



Highlights from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting highlights from April 30 - Next meeting May 28

1. Ready, Set, Go/Alberta Student Leadership Conference Donations

The Ready, Set, Go program was presented with a cheque from the Community Foundation and Knights of Columbus. Charleen Davidson from the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta and Ray Viel from the Knights of Columbus presented Ready, Set, Go with a cheque in the amount of \$2,690. The Board received the presentation as information.

2. ESL Presentation

ESL Lead Teacher, Heather Willms, provided a presentation on the work being done within the District. The Board received the presentation as information.

3. Approval of International Trip

Winston Churchill High School (WCHS) requested permission to take a group of students on an exchange trip to Weilburg, Germany from April 9-20th, 2020. Information regarding the educational benefits of the trip and the proposed itinerary were attached. The estimated cost per student is \$2,500. Fundraising opportunities will be available to students to offset the cost of the trip.

The WCHS exchange trip to Weilburg, Germany from April 9-20, 2020 was approved, on the condition all district policies and procedures will be strictly followed.

4. 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 26 meeting, the following policies were reviewed:

402.8.1 Harassment and Discrimination and Violence Prevention in the Workplace Policy - Amended

604.3 Locally Developed Courses Policy - Return to the Policy Advisory Committee

605.1 Inclusive Learning Supports Policy - Amended

1002.4 School Councils - Amended

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 15 of the [AGENDA](#).

5. ATA Local Bargaining Committee Mandate

A motion was passed to allow the Board provide the Board's ATA Bargaining Committee the mandate to bargain and conclude a memorandum of agreement on local matters on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

6. Art's Alive and Well in the Schools

Art's Alive and Well in Schools student art exhibition will run from Saturday, May 11 to Saturday, June 16, 2019. Approximately 360 pieces of student art, representing thirty-four 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.

6. Art's Alive and Well in the Schools

The Allied Arts Council and University of Lethbridge will be sponsoring awards again this year.

All participating schools contribute financially to support the other awards and prizes given out at the opening ceremony. This year we have a new project that is being directed by artist, David Hoffos, and contributed to by five students from various high schools. It will be unveiled at the opening ceremony.

District staff member Kathy Knelsen co-ordinates this annual event and has extended an invitation to all trustees and District staff members to attend. The opening ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 11, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Southern Alberta Art Gallery (601 – 3 Avenue South). Karen Rancier will serve as MC for the opening ceremony and Board Vice-Chair, Christine Light, will bring greetings on behalf of the District.

Recommendation

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.

7. Breakfast with the Board – Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School – May 1, 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 Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, from 7:30-8 a.m. Following the breakfast, Principal Erin Hurkett will provide a tour of the school for trustees.

The Board received the report as information.

8. 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 25 of the [AGENDA](#).

9. Snacks with the Superintendents – Attwell – May 2, 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 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 Attwell have been invited to have Soup with the Superintendents on Wednesday, May 2, 2019 beginning at noon.

The Board received the report as information.

10. Education Week, April 29 to May 3, 2019

Education Week provides all Albertans with an opportunity to highlight the important role education plays in shaping the future of our province.

The theme for Education Week is, Learning is a Journey.

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.

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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, which launched April 29, 2019. The Web Gallery can be found here: [EDWEEK](#).

11. 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 Board received this report as information.

The report begins on Page 42 of the [AGENDA](#).

12. 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:

Lethbridge School District No. 51 Skills Canada medalists:

Fashion Technology - Gold - Samantha Steynen** - Chinook High School

Fashion Technology - Silver - Emily Bright - Chinook High School

Fashion Technology - Bronze - Sierenna Chang - Chinook High School

Photography - Silver - Isaiah Mason - Chinook High School

Hairstyling - Intermediate - Silver - Cera Webster** - LCI

Baking - Gold - Kiara Ylioja - Victoria Park High School

** Students will be moving on to Provincials

Immanuel Christian Secondary School student, Mason Brussee (Grade 10), was honoured by Fort Macleod Minor Hockey as the top young referee. He is also the goaltender for the Fort Macleod Mavericks who won the Alberta Midget D Provincial Championship in March.

Hannah Stephenson (WCHS) was awarded as a 2019 Leader of Tomorrow.

Wilson Middle School Grade 6 Band received a SUPERIOR rating from the adjudicator at the Lethbridge & District Music & Speech Arts Festival.

Wilson Middle School Grade 7 - 8 Band received a SUPERIOR rating from the adjudicator at the Lethbridge & District Music & Speech Arts Festival.

G.S. Lakie student Katie Baker placed second in Level 2 Piano at the Lethbridge & District Music & Speech Arts Festival.

