
IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Administrators: Cheryl Gilmore; Morag Asquith; Don Lussier; Michelle Loxton (Recorder)

Regrets: Keith Fowler; Sharon Mezei

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
   Additions to the Agenda:
   5.3 Trustee Remuneration
   7.1.7 Literacy Resource Announcement
   8.6 Healthy Schools Report
   Trustee Jan Foster moved:
   “that the agenda be approved as amended.”
   CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of Minutes
   Trustee Donna Hunt moved:
   “that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 28, 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
   No Presentations

5. Action Items
   5.1 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 reviewed the Annual Work Plan, provided feedback with no revisions.
Trustee Don Lacey moved: “that the Board approve the Annual Work Plan for the 2016-2017 School Year.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 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, 1000 sections as needed.
- 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:

- 400.1.1 – Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression
- 400.2 – Employee Code of Conduct
- 501.3.1 – School Choice

Trustee Lola Major moved: “that the Board approve 1st Reading of Policy 400.1.1 Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression as presented.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Lola Major moved: “that the Board approve the deletion of Policy 400.2 Employee Code of Conduct.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Lola Major moved: “that the Board approve the amendments of Policy 501.3.1 School Choice as amended”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
5.3 Trustee Remuneration

Trustee Jan Foster moved:
“that the Board approved that Trustee remuneration be brought into line with the provincial average for districts of comparable size to Lethbridge School District No. 51

For: Forster; Foster; Fowler; Hunt; Lacey; Major
Opposed: Demers

CARRIED

6. District Highlights

- Many Board members attended many school breakfasts and barbeques and shared how wonderful they were.

7. Information Items

7.1 Board Chair Report

7.1.1 Board Standing Committees Annual Reports and Terms of Reference Review

Facilities Committee
Trustee Tyler Demers moved:
“that the Facilities Committee Year End Report be received as presented for 2015-2016.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Tyler Demers moved:
“that the Facilities Committee Terms of Reference be approved for the 2016-2017.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Policy Advisory Committee
Trustee Lola Major moved:
“that the Policy Advisory Committee Year End Report be received as presented for 2015-2016.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Lola Major moved:
“that the Policy Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be approved for the 2016-2017 as amended.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Spirit of 51 Committee
Trustee Tyler Demers moved:
“that the Spirit of 51 Committee Year End Report be received as amended for 2015-2016.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Tyler Demers moved:
“that the Spirit of 51 Committee Terms of Reference be approved for the 2016-2017.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board Budget Committee
Trustee Donna Hunt moved:
“that the Board Budget Committee Year End Report be received as presented for 2015-2016.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Donna Hunt moved:
“that the Board Budget Committee Terms of Reference be received as presented for 2016-2017.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Poverty Intervention Committee
Trustee Jan Foster moved:
“that the Poverty Intervention Committee Year End Report be received as presented for 2016-2016.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Jan Foster moved:
“that the Poverty Intervention Committee Terms of Reference be accepted as amended for 2016-2017.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board Audit Committee
Trustee Donna Hunt moved:
“that the Board Audit Committee Year End Report be received as presented for 2015-2016.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Donna Hunt moved:
“that the Board Audit Committee Terms of Reference be approved for 2016-2017.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Healthy Schools Committee
Trustee Mich Forster moved:
“that the Healthy Schools Committee Year End Report be received as presented for 2015-2016.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Mich Forster moved:
“that the Healthy Schools Committee Terms of Reference be approved as amended for 2016-2017.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Engagement Committee
Trustee Jan Foster moved:
“that the Community Engagement Committee Year End Report be received as presented for 2015-2016.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Jan Foster moved:
“that the Community Engagement Committee Terms of Reference be approved as amended for 2016-2017.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Superintendent Evaluation Committee
Trustee Mich Forster moved:
“that the Superintendent Evaluation Committee Terms of Reference along with the relevant Policy be approved as presented for 2016-2017.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.2 October Organizational Meeting
The School Board Annual Organizational meeting will be held on October 25, 2016.

