



# Highlights from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

## Meeting highlights from September 25 - Next meeting October 23

### 1. Presentation - Literacy

District Literacy Lead Teacher, Bev Smith, and Director of Curriculum, Karen Rancier, provided a presentation to the Board on where the District is at with Literacy.

The Board received the presentation as information.

### 2. School Board Annual Work Plan

Every September, the Board reviews the Annual Work plan, which outlines major events and tasks and makes adjustments accordingly.

The Board received the report as information and provided feedback for any revisions.

### 3. Letter to Solicitor General

At the Joint City of Lethbridge/School Boards Committee meeting held on Sept. 12, there was some discussion pertaining to the Opioid situation in the city of Lethbridge, including strategies that have been implemented, ongoing challenges and pressing needs.

The City of Lethbridge is working diligently to explore all potential avenues for government support of services and facilities to address the needs of an increasing number of individuals.

The City of Lethbridge requested that both school jurisdictions consider writing a letter that supports the city in its advocacy for support from the office of the Solicitor General. The letter would convey, from a Board perspective, the challenges, pressing needs and impact on schools, our students and families.

The Board approved a letter that supported the City of Lethbridge in its advocacy for support from the office of the Solicitor General.

### 4. Board Reports

A number of Board Standing Committees Annual Reports were delivered, along with the Terms of Reference Review were delivered. Committee reports presented included the following:

Facilities Committee

Policy Advisory Committee

Spirit of 51 Committee

Board Budget Committee

Poverty Intervention Committee

Board Audit Committee

District Wellness Committee

Community Engagement Committee

Superintendent Evaluation Committee

FNMI Committee

New Committee: RLAC (Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee)

To review the reports in full scroll to Page 17 of the [AGENDA](#).

## **5. FNMI Directorate Grant for urban Indigenous Youth**

Honourable Shannon Phillips, MLA Lethbridge-West, announced the funding boost to address concerns regarding funding for First Nations, Metis and Inuit student supports in Lethbridge School District No. 51.

The conditional grant requirements include a total of \$250,000 over two years (\$125,000 in Year 1 and up to \$125,000 in Year 2). Pilot project activities will be distinct from the BCCE (Building Capacity and Collaboration in Education) / IFNE (Innovation in First Nations Education) grant programs and three-year education plan activities. Sustainability of the pilot project initiatives will be a priority throughout the project's planning process.

The Board received the report as information.

## **6. October Organizational Meeting Agenda**

The School Board Annual Organizational Meeting will be held on Oct. 23, 2018. An electronic survey containing the 2018-19 Trustee committee membership will be distributed prior to the meeting for the purpose of Trustees subsequently conveying interest in committee membership for the 2018-19 school year.

The Board received the report as information.

## **7. District School Council Meetings**

The following are the dates District School Council meetings will be held in the Board Room at the Education Centre starting at 6:30 p.m.:

October 1, 2018

November 5, 2018

December 3, 2018

January 14, 2019

February 5, 2019 – Town Hall Meeting

March 4, 2019

April 1, 2019

May 6, 2019

June 3, 2019

The Board received the report as information.

## **8. 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 2018/19 is as follows:

October 3, 2018 – Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School

November 7, 2018 – Immanuel Christian Secondary School

December 5, 2018 – Chinook High School

January 9, 2019 – Senator Buchanan Elementary School

February 7, 2019 – Park Meadows Elementary School

March 5, 2019 – Lethbridge Christian School

April 3, 2019 – Immanuel Christian Elementary School

May 1, 2019 – Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School

The Board received the report as information.

## **9. 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 63 of the [AGENDA](#).

## **10. 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:

District Director of Finance, Mark DeBoer, has received the Emerging School Business Leaders Scholarship from ASBO International. In addition to receiving funds to cover travel, accommodations and meals at the ASBO Conference, this elite group will have a full day preconference special session and receive recognition at the conference.

Lethbridge School District No. 51 and District Counselling Coordinator, Cayley King, and team have been selected for the 'Friend of the Family' award with Lethbridge Family Services. The award was presented on September 20, 2018 at the Lethbridge Family Services Annual General Meeting.

Churchill grade 10 student-athlete Cayla Stimson competed in the Team Alberta Track & Field Trials in Calgary in July and was selected to team Alberta based on her performances. Cayla represented Alberta at the Tri-Province meet in Edmonton, placing second in long jump with a best jump of 5.28m, giving her a national ranking of 3rd in the event for her age. She also placed 3rd in the 100m at the meet with a time of 12.71s.

Congratulations to Churchill's Dianne Violini on being recognised by the Master Bowlers' Association of Canada with a 40 Year Participation award, marking the 40th time Dianne has represented Alberta at the Masters' Nationals. During her 40th Nationals this past July, Dianne led all tournament ladies at the event with a 258 average over 21 games and had a match-play record of 17 wins – 3 losses and a tie helping Alberta to the team gold.

Dianne has an extraordinary list of achievements that include 51 Provincial Tournament wins and 28 medals in the Master Bowlers' Association as well as representing Alberta at The Open 19 times, 7 as a Ladies Single representative, 10 times on the Ladies Team and 2 times on the Mixed Team winning 9 total medals.

