1. **Appreciation of Staff - Carey Rowntree, Jonathan Dick and Nevin Morrison**

   Winston Churchill High School Principal, Carey Rowntree along with teachers Jonathan Dick and Nevin Morrison were recognized by the Canadian Ski Patrol for their lifesaving efforts responding to a student in cardiac arrest while at school in December 2016. The Board congratulated and showed their appreciation to Carey, Jonathan and Nevin recognizing their significant lifesaving efforts.

2. **Coalbanks Elementary School Presentation**

   Joey Gentile, Principal of Coalbanks Elementary School was in attendance to provide the Board with an update on the progress of the school to date.

3. **Early Development Instrument**

   The Early Development Instrument (EDI) was again collected from kindergarten teachers from across the province in the spring of 2016. The results from this data collection have been forwarded to school districts, with community data set for release in the fall of 2017. Isabelle Plomp was in attendance to share our school district results and compare them to previous EDI data from 2011 and 2012.

4. **Approval of International Trips**

   - WCHS Senior Varsity Boys Basketball Team to go to Cuba from January 1 returning January 8, 2018
   - LCI Rams Football Team to go to Spokane, Washington from September 7 returning September 9, 2017

   Both Trips were approved by the Board on the condition that all district policies and procedures are strictly followed.
5. **Policy Review**

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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6. **District Highlights**

- Christine Lee, Director of Finance, was recently awarded the prestigious Fellow Certified School Business Official (FCSBO) designation by the Alberta School Business Officials Association. The Board congratulated Christine Lee on this outstanding achievement.
- May 17, Jan Foster attended a presentation at Dr. Probe Elementary School. Three students fundraised to raise money for a Mindful Bench.
- Lola Major attended RTI Institute in Ottawa, it was the best conference she had every attended. The conference was entirely focused on students.
- Donna Hunt attended GS Lakie’s performance of the Beatles - Strawberry Fields, it was spectacular.

7. **Edwin Parr Zone 6 Award**

Mike Mountain Horse School teacher Brittney Petkau was the District nominee for the Edwin Parr Zone 6, the banquet held May 10, 2017 in Taber. The Board extended congratulations to Brittney for being selected as the Zone 6 winner and her exceptional address at the banquet.

The Board also extended its appreciation to Communications Officer Garrett Simmons for the production of an outstanding video showcasing the nominee.

8. **Public Presentation of the Budget**

As part of its community engagement mandate, the Board annually hosts a public meeting to provide all stakeholders an overview of the preliminary budget. This year the public meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2017 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Education Centre.

At the meeting, Director of Finance Christine Lee will provide an overview of the preliminary budget which will be reviewed and debated on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

9. **School Liaisons for 2017-2018**

Superintendent, Cheryl Gilmore provided the Board of Trustees and Executive Council with the list of School Liaisons for 2017-2018.
10. **Donations and Support**  
**Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Community Foundation Grants:**  
- $7,000 towards Handbells for Galbraith School Project  
- $5,000 towards G.S. Lakie Lighting Console and Fader for Convertible Theatre  
- $10,000 towards Mike Mountain Horse School Multi Sensory Room  
- $10,000 towards Agnes Davidson School Multi Sensory Room Project  
- $10,000 towards Lakeview School Playground Project  
- $4,000 towards Fleetwood Bawden Ringing at Fleetwood Project  
- $10,000 towards Winston Churchill Band Instrument & Equipment Revitalization  
- $600 towards Lethbridge Collegiate Institute Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) Awareness  

11. **Board Reports**  
- Community Engagement Committee – April 27, 2017  
- District School Council – May 1, 2017  
- ATA Local 41 Council – May 3, 2017  
- District Student Advisory Council – May 4, 2017  
- ASBA Zone 6 – May 10, 2017  
- Chamber of Commerce Business Education Committee  
- City School Boards Committee Meeting – April 26, 2017

**Congratulations!**

To...  

**Heather Hadford** was named one of the YWCA’s Women of Distinction.  

**Sydney Whiting** (GS Lakie), **Megan Miller** (Chinook), **Lauren Wesley** (WCHS) were recognized as Leaders of Tomorrow.  

**Lethbridge Christian School Grade 8 students** won the trip to Halifax in the My Parks Canada contest!  

**Jordyn White Quills**, Senator Buchanan Grade 4 student, was selected for the Alberta Great Kids Award and was recognized on May 7, 2017 in Edmonton!  