Keith Fowler joined the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Public Forum

7.1.3 District School Council Meetings
The following are the dates for the District School Council Meetings which are held in the Board room at the Education Centre starting at 6:30 pm:
October 3, 2016
November 7, 2016
January 16, 2017
February , 2017 – Town Hall
March 6, 2017
April 3, 2017
May 1, 2017
June 5, 2017

7.1.4 **ATA Local Council Meeting Dates**
The meeting dates for the balance of the year are as follows:
- October 5 – General Stewart School – Annual General Meeting – no trustee needed
- November 2 - Attwell Building – Donna Hunt
- December 7 - Christmas Dinner Meeting – Lethbridge Lodge – Keith Fowler
- January 11 – Attwell Building – Tyler Demers
- February 1 - Attwell Building – Don Lacey
- March 1 - Attwell Building – Lola Major
- April 5 - Attwell Building – Mich Forster
- May 3 - Attwell Building – Jan Foster
- June 7 – Luigi’s Dinner Meeting – Don Lacey

7.1.5 **Breakfast with the Board**
The schedule for 2016/17 is as follows:
- October 13, 2016 – Fleetwood Bawden
- November 8, 2016 – Westminster
- December 14, 2016 – Education Centre
- January 12, 2017 – Lakeview
- February 16, 2017 – Nicholas Sheran
- March 7, 2017 – Attwell Building
- April 11, 2017 – LCI
- May 2, 2017 – Dr. Probe

7.1.6 **Sock It To ‘Em Campaign**
Retired District employee Gail Petrie initiated the Sock It to ‘Em campaign in 2003. Although retired, Ms. Petrie still coordinates the program. The initiative asks for donations of new socks, which are then distributed to community support agencies. This year marks the 14th Sock it to ‘Em campaign, which has resulted in over 99,000 pairs of socks being collected and distributed.

District caretakers and maintenance staff, representing CUPE 290, have taken a lead role in supporting and managing the Sock It To ‘Em campaign. The campaign is also supported by CUPE 290 members of Palliser Regional Division No. 26 and Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate
Division No. 4. The Sock it to ‘Em Campaign will run from November 1, 2016 – December 14, 2016.

Trustee Donna Hunt moved:
“that the Board contribute $100.00 to the Sock It To ‘Em campaign and extend their thanks and congratulations to Ms. Petrie and the CUPE 290 members for their efforts.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.7 Literacy Resource Announcement
Superintendent Cheryl Gilmore shared that the Board is committed to Literacy as it’s number one priority and have allocated $350,000.00 to the purchase of Literacy Resources targeting literacy in Grade 1 through Grade 6.

7.2 Superintendent Report

7.2.1 Acknowledgements of Excellence
District Director of Finance, Christine Lee, received the ASBO International 2016 Distinguished Eagle Award. Christine was given the award for her vision, leadership, and service which has had a positive impact on not only our students and district, but the school business profession as a whole.

Congratulations to District music teachers who are executive members of the Lethbridge Chapter of Carl Orff Canada. The Lethbridge Chapter of Carl Orff Canada hosted Bridges 2016 – the National Conference of Carl Orff Canada held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The conference was co-chaired and organized by Saskatoon Chapter, Calgary Chapter and Elizabeth Nevels as Lethbridge Chapter Representative. The Conference brought together exceptional national and international clinicians, children’s performing groups and delegates from across Canada and further abroad in a joyful celebration of song, dance and music play.

Congratulations to those District elementary and middle school students who joined together as an interschool choral / ensemble group (Lethbridge Children’s Orff Ensemble) and performed with the Lethbridge Symphony on May 24th and 25th. Under the direction of Stacy Skretting these 38 students came together from six different District schools and performed her arrangements of 10 Canadian Folk Songs. They also had the opportunity to join other local choirs.