Churchill grade 11 students Adrienne Daroczi and Amina Farah have been selected to attend IB United World College programs for the next two years. Adrienne will be studying at UWC Maastricht in the Netherlands, and Amina at the Pearson College UWC in Victoria, BC. UWC's bring together young people from all backgrounds on the basis of their shared humanity, to engage with the possibility of social change through courageous action, personal example and selfless leadership. These colleges teach the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma as their formal curriculum, while also emphasizing the importance of experiential learning, community service and outdoor activities.

Churchill Tae Kwon Do athletes Amrita Gurung (gold medal), Alisha Gurung and Reshma Gurung (bronze medals) in patterns competition at the Kootenay Tae Kwon Do tournament in the Crowsnest Pass in March.

Churchill grade 9 student Ryker Morrell recognized as the Lethbridge Sport Council's Servus Credit Union Outstanding Sport Citizen for 2018. Following the tragic bus crash involving the Humboldt Bronco's organization in 2018, Ryker, a then 8th-grade student at Wilson Middle School, created a non-profit charity in memory of local Humboldt victim Logan Boulet. With the blessing of Logan's parents, he started the "Bottles-4-Boulet" bottle drive. To date, Bottles-4-Boulet has raised \$2500, which has been donated in Logan's name to KidSport.

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Churchill grade 11 student Dewuni De Silva awarded as a co-winner of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows annual speech competition. Contestants presented 8-minute speeches on International Affairs themes. The winners join other high school students from across Alberta for the week long SUNIA (Seminar on United Nations and International Affairs) Conference in August at Camp Goldeneye, near Nordegg.

Churchill grade 11 students Matthew Ryabov and David Basil recently won the overall Regional Science Fair. As Regional winners, they will travel to Fredericton, NB in May to present their work at the National level. Their winning project was the creation of an artificial neural network capable of performing classification problems, and applied it to a dataset about traits of phishing websites. The neural network can collect and classify data elements based on correlations found in the data to detect phishing websites.

Churchill CANstruction team on winning the "Best Meal" award at the recent CANstruction event!! The team of Jessica Van Gaalen, Jessica White, Emma Bauman, Eden Steele, Megan Mitchell, and Julien Todd created a Wizard of Oz design that could be made into a tuna casserole. The team donated nearly 700 items to the food bank in their creation. The overall competition saw over 14 thousand pounds of food donated to Lethbridge and area food banks last month.

The Churchill Skill Development Program hosted community agencies and services April 11 supporting our students and their families with connections and transition planning to independence and adulthood.

Churchill grade 9 student Amy Quan on being accepted to the Centre for Education and Computing (CEMC) Workshop in Computer Science for Young Women. Amy was one of 36 students selected from over 400 applicants from across Canada to participate in the workshop at the University of Waterloo. The goal of this workshop is to spark the interest of female students and those of other genders who are underrepresented in the field.

Churchill bands for picking up 2 Superior ratings at the Lethbridge & District Music Festival last week! The Churchill Chorus also received an Excellent rating for their performance two weeks ago.

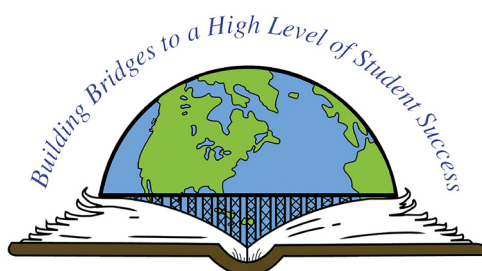
Churchill Robotics team on winning the Rocky Mountain Regional Robotics competition April 4-7 in Calgary. The team was part of the winning alliance gaining the right to compete at the FIRST Robotics World Championships in Houston, TX April 17-20. 16 students from Churchill along with 3 Chinook students will travel with mentor/coaches Nevin Morrison, Stef Desrochers and Koreen Klassen to the competition.

Wilson students medaled in the Grade 7 City Badminton Finals: Nathan Hawkins (bronze in boys singles), Sharlize Lopez (silver in girls singles), and Jaxson Johnson and Ty Mabin (silver in boys double). Silver winners will be moving on to represent Wilson at Zones.

District students who made the Hockey Alberta Peewee Prospects Cup program are Nathan Hawkins (Wilson) and Terik Parascak (Gilbert Paterson) made Team Black while Carter Klippenstein (Senator Joyce Fairbairn) and Alex Westlund (GS Lakie) made Team Yellow.

13. Board Reports

Reports were delivered for District School Council, ATA Local 41 and the Community Engagement Committee, Poverty Intervention Committee, ASBA Zone 6 General Meeting and the Community and Social Development Committee. The reports begin on Page 52 of the [AGENDA](#).



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