



Highlights from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting highlights from April 24 - Next meeting May 22

1. Unified Laptop Project

G.S. Lakie and Senator Joyce Fairbairn administrators provided a presentation to the Board at the March meeting in regards to the Unified Laptop Project. Some discussion on this topic also occurred at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 10. Senator Joyce Fairbairn principal Bill Bartlett provided further details regarding the potential of a Unified Laptop Project at Fairbairn. Bartlett added a number of details need to be worked out and questions still need to be answered surrounding the project. He added the school has set a June 1 timeline to make a decision regarding the project, and whether it is a go for the 2018/2019 school year. G.S. Lakie is no longer pursuing the project for the 2018-19 school year.

2. Art's Alive and Well in Schools

Art's Alive and Well in Schools student art exhibition will run from Sunday, May 6 to Saturday, June 9, 2018. Approximately 350 pieces of student art, representing 32 schools within The City of Lethbridge, will be on display. All Lethbridge School District No. 51 schools participate in this event, along with Holy Spirit city schools and École la Verendrye. Lethbridge School District No. 51 and Holy Spirit collaborate to present two awards of merit for the junior high/middle school students. The event has a new sponsor for the Art 30 2D & 3D award, the Allied Arts Council. Last year was the first year the U of L partnered to give out two Art 30 awards. All participating schools contribute financially to support the other awards and prizes given out at the opening ceremony. Director of Technology, Jesse Sadlowski, will be putting together a video portion for this year's exhibit. District staff member Kathy Knelsen co-ordinates the annual event and extended an invitation to all trustees and District staff members to attend. The opening ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 6, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Southern Alberta Art Gallery (601-3 Ave. S.). Karen Rancier will serve as MC for the opening ceremony and Board Chair, Clark Bosch, will bring greetings on behalf of the District. The Board received the report as information and extended appreciation to Knelsen for her efforts to co-ordinate this celebration of student art in Lethbridge.

3. Breakfast with the Board – Gilbert Paterson Middle School – May 1, 2018

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 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 Gilbert Paterson Middle School on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 from 7:30-8 a.m. Following the breakfast, principal Darryl Christensen will provide a tour of the school for trustees. The Board received the report as information.

4. Preliminary 2018/19 Budget – Presentation to the Public

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 22, 2018 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Education Centre.

4. Preliminary 2018/19 Budget – Presentation to the Public

At the meeting, Director of Finance, Mark DeBoer, will provide an overview of the preliminary budget, which will be reviewed and debated at the Board Budget meeting scheduled for May 29, 2018. Through discussions with the Board Budget Committee, the 2018/2019 budget will also be presented by using multiple large posters/boards to try provide the budget in a graphical/visual presentation (new idea for increased public engagement). The approved budget will be forwarded to Alberta Education, and will be updated prior to Nov. 30, once the official Sept. 30 enrolment counts are confirmed. An invitation will be extended to staff, parents and the public to attend the Public Budget Presentation through social media.

The Board received the report as information.

5. Business Affairs Report

Christine Lee, Associate Superintendent, Business Affairs, reported work continues on the design for the southeast Lethbridge elementary school in the Southbrook subdivision. Construction documents are complete and under review. Prequalification RFQ posted to short list to three to five contractors for construction bid.

Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School construction in west Lethbridge is 85-per-cent complete and on target for school opening September, 2018. There will be a progressive turnover planned for beginning of June to access the school for purposes of fitting up furniture and equipment.

6. Human Resources Report

Rik Jesse, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, reported the HR team will attend the Opportunity Knocks Job and Career Fair 2018, Thursday, April 26. Open to job seekers from all walks of life, the event is an inclusive arena for all. With more than 5,000 previous attendees, Opportunity Knocks is the premier job and Career fair for all southern Albertans. Jesse provided a recap, to date, on Round II of the hiring process, as 42 positions were advertised at 17 schools.

