



Highlights from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting highlights from March 27 - Next meeting April 24

1. Unified Laptop Project

G.S. Lakie Middle School and Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School are exploring an initiative for the 2018-19 school year where all students will have a laptop as an instructional resource. Principal of Senator Joyce Fairbairn (Bill Bartlett), vice-principal of G.S. Lakie Middle School (Kyle McKenzie), Technology Director (Jesse Sadowski) and Lakie principal Sharon Mezei provided the Board with an overview of the Unified Laptop Project. The group reported that about 350 parents participated in a recent information night regarding the project. McKenzie noted statistics indicate students do not have the computer skills many assume they do, and the goal with the one student, one laptop philosophy is to embed computer literacy into all courses in order to build student capacity year after year. The Board received the Unified Laptop Project presentation as information.

2. Approval of International Trip

Winston Churchill High School and Chinook High School are requesting approval to take a Robotics Team to the FIRST Robotics Competition in Houston, Texas, from April 17-22, 2018. Information regarding the educational benefits of the trip and the proposed itinerary were presented. The estimated cost per student is \$1,300. Fundraising opportunities will be available to students to offset the cost of the trip. Students will be competing with the Cerberus robot they have been building since January. Students in the robotics program have been preparing since September, and building and creating code since January. The WCHS/Chinook FIRST Robotics Competition Trip to Houston, Texas, was approved, on the condition all district policies and procedures are strictly followed.

3. Policy Review

District policies are reviewed on a continuous basis to ensure they reflect the position of the Board. The Policy Advisory Committee has representation from the Board, District School Council, each of the employee groups, and District and school administration.

At the March 27 meeting, the following policies were discussed:

- 400.1 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Work Environments - Amendment
- 502.1 Welcoming Caring Respectful and Safe Learning Environments - Amendment
- 502.1 Appendix A Student Code of Conduct - Amendment
- 502.2 Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression - Amendment
- 502.3 Suspensions and Expulsions - Amendment
- 504.8 Involvement with Authorized Agencies - Amendment
- 602.7 Human Sexuality Instruction - Amendment
- 902.3 Audio and Video Surveillance - second reading and third reading

For more information on the policies, please see Page 13 of the [AGENDA](#)

4. New Westside Middle School Naming

Subsequent to reviewing a school naming committee shortlist, and names submitted through the naming process for consideration, the Board chose the name Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School for the new middle school opening on the westside of Lethbridge for the 2018-2019 school year.

4. New Westside Middle School Naming

Senator Fairbairn's niece, Patricia McCullagh, Ambassador of Canada in Algeria, thanked the District for getting touch for permission to use the name, and noted she felt it was a wonderful idea to name the school after her aunt, Senator Joyce Fairbairn.

The Board approved the name Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School for the new westside middle school and will notify Alberta Education.

5. Second Quarter Financial Report

The 2017-18 Second Quarter Financial Report for the District was provided for review. Director of Finance, Mark De-Boer, was in attendance to respond to any questions trustees had.

The Board received the 2017-18 Second Quarter Financial Report as presented.

For more information concerning the report, please see Page 37 of the [AGENDA](#).

6. Board Budget Beliefs Statement

During its 2018 Planning Retreat, the Board reviewed the Budget Beliefs Statement that will serve as a guide as the 2018-19 budget is developed.

The Board adopted the Budget Beliefs Statement for 2018-19 as presented.

For more information concerning the report, please see Page 73 of the [AGENDA](#).

7. 2019-2021 Capital Plan

The Executive Summary to the 2018-2019 to 2020-2021 Capital Plan for the District was provided for review. A presentation was provided to Trustees about the Three-Year Capital Plan, on behalf of the Facilities Committee. The 120 page detailed Three-Year Capital Plan is located on the District website under Planning and Reporting, and can be found here: [REPORT](#).

The Board accepted the 2019-2021 Capital Plan as presented.

8. Network Switch Security Upgrade

The current switches in the schools have reached the end of their life cycle. For security purposes and for network connectivity and capability, it is necessary to replace these switches.

The technology department requested to spend approximately \$110,500 from technology one-time reserves to complete this upgrade.

