
IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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

Regrets: Keith Fowler

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
   Additions to the Agenda
   5.3 Secondary School Fees
Correspondence Received:
   • Alberta Infrastructure
   • Minister Eggen

Trustee Jan Foster moved: “that the agenda be approved as amended.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of Minutes
Trustee Tyler Demers moved: “that the minutes of the Regular Meetings held on December 15, 2015 be approved and signed by the Chair.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

4. Presentations
   No presentations were presented.

5. 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 has representation from the Board, District School Council, each of the employee groups, and District and school administration. District Principal Teresa Loewen was in attendance to
provide an overview, share any feedback received and respond to questions of the Board of the policy below:

- 607.4 – Responsible Use of Technology

Trustee Lola Major moved:
“that the Board approved 1st Reading of Policy 607.4 as presented.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Approval of International Trip
Chinook High School (CHS) is requesting permission to take their boys baseball team on a trip to Great Falls and Helena, Montana, USA from April 27, 2016 to April 30, 2016 to compete against high level teams. Teacher, Bruce Carbert, from Chinook High School was in attendance and provided information regarding the educational benefits of the trip and the proposed itinerary. The only costs that will be incurred by the students will be for their food and spending money. All other costs are covered by their baseball fees paid at the first of the season. Fundraising opportunities are available to students to offset the cost of the trip.

Trustee Jan Foster moved:
“that the Board approve the CHS boys baseball trip to Great Falls and Helena, Montana, USA from April 27, 2016 to April 30, 2016, on the condition that all district policies and procedures are strictly followed.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 Secondary School Fees
Associate Superintendent Don Lussier provided the Board with information with regard to the impact to the district if secondary school fees were to be eliminated. The elimination of such fees will save families $53 per middle school student, and $70 for each student at the high school level. The basic district school fee were assessed to students to cover costs of basic supplies and materials provided by the school, including textbook rentals.

Fees will continue to be charged for courses at middle and high schools which require materials
over and above basic supplies for courses such as Art and Foods, for example, along with fees for several extracurricular activities.

By eliminating the basic fees, the Board hopes it reduces at least some of the burden families are facing during the Alberta economic slowdown. The Board eliminated the basic fees at the elementary level a number of years ago.

Trustee Donna Hunt moved: “that the Board eliminate basic school fees for students in middle school and high school effective the 2016-2017 school year. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. District Highlights
None at this time.

7. Information Items
None at this time.

7.1 Board Chair Report
7.1.1 Breakfast with the Board
Breakfast with the Board has been scheduled at Lethbridge Christian School on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 from 7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Following the breakfast, Principal Les Greeno will provide a tour of the school for trustees.

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

7.2.2 Acknowledgements of Excellence
Ken Rogers, LCI teacher, was presented the Legion of Honour Award in Chicago recently. The Legion of Honour Award was established by the John Philip Sousa Foundation to recognize and honour band directors who have maintained school concert band programs of excellent musical quality for a period of at least 20 years and who have held positions of leadership in their professional organizations.
**Brett Clifton**, Wilson teacher, was interviewed on CBC Eye Opener radio program for his involvement with the Vimy Lethbridge Highlanders Project and repatriation of war graves from the First World War.

**Agnes Davidson School** LEGO Robot Club excel at LEGO League Trash Trek Challenge in Calgary.

Winston Churchill High School grade 2 Griffin rugby athletes **Abby Neudorf** and **Mikhi Lagemaat** were selected to the Rugby Alberta U18 Girls 7’s Provincial Team. They will be competing April 9-13 in Vancouver with the team in an international age-grade rugby 7’s competition. Both have also recently committed to the University of Lethbridge Horns Rugby program for 2016.

7.2.3 **Snack with the Superintendents**
All the staff of Nicholas Sheran Community School have been invited to have Snacks with the Superintendents on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 beginning at 7:45 am.

7.2.4 **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. Attached are the donations and support received by the district.

**Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Communication Foundation** provided a grant from the Dick and Mary Quon Endowment Fund for $500 to the **LCI Scholarship Fund**.

**Dr. Probe School** received $5,000 from the **Lethbridge Kinsmen Club** to go towards their Leader in Me program.

7.2.5 **Enrolment Summary – December 31, 2015**
Superintendent, Cheryl Gilmore shared an enrolment summary for District schools, broken
down by grade as of December 31, 2015 for the Board to receive as information.

7.2.6 Calendar of Events
The Calendar of Events was reviewed for the period of January 29, 2016 to February 23, 2016.

8. Reports
Trustees Lola Major provided a verbal report on the Policy Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 6, 2016.

8.2 District School Council – January 11, 2016
Trustee Keith Fowler provided a written report on the District School Council Meeting held on January 11, 2016.

8.3 Community Engagement Committee – January 12, 2016
Trustee Jan Foster provided a written report on the Community Engagement Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2016.

8.4 ASBA Zone 6 Meeting – January 13, 2016
Trustee Jan Foster provided a written report on the ASBA Zone 6 Meeting held on January 13, 2016.

Public Forum
David Wetherstrand, a parent of students in the district, spoke on behalf of a group of parents who were in attendance to share their concerns and ask questions of the Board with respect to the impending school district Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity policy and information provided by the Government regarding recommended guidelines. The two issues of concern were as follows:
- Guidelines and principles that underlie the guidelines from the Government
- Requesting support of the Board to request the date be changed to the end of June rather than the March 31st deadline in order to lobby the government to request the deadline be extended. Trustee Mich Forster provided
clarification and shared the process with the parent group.

9  Correspondence – Received
   • Alberta Infrastructure re: Waterbridge Middle School
   • Alberta Education: Minister Eggen

10  Correspondence – Sent
    None at this time

Adjournment
Trustee Donna Hunt moved:
“that the meeting be adjourned at 4:15 p.m.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Mich Forster,                                 Don Lussier,
Chair                                             Associate Superintendent
Business Affairs

Correspondence - Received
Correspondence – Sent
Adjournment
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