Congratulations to Churchill grade 11 student Ethan Meyer on being recognized by Minister Eggen during the provinces unveiling of the Green Certificate Agribusiness program. Ethan runs an egg distribution project from his family farm where the announcement took place.

Winston Churchill High School will be participating in the ATA supported Finland/Alberta International Research Partnership (FinAl 2.0) over the next three years. The school was notified of their successful Expression of Interest submission September 5. Churchill will join four other Alberta high schools to partner with 5 Finnish high schools to consider "What makes a great school for all?". Through collaborative exchange of pedagogy, practice and visions, schools in both countries will have the opportunity to create and implement initiatives that seek to respond to the question. This is a 3-year project with year one focusing on discovering what makes a great school for all; year two extending into an implementation stage centred on what we will do to affect change in our schools; year three focuses on evaluation, sustainability and further growth. Four staff members will begin the partnership collaborative meetings and school visits in Finland October 8-12 followed by additional staff and student involvement in subsequent years. Churchill is partnered with Joensuu yhteiskoulun lukio in Joensuu.

## **11. Junior Achievement Program**

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs.

Junior Achievement programs are the link between education and the business world.

The Lethbridge School District No. 51 report on Junior Achievement Programs 2017-2018 was attached, which listed the numbers of participating classes and students in district schools.

The Board received the report as information.

## **12. ASBO Meritorious Budget Award (MBA)**

The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) has awarded Lethbridge School District No. 51 with the Meritorious Budget Award during the 2018-2019 budget year.

The award promotes and recognizes excellence in school budget presentation and is conferred only to school districts whose budgets have undergone a rigorous review of professional auditors and have met or exceeded the program's stringent criteria.

## **12. ASBO Meritorious Budget Award (MBA)**

The ASBO media release announcing the award was attached.

The Board received the report as information and congratulated Mark DeBoer, Director of Finance.

## **13. 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.

- Green Acres Foundation presented a cheque for \$3,048.45 to Westminster School for the school's Sue Labuhn Memorial Library.

The Board received the summary as information.

## **14. Board Priorities Report**

The District Office Leadership Team is committed to keeping the Board informed regarding progress in Board priority areas. The priority areas as identified by the Board in the spring Board Retreat are attached. The Education Centre Leadership Team is currently working on the development of strategies to address the priorities. An update on progress will be provided in the form of a report each month starting in the October Board meeting. The report begins on Page 81 of the [AGENDA](#). The Board received the report as information.

## **15. World Teachers' Day**

World Teachers' Day has been held annually on October 5th since 1994 to celebrate the essential role of teachers in providing quality education at all levels. As outlined on the UNESCO website, the aim of World Teachers' Day is to ensure that the needs of future generations will continue to be met by teachers. It also commemorates the anniversary of the 1966 signature of the UNESCO/ILO Recommendation Concerning the Status of Teachers.

The strength of Lethbridge School District has historically been its staff members, who are committed to providing outstanding learning opportunities for all students while ensuring that each young person feels valued and supported. District teachers are recognized across the province for their expertise, with a number serving on regional and provincial curriculum and professional learning committees.

The Board received the report as information and took the opportunity to publicly acknowledge the commitment to excellence that teachers, and all staff members, demonstrate for the benefit of students.

## **16. Snacks with the Superintendents**

As has occurred in recent years, Executive Council will be inviting school staffs, plus the staff at the Education Centre and Attwell Building, to join them for either a light lunch or breakfast on a rotating basis. The intent is to meet once over a three year period with each staff group.

The breakfast or lunch provides staff an opportunity to share highlights from the school and share concerns or suggestions with Executive Council members.

The schedule for 2018/19 is as follows:

October 11, 2018 – Coalbanks School

November 15, 2018 – Lakeview School

December 5, 2018 – École Nicolas Sheran School

January 16, 2019 – Gilbert Paterson Middle School

February 13, 2019 – General Stewart School

March 5, 2019 – Dr. Probe School

April 10, 2019 – École Agnes Davidson School

May 2, 2019 – Attwell Building

The Board received the report as information

## **17. Board Committee Reports**

Committee reports included:

Joint City/School Board Committee – September 12, 2018

Board Audit Committee – September 12, 2018

Facilities Committee – September 17, 2018

Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 6 Meeting - September 19, 2018

The reports begin on Page 90 of the [AGENDA](#).

## **18. Parents as Teachers**

Lethbridge School District No. 51 received a Certificate of Appreciation, in recognition of valuable contributions to the development and support of the South Region Parents as Teachers Program.

## **19. 2018-19 School Fees Approval**

Lethbridge School District No. 51 received correspondence from Education Minister David Eggen, regarding the District's 2018/2019 school fee schedule. The email indicated Alberta Education reviewed the Board's school fee schedule and associated policies, and hereby approved the implementation of the school fees for the 2018/2019 school year.

## **20. Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce**

The chamber thanked the District for renewing its membership.



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