The Board approved the use of technology department reserves to complete the required Network Switch Security Upgrade with an approximate cost of \$110,500.

9. Breakfast with the Board – Wilson Middle School – April 12, 2018

Lethbridge School District No. 51 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 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 Wilson Middle School on Thursday, April 12, 2018 from 7.30-8 a.m. Following the breakfast, principal Dean Hawkins will provide a tour of the school for trustees.

The Board received the report as information.

10. Business Affairs Report

Christine Lee, Associate Superintendent, Business Affairs, reported Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School construction in west Lethbridge is 80-per-cent complete and on target for school opening in September of 2018.

There will be a progressive turnover planned for beginning of June to access the school for purposes of fitting up furniture and equipment.

11. Human Resources Report

Rik Jesse, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, reported Round 1 of the hiring process is now complete. Round 1 included 28 positions posted at 17 schools.

12. Instructional Services Report

Morag Asquith, Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services, reported discussions are underway to explore the growth and development of Dual Credit courses for District high school students for the 2018-19 School Year.

13. Board Priorities Report

The Education Centre Leadership Team is committed to keeping the Board informed regarding progress in Board priority areas. An update on progress is provided in the form of a report each month.

The Board received the report as information.

The report can be found on Page 98 of the [AGENDA](#).

14. Acknowledgements of Excellence

The Board has a long-standing practice of acknowledging the efforts of students and staff whose commitment to excellence has resulted in outstanding achievement. Details of accomplishments of note are provided as information. Congratulations to the following District staff and students:

New Teacher Induction 2016-2017:

Education Centre - Andrea Fox, Keenen Geer, Cheryl Zumbach

Chinook - Deserae Gogel, DeAndra Sullivan

ICSS - Lee-Ann Groenheide, Jaime Hummel

LCI - Jaquelyn O'Sullivan Shaelynn Garner Lance Rosen

WCHS - Matt Gough, Kimberly Hansen, Koreen Klassen, Jonathan Miquel-Alvarez, Katie Nelson, Geoff Waugh, Cale Wright

Gilbert Paterson - Martin Bazin, Jenna Konschuk, David Mansbridge

G.S. Lakie - Tanner Bexson, Michele Loman, Miranda Mackenzie, Nicholas Rickards, Sarah Williamson, Daniel Yaretz

Wilson - Jessica Gunderson, Annalee Hamilton, Kelsey Kydd, Yvette Lowen Cason Machacek, Sam Pater

Coalbanks - Tamara Constantine, Kristin Kobbert

Ecole Agnes Davidson - Chris Firth, Annette Lachman, Brianna Richards, Meagan Thorlakson

Fleetwood Bawden - Ali Koganow, Jacqueline Mcneill, Cole Olson

Sharla Statham Ciona Thompson

Galbraith - Taylor Bourassa

General Stewart - Aimee Omit

ICES - Kristy Dekens, Tracey Driedger

Lakeview - Alex Funk, Mike Greeno, Stephanie Welch

Mike Mountain Horse - Rita Malek

Nicholas Sheran - Dawn Blankenstyn, Mallory Finnie, Melanie Hawkins, Elizabeth MacMillan

Park Meadows - Danielle Fischer, Stacey Hegland, Amanda Krawchuk

Senator Buchanan - Sarah Delong, Sally Leung

Westminster - Megan Lewi

Senator Buchanan staff member, Erin Vogel received her certification for Brain Story.

Chinook student Noah Higgins was named the Junior Male Athlete at the 2017 Lethbridge Sport Council Achievement Award.

Wilson Middle School Grade 7/8 band students with Mr. Conrad earned SUPERIOR (the highest score possible) at the Alberta International Band Festival.

Chinook High School curling team earned Bronze at Provincial Championships. Team members are Hannah Terry, Kalli Hansen, Ben Townley, Zack Robinson, Jasmyn Mears, and Braden Austin.

