
IN ATTENDANCE:

Trustees: Mich Forster; Donna Hunt; Tyler Demers; Jan Foster; Keith Fowler; Don Lacey; Lola Major

Administrators: Cheryl Gilmore; Wendy Fox; Don Lussier; Sharon Mezei
Michelle Loxton (Recorder)

Regrets:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
   Addition:  7.1.3 Public Budget Presentation
   Trustee Tyler Demers moved:
   “that the agenda be approved as amended.”
   CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of Minutes
   Trustee Jan Foster moved:
   “that the minutes of the Regular Meetings held on April 26, 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair.”
   CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Business Arising from the Minutes
   No business arising from the previous minutes.

4. Presentations
   4.1 ASCA Conference and AGM
   Superintendent Cheryl Gilmore introduced Allison Pike, President of the Alberta School Council Association (ASCA). Antonia Ormston, a parent who attended the ASCA Conference, provided a power point presentation with the Board sharing highlights from the ASCA Conference and Annual General Meeting.

   Action Items
   5.1 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. District Principal Teresa
Loewen coordinates the meetings. In the current year, the Policy Advisory Committee will:

- Finish review of policies in the 600, 800, 900, 1000, 100 sections which were held over from last year.
- Approve new policies in these areas: Learning Commons, Copyright, Use of Technology/Digital Citizenship.
- Ensure that the policy manual is current, according to the new Education Act.

District Principal Teresa Loewen was in attendance to provide an overview, share any feedback received and respond to questions of the Board for the policies listed below:

- 502.4 – Harassment and Discrimination of Students
- 404.5 – Secondments and Exchanges
- 404.3.1 – Leaves of Absence
- 402.8.1 – Harassment and Discrimination
- 400.1 – Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Work Environments including Employee Code of Conduct (Appendix A)
- 608.1 – Counselling Services
- 1001.3 - Communications

Trustee Lola Major moved:
“that the Board remove Policy 502.4 Harassment and Discrimination of Students as presented.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Lola Major moved:
“that the Board approve Policy 404.5 Secondments and Exchanges as amended.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Lola Major moved:
“that the Board approve Policy 404.3.1 Leaves of Absence as amended”.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Lola Major moved:
“that the Board approve Policy 402.8.1 Harassment and Discrimination as amended.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Trustee Lola Major moved:
“that the Board approve 1st Reading of Policy 400.1 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Work Environments including Employee Code of Conduct (Appendix A).”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Policy 1001.3 Communications has been tabled until the June Board Meeting.

Trustee Lola Major moved:
“that the Board approve 2nd Reading of Policy 608.1 Counselling Services as presented.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Lola Major moved:
“that the Board approve 3rd and Final Reading of Policy 608.1 Counselling Services.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Copperwood Area School Naming
The School Naming Committee met on May 9 to shortlist the submissions for the Copperwood area elementary school name. The Committee comprised of an elementary principal, a teacher, a grade 5 student, School Council parent, Historical Society member, District Communications Officer, and Superintendent. The Board went through a final selection process during the in camera Board meeting and is pleased to announce that the Coalbanks Elementary School. The Board advised that communication regarding the new school name go out to District staff, students, school community members and the public.

Public Forum
ATA representative Derek Resler shared that the ATA retirement banquet invitations have been sent out.

6. District Highlights
- Jan Foster attended Woods Homes Fundraiser – April 30th a wonderful evening.
- Jan Foster attended NSCS Leadership Day – May 18th a great event.
- Donna Hunt attended the FNMI Grad Ceremony it was a special evening.
7. Information Items
7.1 Board Chair Report

7.1.1 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. Fleetwood Bawden School teacher Dawson Kennedy was the District nominee for the Zone 6 banquet held May 11, 2016 in Taber. The Board extended its congratulations to Dawson for his exceptional address at the banquet. The Board further extended its appreciation to Communications Officer Garrett Simmons for the production of an outstanding video showcasing Dawson.

7.1.2 Public Presentation of the Budget
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 24, 2016 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Education Centre. Director of Finance Christine Lee provided an overview of the preliminary budget which will be reviewed and debated on Monday, May 30, 2016. The preliminary budget will be forwarded to Alberta Education, and is expected to be finalized prior to November 30th, once the official September 30th enrolment counts are confirmed. An invitation to attend this evenings presentation was extended to staff, parents and the public by Keith Fowler, Chair of the Board Budget Committee.

7.1.3 Public Budget Presentation
Trustee Mich Forster reminded the Board of the Public Budget Presentation following the Board Meeting at 6:30, there will be a light dinner provided.
7.2 Superintendent Report
7.2.1 School Liaisons for 2016-2017
Superintendent Cheryl Gilmore provided the Board with the School Liaisons for the 2016-2017 school year.

7.2.2 Board Priorities Report
Superintendent Cheryl Gilmore provided the Board with a progress report of the Board Priorities.

7.2.3 Acknowledgements of Excellence

**Arts Alive and Well in Schools** Award Winners are:

Art 30 2D & 3D Award of Merit:
- **Karly Hemus** (Chinook)
- **Nisali Kamburugamuwa** (Chinook)

Junior High / Middle School Award of Merit:
- **Marisa Wishnowski** (GS Lakie Middle School)

Art 30 Award of Merit & Creativity:
- **Natasha Silver** (Victoria Park)

Curator’s Pick (independent selection made by SAAG curator):
- **Brigitt Morton**, **Hanna Aubie** and **Michelle Bright**

Collaborative Mural (Chinook)

**G.S. Lakie Middle School** received the Betty Grigg Inclusive Education Award from the Lethbridge Association for Community Living. The award spotlights a Southern Alberta school that demonstrates high commitment to providing an environment and culture of inclusion for all students.

