



# Highlights from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

## Meeting highlights from May 28 - Next meeting June 25

### 1. Friends of 51 Awards

The Friends of 51 Awards provide formal recognition to individuals or groups who, as determined by the Board of Trustees, have provided significant service or contributions to the Lethbridge School District No. 51.

Recipients in attendance included:

- Belinda Tomiyama & Cinnamon Meldrum, Canadian Blood Services
- Dr. Carmen Mombourquette & Dr. Pamela Adams, University of Lethbridge
- Michelle Dimnik, 1D1B
- Ron & Joyce Sakamoto, 1D1B

The Board presented the awards to the recipients in attendance.

### 2. Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards 2019

The Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) selected recipients from across the province for their Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards 2019. District winners included:

- Marley Ashlyn Leona Black Plume
- Brody Hunt
- Eva Sweet Grass

The Board presented the awards to the recipients.

### 3. Inclusive Education Presentation

Director of Inclusive Education, Ann Muldoon provided a presentation to the Board.

The Board received the report as information.

### 4. Public Forum

Allison Pike requested the Board consider the wages paid to educational assistants. She added they work with the most difficult kids and often have need of more than one job. Pike would like to see the Board move EAs toward more sustainable, long-term positions.

### 5. Approval of International Trips - WCHS

Winston Churchill High School (WCHS) requested approval to take a group of students on a fine arts tour of Ireland, Scotland and England from April 9 to 19, 2020. The trip would be organized through EF Tours, known worldwide as the most dependable student travel company. Information regarding the educational benefits of the trip and the proposed itinerary were attached. The estimated cost per student is \$4,500. Fundraising opportunities will be available to students to offset the cost of the trip.

WCHS is entering into their second year of the Finland/Alberta International Research Partnership and they are requesting approval to take a group of students to Helsinki and Joensuu, Finland from October 4, to 11, 2019.

Educational benefits and details of the partnership are attached. The cost per student would be approximately \$1,300 and students would have the opportunity to fundraise through school programs.

WCHS requested approval to take their football team to Salmon, Idaho and Denver, Colorado from September 11 to 16, 2019. Educational benefits of the trip and the proposed itinerary is attached. The cost per student is approximately \$750 and fundraising opportunities will be available to students to offset the cost of the trip.

## **5. Approval of International Trips - WCHS**

The WCHS fine arts tour of Ireland, Scotland and England from April 9 to 19, 2020, the WCHS trip to Helsinki and Joensuu, Finland from October 4 to 11, 2019 and the WCHS football trip to Salmon, Idaho and Denver, Colorado from September 11 to 16, 2019 were approved, on the condition that all district policies and procedures are strictly followed.

## **6. Approval of International Trips - LCI**

Lethbridge Collegiate Institute (LCI) requested permission to take their football team to Sandpoint, Idaho from September 13 to 14, 2019. The educational benefits of the trip and proposed itinerary were attached. The cost of the trip will be included in their annual football fee and any students unable to afford this fee will be set up with their parent committee (RAMPAC) to participate in fundraisers.

LCI is requesting permission to take their choir and band students on a performance tour to Anaheim, CA in April of 2020. Educational benefits of the trip and the proposed itinerary were attached. The costs of the trip would be approximately \$1,798.00 per student and fundraising opportunities would be available to all students to offset the cost of the trip.

The Lethbridge School District No. 51 Wrestling Program is requesting approval to take a group of experienced wrestlers to a tournament in Havre, Montana on November 30, 2019 and to a tournament in Cut Bank, Montana from January 10 to 11, 2020. Information regarding the educational benefits of the trip and the proposed itineraries were attached. Lethbridge Wrestling would cover the registration costs for the tournaments.

The LCI football trip to Sandpoint, Idaho from September 13 to 14, 2019, the LCI choir and band performance tour to Anaheim, CA in April of 2020 and the Lethbridge School District No. 51 Wrestling Program trip to Havre, Montana on November 30, 2019 and to Cut Bank, Montana from January 10 to 11, 2020 were approved, on the condition that all district policies and procedures are strictly followed.