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District students Hayden Van't Land (ICES), Jenna Seely (Agnes Davidson), Abby Worthington and Emily Woods (Nicholas Sheran), Abigail Wittke (Fleetwood Bawden), Phoenix Reimer (Westminster), and Sirrah Harris (Galbraith) have just completed a very successful season as members of the Lethbridge Football Club U11 Chargers. They were undefeated and won gold in two tournaments, and this past weekend they played hard and showed a lot of heart playing one age level up at provincials, narrowly missing semi-finals and finishing 8th in the province. Laila Leavitt (Coalbanks) and Liv Norrie (Probe) were "call ups" from the LFC U10 team who joined the Chargers for provincials.

Churchill Grade 12 student Shannon Morgan was selected to attend Rotary International's Adventure in Citizenship taking place in Ottawa April 29 to May 2, 2018 with a full sponsorship from the Rotary Club of Lethbridge East.

Churchill Grade 10 students Rebecca Avileli and Tianna Westling have been accepted to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) leadership camp in Chestermere from May 10 – 13, 2018 with full sponsorship from Rotary Club of Lethbridge East.

Churchill Grade 10 student Kendra Dawson participated in a Tall Ship Deployment with the Sea Cadets in Victoria March 11-17.

Churchill Grade 12 student Madi Clermont has been cast in Grande Prairie's "Broadway Live Broadway" fall production of The Hunchback of Notre Dame – The Disney Musical, starting September 2018.

Congratulations to Dianne Violini from Churchill on her 40th qualification to the Canadian Masters Bowling Championship. Dianne bowled successfully in 6 Provincial Qualifying events this year to make the Alberta Ladies Team. She will compete in Thunder Bay June 30-July 4.

15. Snacks with the Superintendents – LCI – April 17, 2018

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 LCI have been invited to have Snacks with the Superintendents on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 beginning at 11:50 a.m.

The Board received the report as information.

16. Board Budget Committee

The committee reviewed budget assumptions developed to date for the 2018-2019 budget, among other budget-related topics. The assumptions included enrollment projections, staffing and benefit costs and economic indicators.

17. Community Engagement Committee

The committee discussed the success of the ICE Scholarship Breakfast, reviewed feedback which was received as a result of Town Hall 2018 and discussed the details surrounding a realtor luncheon set for May 23, 2018.

18. District School Council

Presentations included: Middle/High: Career Development – transitions – school to work/school to school and Elementary: Update on numeracy and literacy; How to choose level appropriate books for your children.

19. District Student Advisory Council

The purpose of District Student Advisory Council was explained, as the council engaged in a getting-to-know-you activity and participated in a inclusivity and diversity activity that included reports from each school.

20. Community and Social Development Committee

The committee held a special meeting to discuss the proposed Strategic Plan as well as the unallocated funds

21. Poverty Intervention

The committee reviewed the Weekends and More pilot project, discussed its budget and covered the details surrounding the annual appreciation lunch on May 16.

22. Facilities Committee

The committee reviewed the 2018-2019 to 2020-2021 Capital Plan and provided progress updates on the construction of the west Lethbridge middle school and planning for the southeast elementary school.

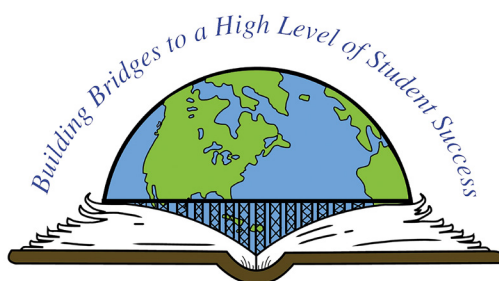
23. ASBA Zone 6

The Zone 6 Handbook was reviewed and a Code of Conduct was added and changes made. It was reported the ASBA strategic goals have been updated and a draft budget has been approved.

24. Correspondence Received

Alberta Education has approved the demolition and site reclamation of two modular/portable classrooms at Ecole Agnes Davidson Elementary School.

Alberta Education has not approved the modernization of the south wing of Wilson Middle School, The District had requested permission to use remaining contingency funding to expand the modernization scope of the work at the school to include the 1,000 square metres in the south wing of the school, which is currently being used to deliver school program delivery, due to a rebound in enrollment in this area.



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