

Lethbridge School District No. 51

Highlights from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting highlights from December 18 - Next meeting January 22

1. Building Brains presentation

District Early Childhood Co-ordinator, Isabelle Plomp, provided the Board with a presentation on Building Brains.

The Board received the presentation as information.

2. 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 Dec. 18 meeting, the following policies were reviewed:

402.11.1 - Teacher Growth, Supervision & Evaluation - Amendment

602.6 - Second Language Programs other than English and French - Amendment

603.1 - Animals in Schools - First reading

609.5 - Student Records - Amendment

The Board adopted the revisions to the policies as presented by the Policy Advisory Committee, or as amended. The policies can be found on Page 11 of the [AGENDA](#).

3. Trustee Renumeration

The Board of Trustees passed the following motion: That due to recent changes in income tax regulations effective Jan. 1, 2019, as applied to Trustees, Lethbridge School District No. 51 Board of Trustees increase their honourarium, including per diem rates, to reflect a hold-harmless position in after-tax dollars.

4. Board Donations in Lieu of Christmas Treats

For the past number of years, the Board has made donations on behalf of each staff to charities identified by each school. This practice was put into place in lieu of some form of token of appreciation from the Board such as chocolate to acknowledge the efforts of staff. The Board continued with this practice, making a \$50 donation on behalf of each staff to a charitable organization identified by the staff. Below is a list of the charitable organizations that the Board will make donations to on behalf of the respective staff groups:

Chinook High School - Streets Alive

Coalbanks School - KidSport

Dr. Probe School - KidSport

École Agnes Davidson School - YouthOne

École Nicholas Sheran School - Lethbridge Food Bank

Education Centre / Attwell - Fast Forward

Fleetwood Bawden School - Lethbridge Food Bank

G S Lakie Middle School - Big Brothers and Big Sisters

Galbraith School - Children's Hospital

General Stewart School - Lethbridge Therapeutic Riding Association

Gilbert Paterson Middle School - Lethbridge Food Bank

Immanuel Christian Elementary School - Compassion Canada

Immanuel Christian Secondary School - Streets Alive

Lakeview School - Interfaith Food Bank

LCI - Lethbridge Food Bank

Lethbridge Christian School - World Vision

Mike Mountain Horse School - Boys & Girls Club

4. Board Donations in Lieu of Christmas Treats

Park Meadows School - Harbour House

Senator Buchanan School - Lethbridge Food Bank

Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School - Woods Homes

Victoria Park / LASP VPHS - Interact Club

WCHS Churchill - Student in Need Fund

Westminster School - 1 District 1 Book Season's Reading

Wilson Middle School - Lethbridge Food Bank

The Board accepted the report as information.

5. Breakfast with the Board – Senator Buchanan Elementary School – January 9, 2019

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 Senator Buchanan Elementary School on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 from 7.45 – 8.15 a.m. Following the breakfast, Principal Lenee Fyfe will provide a tour of the school for trustees.

The Board received the report as information.

6. Associate Superintendent Reports

Christine Lee, Associate Superintendent, Business Affairs; Rik Jesse, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources and Morag Asquith, Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services, delivered their respective reports for the Board. To read the reports in full, see Page 21 of the [AGENDA](#).

7. Board Priorities Report

The District Office 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 report can be found on Page 31 of the [AGENDA](#).

The Board received the report as information.

8. 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:

Gilbert Paterson Middle School student, Akshara Nagaruru (Grade 7) won the Lethbridge Public Library Spelling Bee on November 17th by outlasting the competition for 18 rounds.

Congratulations to Coach Wood and the Gilbert Paterson Rep Boy Tigers who won both the Lethbridge Schools Athletic Association (LSAA) championship and the South Zone 1J volleyball championship titles in November.

Coach Lam and his Rep Girl Tigers captured silver in both of these championships as well, capping a successful year for the Paterson volleyball program.

G.S. Lakie Grade 7 student, Coen Duda, earned Gold for his U14 Open Judo Tournament in Red Deer.

G.S. Lakie Grade 7 student, Porter Gook, earned Silver in the 47-50 kilo category at the wrestling tournament in Wetaskiwin.

G.S. Lakie Grade 7 student, Sol Brewerton, earned bronze in the 39-40 kilo category at the wrestling tournament in Wetaskiwin.

Congratulations to Churchill staff members Morgan Day and Kade Hogg who lent their performing arts expertise to the annual Rotary Community Fundraiser production of It's a Wonderful Life for the second consecutive year.

8. Acknowledgements of Excellence

Churchill Grade 10 student Raelynn Dyck had her artwork selected by Western Financial Group to be featured in their 2019 calendar. Raelynn's art was selected through Western Financial's Calendar Art Contest for Youth with the 13 winning pieces selected by the Western Communities Foundation board members. The calendar will be distributed at locations across Western Canada.

Churchill's Blackfoot Language and Culture class from spring 2018 had its traditional Blackfoot themed artwork selected by Alberta Health Services (AHS) to create a colouring book for patients and visitors to Lethbridge Regional Hospital. The artwork came from student created components of a Blackfoot mural displayed in the Churchill Learning Commons. The colouring books will be on display at the Board meeting.

9. Snacks with the Superintendents – Gilbert Paterson Middle School – January 16, 2019

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 meet 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 Gilbert Paterson Middle School have been invited to have Snacks with the Superintendents on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 beginning at 11:35 a.m.

The Board received the summary as information.

10. Donations and Support

Lethbridge School District No. 51 is fortunate to be in a community that strongly supports programs and services for students. The District is appreciative of the difference the support makes to the lives of children. These partnerships and support further the efforts of helping children come to school ready to learn, providing opportunities for engagement, and facilitating student growth and well-being. Listed below and attached are the donations and support received by the district.

- Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta made a draw of organizations who shared Random Act of Kindness Day good deeds on social media. Dr. Gerald B. Probe Elementary School was one of the recipients of a \$500 grant.

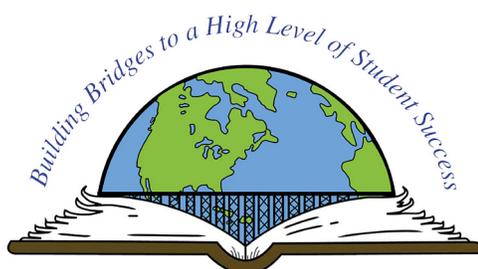
The Board received the report as information.

11. Board Reports

A report was delivered for District School Council. The report begins on Page 43 of the [AGENDA](#).

12. Correspondence Received - Ever Active Schools

The Board of Trustees received an invitation to attend the Shaping the Future Conference, Jan. 30-Feb. 2.



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