## **7. Authorization of Locally Developed Courses**

Alberta Education requires that all locally developed grade 7 to 9 courses be authorized for use by the Board of Trustees. As the middle schools and high schools have expanded their educational opportunities for students, it has become necessary to create a number of locally developed courses to adhere to Alberta Education policy. Karen Rancier, Director of Curriculum, has worked closely with the secondary schools to develop course outlines and student learning outcomes for each course. Although the courses are categorized by school, it is recommended that the courses be approved for use in all District schools. A full description of all courses can be found at the following link: [Locally developed Course Outlines](#).

The Board of Trustees approved the use of the following locally developed grade 7 to 9 courses in all District middle and high schools from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2023:

G.S. Lakie:

Beginner Hip-Hop, Beginner Tap, Dance Performance (Hip-Hop or Fusion), Dancing Duos 8, Musical Theatre  
Wilson Middle School:

Babysitting, Broadcasting, Cosmetology, Filmmaking, Popular Culture

Winston Churchill High School:

Dance 9, IB Prep & Math Skills, Reading Café

## **8. Authorization of High School Locally Developed Courses**

Alberta Education requires that all locally developed senior high courses be authorized for use by the Board of Trustees. District high schools would like to use the following courses to enhance program offerings to students from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2023. Course outlines for can be found at: [Locally Developed Course Outlines - High School Ballet \(2019\) 15, 25 and 35 for 5 credits, Contemporary Dance \(2019\) 25 and 35 for 5 credits, Dance \(2019\) 15, 25 and 35 for 3 and 5 credits, Dance Composition \(2019\) 35 for 5 Credits and Jazz Dance \(2019\) 25 and 35 for 5 credits acquired from Edmonton School District No. 7; Advanced Acting/Touring Theatre \(2019\) 15, 25 and 35 for 3 and 5 credits, and Yoga \(2019\) 15, 25 and 35 for 3 and 5 credits acquired from Calgary School District No. 19; and Portfolio Art \(2019\) 35 for 3 and 5 credits acquired from Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7.](#)

## **8. Authorization of High School Locally Developed Courses**

The Board of Trustees approved the use of the following locally developed senior high school courses in all District high schools:

Ballet (2019) 15, 25 and 35 for 5 credits, Contemporary Dance (2019) 25 and 35 for 5 credits, Dance (2019) 15, 25 and 35 for 3 and 5 credits, Dance Composition (2019) 35 for 5 credits, Jazz Dance (2019) 25 and 35 for 5 credits, Advanced Acting/Touring Theatre (2019) 15, 25 and 35 for 3 and 5 credits, Yoga (2019) 15, 25 and 35 for 3 and 5 credits; and Portfolio Art (2019) 35 (2019) for 3 and 5 credits, all from September 1, 2019 to Aug. 31, 2023.

## **9. Memorandum of Settlement between the Board and CUPE Local #290**

The Board negotiating committee reached a Memorandum of Settlement with the negotiating committee of CUPE 290 on May 13, 2019. The Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Trustees of Lethbridge School District No. 51 and the Canadian Union of Public Employees No. 290 dated the 13th day of May 2019 was approved. In recognition of employees of CUPE 2843, and all they do for Lethbridge School District No. 51, the Board also awarded this employee group a one-time, lump-sum bonus of 2 per cent.

In recognition of non-union employees, and all they do for Lethbridge School District No. 51, the Board also awarded this employee group a one-time, lump-sum bonus of 2 per cent. The bonus does not apply to the superintendent.

## **10. Edwin Parr Zone 6 Award**

On an annual basis, each school jurisdiction is invited to submit the name of one first year teacher as its nomination for the Edwin Parr Award, which is sponsored by the Alberta School Boards Association. Wilson teacher Melanie Wasylenko was the District nominee for the Zone 6 banquet held May 15, 2019 in Taber.

