budget presentation and enhances school business officials' skills in developing, analysing, and presenting a school system budget. After a rigorous review by professional auditors, the award is conferred only on school districts that have met or exceeded the program’s stringent criteria.

Director of Finance, Christine Lee, has led the development and submission of the district budget to ASBO International’s MBA Program for the last 11 years. This is the 10th year in a row that Lethbridge School District No. 51 has received the MBA. The District received its first MBA in 2006-2007, being the first Canadian school district to receive the award.

The Board congratulated the Business Affairs Department and specifically Christine Lee for their commitment to excellence in their school budget presentation.

2. **School Board Annual Work Plan**

An annual work plan is developed to guide the Board and Administration in the development of meeting agendas and to serve as a reminder of recurring events. The Board adopted the Annual Work Plan for 2015-2016.

3. **District Communications Plan**

Communication Officer Garrett Simmons and Superintendent Cheryl Gilmore have prepared a draft Communications Plan structured...
around Board Priorities. The Board approved the plan which includes strategies for both one-way communication and community engagement.

4. **Board Standing Committees Annual Reports and Terms of Reference Review**
   2014-2015 Year-End Board Committee Reports were provided and Terms of Reference for 2015 – 2016 were approved for the following Board committees:
   - Facilities Committee
   - Policy Advisory Committee
   - Spirit of 51 Committee
   - Superintendent Evaluation Committee
   - Board Budget Committee
   - Poverty Intervention Committee
   - Board Audit Committee
   - Healthy Schools Committee
   - Community Engagement Committee
   - Superintendent Evaluation Committee

5. **October Organizational Meeting**
   The School Board annual Organizational Meeting will be held on October 27th, 2015 during which the Board will determine membership on Board committees.

6. **District School Council Meetings**
   The following are the dates that District School Council Meetings will be held in the Board Room at the Education Centre starting at 6:30 p.m.:

   October 5, 2015
   November 2, 2015
   December 7, 2015
   January 11, 2016
   February 2, 2016 – Town Hall
   March 7, 2016
   April 4, 2016
   May 2, 2016
   June 6, 2016

7. **Alberta Teachers’ Association (ATA) Local Council Meeting Schedule**
   An excellent relationship exists between the Board of Trustees and its employee groups. Two examples of this collaborative relationship is the attendance by a member of the ATA Local Executive at all Board meetings and the open invitation that the ATA Local Executive to the Board to have a trustee attend Local Council meetings. A representative from the Board of Trustees will attend the 2015-2106 ATA Local Council Meetings shown below:

   October 7 – Attwell Building
   November 4 - Attwell Building – Annual General Meeting – no trustee needed
   December 2 - Christmas Dinner Meeting
   January 6 – Attwell Building
   February 3 - Attwell Building
March 2 - Attwell Building  
April 6 - Attwell Building  
May 4 - Attwell Building  
June 1 - Attwell Building

8. **Breakfast with the Board**
As has occurred in previous years, the Board of Trustees will be inviting school staffs plus the staff at the Education Centre and Attwell Building, to join them for a light breakfast on a rotating basis. The intent is to meet once over a three year period with each staff group.

Trustees have enjoyed the opportunity to engage staff members in informal conversation. Following the breakfast, trustees are invited to tour the school with the principal or assistant principal.

The schedule for 2015/16 is as follows:

October 8, 2015 – Agnes Davidson Elementary School  
November 3, 2015 – Immanuel Christian Elementary School  
December 2, 2015 – GS Lakie Middle School  
January 13, 2016 – Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School  
February 9, 2016 – Lethbridge Christian School  
March 8, 2016 – Chinook High School  
April 12, 2016 – Park Meadows Elementary School  
May 4, 2016 – Senator Buchanan Elementary School

9. **Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce Award.**
Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce awarded Lethbridge School District No. 51 in recognition of over 35 years of service at their recent President’s Dinner. Board members and Leadership Team members were able to attend the dinner and accept the service award.

10. **Reports**
- Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce Education Sub-Committee – Sept. 8  
- Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone Meeting – Sept. 9  
- Board Audit Committee – Sept. 9  
- Policy Advisory Committee – Sept. 16

**Congratulations!**

**To…**

**Winston Churchill for their results for International Baccalaureate (IB) candidates** in the May 2015 examination sessions: 31 students wrote 81 world examinations; 9 students challenged for the demanding full IB
Diploma, and all 9 were successful; 8 of 9 Churchill subject examination averages were above the world average.

Winston Churchill 2015 Grad **Darian Morrison** and current grade 12 students **Mikhi Lagemaat** and **Abby Neudorf** who participated in the U18 Rugby Alberta and Prairie Wolfpack Rugby teams this summer. The Wolfpack is a rep team for Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. All three have been selected to attend the U18 Canada Camp this October in Toronto.

Winston Churchill grade 12 student **Kara Morphet** who applied for, and was accepted to, the Junior Forest Ranger program this past summer. Kara worked at a fire station near Rocky Mountain House building trails, providing information to park visitors and assisting in fire management. This has helped Kara solidify her career aspirations in environmental biology.

Winston Churchill grade 12 students **Eyram Asem** and **Anileen Pageni** on their participation in the Heritage Youth Research Summer Program at the U of L. Eyram worked with a team studying paternal alcohol exposure effects on the neurodevelopment and behaviour of offspring and Anileen worked with a study looking at the impacts of small changes in RNA modification enzymes.

Winston Churchill Cross Country athletes who participated in the 3rd Annual Lethbridge Regional Police 5km Run Saturday, August 29th. **Tyler Toth** placed 5th overall out of 188 competitors. **Haley Shade**, **Amy Staples** and **Tanner Heslip** placed 13th, 14th and 18th respectively. Churchill teacher and Cross Country coach **Andrea Lammers-Pottage** ran in the half marathon placing 3rd overall for females.

You are 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.