**Arts Alive and Well in Schools** Award Winners from our district are:
Art 30 2D & 3D Award of Merit (juried selections by Beta Sigma Phi Preceptor Eta Chapter):

- **Emelia Kazakawich** (Victoria Park)
- **Jazmin Golia** (WCHS)
  Art 30 Award of Merit & Creativity:
- **Jill Burke** (Chinook)
- **Tia Bunnage** (Chinook)
  Junior High / Middle School Award of Merit:
- **Chloee Hutchison** (GS Lakie)
  Curator’s Pick (independent selection made by SAAG curator):
- **Emelia Kazakawich** (Victoria Park)

Participant’s Draw:
- **Sasmitha Rodrigo** (Galbraith)

University of Lethbridge, Faculty of Fine Arts, Art Award of Excellence:
- **Azia Raine Burton** (WCHS)

University of Lethbridge, Faculty of Fine Arts, New Media Award of Excellence:
- **Rihanna Russell** (Chinook)
- **Grace Landry** (LCI)

Southwest Regional Skills Canada Winners are:
- **Jordann Neudorf** (WCHS – 1st in Baking)
- **Julia Reimer** (Chinook – 3rd in Fashion Technology)
- **Spencer Nelson** (LCI – 1st in Graphic Design)
- **Samantha Kolasko** (Victoria Park – 3rd in Hair Intermediate)
- **Erynn Greenlee** (Victoria Park – 1st in Hair Junior)
- **Bethany Gallup** (Victoria Park – 1st in Photography)

LCI teacher **Cory Hoffner** was selected to receive the tools from this year’s Skills Canada Competition. Cory travelled to Edmonton to pick up the equipment for the shop class.

**Phoenix Kobylka** (Victoria Park – 4th in Hairtyling Intermediate) at the Southwest Regional Skills Canada.

Victoria Park students competed at the Skills Canada Provincial level: **Eryn Greenlee** (10th in Hairstyling Junior), **Samantha Kolasko** (7th in Hairstyling Intermediate), and **Phoenix Kobylka** (9th in Hairstyling Intermediate).

Churchill grade 12 student **Arnond Avila** competed in the Skills Canada Provincial competition May 10-11 in Edmonton in the Heavy Duty Mechanics category. Arnond is a RAP student working with the City of Lethbridge and has been training for the competition with a team from the Lethbridge College.

**Winston Churchill** presented their play *What’s Going on Back There?* at the Southern Alberta One Act Play Festival April 27. Twenty-four students were
involved in the production with twenty-one onstage through the entire play and three working technical support.

The following Churchill students received recognitions at the Leaders of Tomorrow presentations held April 26:

- **Lauren Wesley** – grade 12 (Good Samaritans, Park Meadows Villa) – Volunteer Excellence Award (one of only 6 presented)
- **Trinity Alles** – grade 10 (Good Samaritans, Park Meadows Villa)
- **Fay Blackmore** – grade 12 (MAT program, Boys & Girls Club)
- **Morgan Maxwell** – grade 10 (Heart’s Haven Ranch)

Churchill grade 12 student-athlete **Sam Lower** was selected to the Football Alberta South Senior Bowl All-star team. Sam’s selection followed a weekend camp in Calgary April 22-23. The 28th Annual North-South Senior Bowl will be held at McMahon Stadium Monday, May 22.

Churchill grade 12 student **Alexis Iwaasa** won the 18 and Under Canadian Singles Junior Racquetball Championship title April 26-29 in Leamington, ON. The closest game for Alexis in the medal rounds was a 15-7 win.

Churchill grade 9 student **Jackson Lowe** won the Provincial Gymnastics Championship April 6-8 in Fort McMurray and continued on to win the Western Canadian Championships in Brandon MB April 26-29. At the Western Championships, Jackson won the All-round title for Level-4 by winning three gold, two silver and a bronze in individual apparatus competitions and helped Team Alberta to the overall team title.

Churchill grade 9 student **Luke Schmidtler** was selected to the 2017 Alberta BMX Team. The Provincial Team consists of a maximum of 16 riders, consisting of the top male and female athletes aged 13 through Junior. As a Provincial Team member, Luke will be representing Alberta at the National Championships in Calgary August 26-27.

The **Churchill Robotics** team is one of 150 Canadian Regional Finalists for the Samsung Canada “Solve for Tomorrow” 2017 Education Contest! The purpose of the program is to inspire students, improve local communities and foster Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education in schools. The next phase is a video competition to win up to $20 000 in Samsung technology for classrooms.

**David Fuller**, District ESL Lead Teacher, will be receiving the Medal of Merit which is awarded to one student from each degree program for excellence in graduate studies. David received his MEd in Global Literacy (now called Multiple Literacies in Canadian Classrooms). He has done outstanding work in his field of expertise and his work has been shared across the province.
Kimberlie Crowe (LCI student) was flown to Calgary for a press conference recognizing her as being this year’s Campaign against Drunk Driving Contest Design Winner!  [http://www.calgarysun.com/2017/05/17/lethbridge-teen-kimberlie-crowe-bests-hundreds-of-submissions-for-campaign-against-drunk-driving](http://www.calgarysun.com/2017/05/17/lethbridge-teen-kimberlie-crowe-bests-hundreds-of-submissions-for-campaign-against-drunk-driving)

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.