7. Instructional Services Report

Morag Asquith, Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services, reported she attended the CASS FNMI Education Gathering in Edmonton. Asquith described it as a very valuable and educational experience that included a lot of learning around other First Nations cultures, Metis and Inuit in Canada. Division of Instructional Services is currently reviewing over 20 policies to ensure District practices and language are aligned and current with practices.

8. Snacks with the Superintendents – WCHS – May 2, 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 WCHS have been invited to have Soup with the Superintendents on Wednesday, May 2, beginning at 11:40 a.m.

The Board received the report as information.

9. Education Week, April 30 to May 4, 2018

Education Week provides all Albertans with an opportunity to highlight the important role education plays in shaping the future of our province. The theme of this year's Education Week is, Learning is a Journey.

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To celebrate Education Week at the District level this year, Lethbridge School District No. 51 will feature a web gallery on the website comprised of student representation endeavours. Learning is expressed in a variety of ways, including representations created by students.

One way students express thinking and their humanity is through representation. Creative thinking is highlighted as a core competency in the developing Alberta K-12 curriculum and an attribute recognized as essential by education futurist thinkers and authors.

A call for submissions has been put out to schools. Schools can submit representations of student work to be posted on a Lethbridge School District No. 51 "Web Gallery" launching April 30, 2018. Representations may include the following: visual art, photos, or videos of performance – music – drama – dance, class projects associated with any subject, students working on assignments in a practical arts context such as automotive, foods, auto body, cosmetology, fashion, computer design, or construction the ideas are limitless – anything that can be described as a visual representation of thinking or expression fits.

The Board received the report as information and will deliver apples to each District location for staff to enjoy.

10. 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 will be provided in the form of a report each month. The full report can be found on Page 26 of the [AGENDA](#).

11. 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:

Caleb DeMaere (ICSS) won 1st place at the Edmonton International Judo Competition for his class, and Nathan DeMaere (ICSS) won 2nd in his weight class.

Caleb DeMaere (ICSS) won 1st place in the u38kg class at the London Sportif (Judo) competition in London, United Kingdom on March 31.

Immanuel Christian Secondary School Lady Eagles took home silver in the 2A Basketball Provincial Championships on March 17.

Kariya Lepko (ICSS) participated in the Western Canada Cup for X-Finity. She finished third overall for combined Levels 3&4 in the 12 years and over division, which combined scores from all three events. She was first in the Double Mini Tramp, fifth place in Tumbling and sixth in Trampoline.

G.S. Lakie student Elijah Hill took home the U16 Bronze medal at the Sportif International Judo tournament which took place in London, England recently.

Lethbridge Wrestling had District students attend the U17/U19 Canadian Championships recently:

- Brantley Saar (Chinook) – Silver medalist, U17, 65kg
- Maren Evanson (LCI) – Silver medalist, U19
- Angelina Ellis-Toddington (Chinook) – National Champion, U17

Churchill students David Oler (piano), Alice Zhang (speech) and Andy Sun (piano) were selected to perform at the Stars of the Festival event of the Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival. Andy and Alice also received recommendation to the 2018 Provincial Festival.

Six Winston Churchill students travelled with Master Darin Gibson and the team from Legacy Tae Kwon-Do to Regina on March 24. The tournament featured competitors from Saskatchewan, Alberta and Quebec. Collectively, the Churchill students (Reshma Gurung, Alisha Gurung, Anisha Bhattarai, Heman Monger, Biswas Rai, and David Ha) captured 4 gold, 4 Silver and 1 Bronze medal competing in patterns and sparring events.

Churchill Grade 12 student Ashlyn Feenstra received the President's Scholarship at Briercrest College & Seminary in the amount of \$14 000.