District English as a Second Language Lead Teacher, **David Fuller**, completed his Masters’ Degree on *A Curriculum of Tea: Restorative Practices for Students from Refugee Contexts*.

Dr. Probe School has a student who is battling leukemia and recently underwent a stem cell transplant at ACH in Calgary. His Grade 4 class has taken on a project to raise money for the family called “Crop a Top for Yuvraj”. Staff and students are going to shave their heads if they can raise over $1500 to help the family with some of the expenses of travelling back and forth and missing work. The goal was to raise that amount by June 3 and they’ve smashed it already. A group of boys raised over $400 on their own this weekend through a lemonade sale in Riverstone.

**Dr. Probe School Spring Musical** was held at Southminster Church on May 12th. Over 500 K-5 students performed classic
Disney songs for a packed house. Congratulations to all staff and students!

Gilbert Paterson Middle School’s Select Choir received 1st place and the Grade 6 Choir received 3rd place at Provincials.

Gilbert Paterson Middle School grade 6 student, Crysta Brauer, planned and raised $380 during a two-day blitz to help Fort McMurray residents. These monies have been taken to the Red Cross.

Immanuel Christian Elementary School grade 6 student Ezra Greenwood, placed 1st in the National Kangaroo Math contest which students from across Canada write on the same day at the same time. This is the third year that Ezra has written this exam and this year he placed 1st for all grade 6 students in Southern Alberta.

Immanuel Christian Elementary School grade 3 student Bryan Klassen wanted to contribute to the schools fundraising effort for Fort McMurray and so he opened a lemonade stand and raised close to $500 in two nights.

Winston Churchill High School teacher Greg Wolcott and a cast of 19 students put on a performance at the One Act Play Festival on April 27. The ensemble cast won their seventh straight Southern Alberta High School Drama Festival and earned a spot in the Provincial One Act Festival in Red Deer held May 5-7, 2016.

Winston Churchill Art 10 and ELL students collaborated to produce art pieces for the DEHR to Care Gala April 27. The art pieces were up for auction with proceeds going towards the Family Services Refugee Fund.

Winston Churchill Grade 12 student and Lethbridge Hurricane goaltender, Stuart Skinner, represented Canada in the U-18 World Hockey Championships in April.

Two teams from Winston Churchill are nearing completion of the High School Investment Challenge at the University of Lethbridge. The final presentations will be made at the U of L Trading Centre on May 27. Team members are:

  The Capitalists – Damian Halcro-Walker, Paa Odei-Wontumi, and Mark Betts
  Stratton Oakmont – Brody Roelofs, Josh Hasley, and Teigan Pritchard
47 Winston Churchill students wrote the annual University of Waterloo mathematics contests held each spring. Final national results are still pending but students who achieved the highest score in each of the contests were: Andy Sun (Gr 9 The Fryer), Nimaya DeSilva and Sabrina Fox (Gr 10 Galois), Mark Betts (Gr 11 Hypathia) and Shelly Lee (Gr 12 Euclid). Andy Sun is also recognized on the University of Waterloo honour roll page for the Fryer, as he scored a 37/40.

Of the 4223 students Canada-wise who wrote this grade 9 exam, Andy was one of 38 students to achieve this mark (top 1%).

Lethbridge Regional High School Baseball League All-Stars:

- Chinook: Kyle Bloor, Raleigh Ferby, and Wyatt Tomalty
- LCI: Kale Penner, Tevin Hall, and Skylar Braun
- WCHS: Riley Trempner
- MVP: Kale Penner (LCI)

7.2.4 Enrolment Summary, April 30, 2016
Superintendent, Cheryl Gilmore shared an enrolment summary for District schools, broken down by grade as of April 30, 2016 for the Board to receive as information.

7.2.5 Calendar of Events
The Calendar of Events was reviewed for the period of May 28, 2016 to June 30, 2016. A number of changes where noted a new Calendar of Events will be provided.

8. Reports
8.1 District School Council – May 2, 2016
Trustee Keith Fowler provided a written report on the District School Council Meeting held May 2, 2016.

8.2 Poverty Intervention – May 10, 2016
Trustee Jan Foster provided a written report on the Poverty Intervention Meeting held on May 10, 2016.

8.3 ASBA Zone 6 – May 11, 2016
Trustee Jan Foster provided a written report on the District Student Advisory Council Meeting held on April 14, 2016.
8.4 **Policy Advisory Committee – May 18, 2016**
Trustee Lola Major provided an oral report on the Policy Advisory Committee Meeting held May 18, 2016.

9 **Correspondence – Received**
9.1 Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame Program – Neil Langevin
9.2 Terry Fox Foundation
9.3 University of Lethbridge Dual Credit
9.4 Thank you card from Wendy Fox
9.5 Thank you card for the Apples during Education Week

10 **Correspondence - Sent**
None at this time

**Adjournment**
Trustee Keith Fowler moved:
“that the meeting be adjourned at 5:24 p.m.”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Mich Forster,                                          Don Lussier,  
Chair                                                      Associate Superintendent  
Business Affairs