The Board received the report as information and extended congratulations to Melanie for her exceptional address at the banquet.

## **11. Budget Open House**

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, June 18, 2019 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Education Centre. The public meeting follows the Board Budget briefing that starts at 5:30 p.m. for Board members.

At the meeting, Director of Finance, Mark DeBoer will provide an overview of the preliminary budget which will be reviewed and debated on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. The preliminary budget will be forwarded to Alberta Education, and is expected to be finalized prior to November 30, once the official September 30 enrolment counts are confirmed. An invitation to attend this evening presentation will be extended to staff, parents and the public by Donna Hunt, Chair of the Board Budget Committee.

The Board received the report as information.

## **12. 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 31 of the [AGENDA](#).

## **13. School Liaisons for 2019-2020**

School Liaisons for 2019-2020 were included in the agenda. For a complete list of liaison assignments for trustees and executive council, please see Page 46 of the [AGENDA](#).

## **14. 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.

## 14. Donations and Support

Listed below are the donations and support received by the district.

Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Grants:

- LCI received \$5,000 for their Wellness Centre Update and Improvement Project
- École Agnes Davidson school received \$10,000 for their Instrument Modernization Project
- WCHS received \$10,000 for their Health and Wellness Program

## 15. 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 May report can be found on Page 49 of the [AGENDA](#). The Board received the report as information.

## 16. 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. Chinook student, Bryce Gallup won a bronze medal in Junior Boys 2nd Dan patterns at the ITF World Taekwon Do Championships in Germany over the Easter break. There were over 50 athletes in his division and over 1,000 athletes at the tournament.

LCI/Victoria Park High School student, Cera Webster, placed 5th at the Provincial Skills competition in Hairstyling Intermediate (bridal competition) recently.

Three Lethbridge School District No. 51 students, all from the same family, have earned top three finishes in the Alberta Champions students contest for 2019. Winners are Maha Kahn (G.S. Lakie) placed second in grade 7-9 essay category. Zaara Kahn (Coalbanks) placed first in the grades 4-6 story category. Zayna Kahn (Coalbanks) placed second in the grade 4-6 story category.

Mike Myndio is the first recipient of The Canadian Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's, "Dave Rozdeba Memorial Award". Myndio was presented the award at the CIAAA's national conference in Canmore in late April. G.S. Lakie teacher, Fay Coleby has completed her Masters in Counselling.

Churchill students Julien Todd, Lana Van Genderen, Sage Waldner, Olivia Lee and Jacob Lee hosted and billeted student visitors for the FinAl partnership for a week. They were exceptional hosts and ambassadors for Churchill for the ongoing dialogue on "What Makes A Great School For All?" These students are part of a cohort of 13 student leaders on the project.

Recognition to the Churchill FinAl staff cohort working together to host the Finnish teachers for a week. There are 12 teachers involved as leaders in the project over the next two years. Rich conversations and professional dialogue on "What Makes A Great School For All?" Craig Findlay, Omar Kadir, Tracy Wong and Carey Rowntree were part of the first visit to Finland in the fall and participated in the recent uLead Conference presenting with the four other Alberta high schools on our initial findings, visions and potential goals for growth.

Congratulations to Churchill grade-9 student Jubei Quesnelle. Jubei worked on a project through the Sik-Ooh-Kotoki Friendship Society and created a video with his grandmother about her experiences at a residential school. His video was nominated for recognition and Jubei has been invited to attend a film festival in British Columbia this summer.

## 17. Board Reports

Reports were delivered for ATA Local Council, FNMI Advisory Committee, District School Council, Policy Advisory Committee, District Student Advisory Council, ASBA Zone 6 and the Joint City of Lethbridge/School Boards. The reports begin on Page 58 of the [AGENDA](#).



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