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Congratulations to the Churchill Robotics team on their accomplishments at the Rocky Mountain Regional Competition April 5-7 in Calgary. They ended the first day of competition ranked 22 out of 35 teams due to some coding and mechanical issues, but moved up quickly to 14 on day-2 as the top ranked rookie team. The team eventually lost out in the playoffs, but did garner some significant recognitions: Top Rookie Seed for the highest finishing rookie team, Rookie Inspiration Award, and team member Amber Conarro was selected as a Dean List Finalist.

Churchill Grade 10 student Amber Conarro will travel to Houston, Texas April 18-21 with her mother for the World Robotics Championships where a winner will be selected from Dean List Finalists.

Churchill Grade 10 student Damon Van de Graaf has been participating in the Alberta Education Minister's Youth Council. Damon has made significant contributions and provided student perspectives to the panel on issues including: mental health; LGBTQA2S+; rural education; welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments. Damon will be interviewing peers in the school community to provide the Ministry with informed advice at their next session.

Churchill has two teams competing in the University of Lethbridge Finance Competition April 2 through May 8. The team members are David Basil, Ryan Bruce, Thomas Byrne and Ben Hall, Matthew Ryabov, Nick Parra, Leshav Duhan.

Lethbridge Science Fair winners from LCI:

- Clara Lebon-Volia (grade 9 bronze medal): My project was about studying ways to grow plants with ocean water. I created a system that permit salt water to evaporate and become pure water to feed plants and vegetables. My experience were successful and my system could easily be deployed on a larger scale. It could solve the problem of shortage of pure water in the world.
- Mathieu Lebon-Volia (grade 11 gold medal): I created a computer network on what anyone can use a forum, a real-time chat, and a file sharing platform. Anyone can be connected to the network with any kind of electronic devices that use Wi-Fi. The network is not connected to Internet to keep it secured and fully anonymous. The security is guaranteed by an algorithm that I called "AAF" which can work alone. The algorithm is able to analyze all the files on the network to detect any viruses and protect the network from any kind of attacks. The system AAF is capable of learning from all the actions done on the network.

Congratulations to the Churchill One Act play on winning the Southwest festival April 18. The play, You Are Playing You Now, featured 18 students in an ensemble cast following two students through the highs and lows of high school life lessons. Teacher Greg Wolcott wrote and directed this original play. This is the 8th festival win for Churchill in the last 9 years. The group will travel to Red Deer May 3-5 for the Provincial Drama Festival. District students recognized at the Volunteer Lethbridge Leaders of Tomorrow were Isaac Olsen (Gilbert Paterson Middle School) and Mayah Van Sluys (Ecolé Agnes Davidson School).

12. Committee Reports - Educational Task Force – April 9, 2018

Trustee Doung James reported the committee reviewed and approved CLIPS (Chamber Leadership Innovation Project for Students) grants for the following schools: Coalbanks Elementary (2 grants \$500 each - Digital Storytelling and Kids can Cook), Fleetwood Bawden Elementary (\$500 for the Fleetwood Family Outdoor classroom).

13. Committee Reports - District School Council – April 9, 2018

The meeting included a trustee report, a report from the Alberta School Councils Association and reports from the Policy Advisory Committee and the Poverty Intervention Committee. A report was also delivered about the sequence of French programming offered in Lethbridge School District No. 51.

14. Committee Reports - ATA Local Council – April 11, 2018

Trustee Jan Foster reported on several topics, including the proposed unified laptop project, the naming of the westside middle school, approval of new southeast elementary school, applications for ICE scholarships and budget discussions.

15. Committee Reports - Policy Advisory Committee – April 11, 2018

Chair Clark Bosch reported the committee reviewed six policies, which included: 400.3 Whistleblower Protection, 602.3 French as a Second Language, 602.2 French Immersion, 602.6 Second Language Programs other than English and French, 607.3 Instructional Resources and Materials, 609.2 Report Cards.

16. Committee Reports - FNMI Advisory Committee – April 23, 2018

Trustee Doug James provided an oral report regarding the committee's April 23 meeting.



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