1. **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 2016-2017. It identifies the major work of the Board that includes the tasks throughout the year that the Board does.

2. **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 as needed.
   - Ensure that the policy manual is current, according to the new Education Act.

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

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<td>Note that the Employee Code of Conduct was moved to become Appendix A 400.1 when Policy 400.1 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Work Environments was developed and approved. As such, the Policy should be formally deleted.-carried unanimously</td>
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Teresa Loewen attended the Board meeting and provided an overview of each policy. The Board adopted the revisions to the policies as presented by the Policy Advisory Committee, or as amended.

3. **Board Standing Committees Annual Reports and Terms of Reference Review**
   2015-2016 Year-End Board Committee Reports were provided and Terms of Reference for 2016 – 2017 were approved for the following Board committees:
   - Facilities Committee
   - Policy Advisory Committee
   - Spirit of 51 Committee – Section “Friends of 51 Program”
   - Board Budget Committee
   - Poverty Intervention Committee
   - Board Audit Committee
   - Healthy Schools Committee
   - Community Engagement Committee
   - Superintendent Evaluation Committee

4. **October Organizational Meeting**
   The School Board annual Organizational Meeting will be held on October 25, 2016 during which the Board will determine membership on Board committees.

5. **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 3, 2016
   - November 7, 2016
   - January 16, 2017
   - February 7, 2017 – Town Hall (Victoria Park Gymnasium)
   - March 6, 2017
   - April 3, 2017
   - May 1, 2017
   - June 5, 2016

6. **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 2016-2107 ATA Local Council Meetings shown below:
   - October 5 – General Stewart – Annual General Meeting – *no trustee needed*
   - November 2 - Attwell Building
   - December 7 - Christmas Dinner Meeting – Lethbridge Lodge
January 11 – Attwell Building
February 1 - Attwell Building
March 1 - Attwell Building
April 5 - Attwell Building
May 3 - Attwell Building
June 7 – Dinner Meeting – Luigi’s

7. **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 2016-2017 is as follows:

   October 13, 2016 – Fleetwood-Bawden School
   November 8, 2016 – Westminster School
   December 14, 2016 – Education Centre
   January 12, 2017 – Lakeview School
   February 16, 2017 – Nicholas Sheran School
   March 7, 2017 – Attwell Building
   April 11, 2017 – LCI
   May 2, 2017 – Dr. Probe School

8. **Sock It To ‘Em Campaign - November 1 – December 14, 2016**
   Retired District employee Gail Petrie initiated the Sock It to ‘Em campaign in 2003. Although retired, Ms. Petrie still coordinates the program. The initiative asks for donations of new socks, which are then distributed to community support agencies. This year marks the 14th Sock it to ‘Em campaign, which has resulted in over 99,000 pairs of socks being collected and distributed.

   District caretakers and maintenance staff, representing CUPE 290, have taken a lead role in supporting and managing the Sock It To ‘Em campaign. The campaign is also supported by CUPE 290 members of Palliser Regional Division No. 26 and Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Division No. 4.

   The Board made a contribution of $100 to the Sock it to ‘Em Campaign and extended thanks and congratulations to Ms. Petrie and the CUPE 290 members for their efforts.

9. **Reports**
   - Board Budget Committee – September 12, 2016
   - Board Community Engagement Committee – September 12, 2016
10. Literacy Initiatives

Demonstrating strong support for literacy initiatives in Lethbridge School District No. 51 schools, the Board announced it will be allocating $350,000 to support the purchase of resources targeting literacy in Grade 1 through Grade 6.

District Director of Finance, Christine Lee, who received the ASBO International 2016 Distinguished Eagle Award. Christine was given the award for her vision, leadership, and service which has had a positive impact on not only our students and district, but the school business profession as a whole.

District music teachers who are executive members of the Lethbridge Chapter of Carl Orff Canada. The Lethbridge Chapter of Carl Orff Canada hosted Bridges 2016 – the National Conference of Carl Orff Canada held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The conference was co-chaired and organized by Saskatoon Chapter, Calgary Chapter and Elizabeth Nevels as Lethbridge Chapter Representative. The Conference brought together exceptional national and international clinicians, children's performing groups and delegates from across Canada and further abroad in a joyful celebration of song, dance and music play.

Those District elementary and middle school students who joined together as an interschool choral/ensemble group (Lethbridge Children's Orff Ensemble) and performed with the Lethbridge Symphony on May 24th and 25th. Under the direction of Stacy Skretting these 38 students came together from six different District schools and performed her arrangements of 10 Canadian Folk Songs. They also had the opportunity to join other local choirs and sing selections in the symphony Carmina Burana. Choral group members are: Alex Ash, Kaila Bergstrom, Daniel Douglas, Logan Fedoruk, Teagan Flexhaug, Madison French, Hannah Giovannetti, Austin Goth, Hallie Goth, Kimber Goth, Jayden Harvey, Rebecca Hatch, Grace Heidinger, Morgan Hill, Kieran Inaba, Sarah Kadijk, Kenzie Kutsch, Brooklyn Leavitt, Parker Leavitt, Russell Leavitt, Briley Leusink, Ava Lupton, Josh Moxon, Emi Mundell, Samreet Mutti, Ammon Oler, Sierra Ormston, Tylee Orr, Brayden Risling, Paul Skretting, Hilary Jo Snedden, Brooke Stewart, Abby Still,
Isla Strong, Kaydence Tanner, Masataro Tatsuno, Milly Wood, Zitong Wu, and Steven Yang.

Park Meadows School grade 4 student, Ava Fletcher, who has been busy making an impact on our environment. She joined Earth Rangers and chose to work towards gathering donations to help save wolverines, which have become endangered in parts of Canada. She has raised $94.10 on a lemonade stand recently, working toward her goal of $500.

Senator Buchanan support staff member, Julie Matthews, who qualified to participate in next summer’s International Triathlon World Series. She was the champion in her age grouping upon qualifying.

Senator Buchanan grade 5 student, Lexi Petrik, who finished with a 2nd place in her age group in the Alberta Series of BMX racing.

GS Lakie Grade 8 student Josh Dublanko who competes in BMX as a 13 year old expert Male and earned a gold medal for his races as well as a bronze for his time trial at the Alberta Summer Games. His biggest accomplishments over the season was that he attended BMX Nationals in Calgary (alongside Olympian Tory Hyhaug) and placed 3rd receiving a Bronze medal and qualifying for worlds next year in South Carolina.

LCI Grade 12 student, Jordan Calladine who has been named to the Rugby Canada U18 long list and will start training this fall.

Churchill student Logan King who was a member of the Lethbridge Giants Junior Baseball team that participated in the Junior Little League World Series in Taylor Michigan this summer.

Churchill students Arnond Avila (grade 12) and Zoey Courchesne (grade 11) on participating with internships at the City of Lethbridge. Arnand worked with Lethbridge Transit as a Heavy Equipment Technician and Zoey worked in a carpentry apprenticeship where she is continuing to work part time.

Churchill teacher Elise Lee who was granted $1250 for French resources in her classroom by La Fondation Franco-Albertaine. This grant will allow her to purchase additional resources (books, games, e-books, movies, etc.) to enhance learning and promote an appreciation for French. She will be receiving the check on Friday September 30th during the Foundation’s annual gala.

Fleetwood Bawden student, Bella Beck who will be honoured at a luncheon with an “Inspiring Philanthropy Award”, presented by the Association of
Fundraising Professionals Southern Alberta Chapter for fundraising efforts for the Fort McMurray wildfires.

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.