Park Meadows School grade 4 student, **Ava Fletcher**, has been busy making an impact on our environment. She joined Earth Rangers and chose to work towards gathering donations to help save wolverines, which have become endangered in parts of Canada. She has raised $94.10 on a lemonade stand recently, working toward her goal of $500.

Senator Buchanan support staff member, **Julie Matthews**, qualified to participate in next summer’s International Triathlon World Series. She was the champion in her age grouping upon qualifying.

Senator Buchanan grade 5 student, **Lexi Petrik**, finished with a 2nd place in her age group in the Alberta Series of BMX racing.

GS Lakie Grade 8 student **Josh Dublanko** competes in BMX as a 13 year old expert Male and earned a gold medal for his races as well as a bronze for his time trial at the Alberta Summer Games. His biggest accomplishments over the season was that he attended BMX Nationals in Calgary (alongside Olympian Tory Hyhaug) and placed 3rd receiving a Bronze medal and qualifying for worlds next year in South Carolina.

LCI Grade 12 student, **Jordan Calladine** has been named to the Rugby Canada U18 long list and will start training this fall.

Congratulations to Churchill student **Logan King** who was a member of the Lethbridge Giants Junior Baseball team that participated in the Junior Little League World Series in Taylor Michigan this summer.

Congratulations to Churchill students **Arnond Avila** (grade 12) and **Zoey Courchesne** (grade 11) on participating with internships at the City of Lethbridge. Armand worked with Lethbridge Transit as a
Heavy Equipment Technician and Zoey worked in a carpentry apprenticeship where she is continuing to work part time.

Churchill teacher Elise Lee was granted $1250 for French resources in her classroom by La Fondation Franco-Albertaine. This grant will allow her to purchase additional resources (books, games, e-books, movies, etc.) to enhance learning and promote an appreciation for French. She will be receiving the check on Friday September 30th during the Foundation’s annual gala.

Fleetwood Bawden student, Bella Beck will be honoured at a luncheon with a “Inspiring Philanthropy Award”, presented by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Southern Alberta Chapter for fundraising efforts for the Fort McMurray wildfires.

7.2.2 School Opening and Enrolment – Preliminary Report
Superintendent Cheryl Gilmore provided an update on the enrolment to date.

7.2.3 Board Priorities Report
Superintendent Cheryl Gilmore provided an update on the progress in Board priority areas.

7.2.4 World Teacher’s Day
World Teacher’s Day is 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 Teacher’s 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 Board will publicly acknowledge the commitment to excellence that teachers, and all staff members demonstrate for the benefit of students.

7.2.5 Snacks with the Superintendents
The schedule for 2016/176 is as follows:

October 12 – Wilson Middle School
November 9 – Attwell Building
December 7 – Agnes Davidson
January 11 – Immaneul Christian Elementary
February 15 – Mike Mountain Horse
March 8 – Chinook High
April 12 – Galbraith
May 3 – Park Meadows

7.2.6 Calendar of Events
The Board reviewed the Calendar of Events for the period October 3 – 25, 2016.

8. Reports
8.1 Board Budget Committee – September 12, 2016
Trustee Keith Fowler provided a verbal report on the Budget Committee Meeting held September 12, 2016.

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

8.3 Alberta School Boards Association – September 14, 2016
Trustee Jan Foster provided a written report on the ASBA Meeting held on September 14, 2016.

8.4 Facilities Committee – September 14, 2016
Trustee Tyler Demers provided a written report on the Facilities Committee Meeting held September 14, 2016. Bob McMann also provided information with regard to the Construction Updates.

8.5 Audit Committee – September 20, 2016
Trustee Donna Hunt provided a written report on the Audit Committee Meeting held September 20, 2016.

8.6 Healthy Schools Report – September 14, 2016
Trustee Mich Forster provided a written report on the Healthy Schools Meeting held September 14, 2016.

9. Correspondence – Received
9.1 Holy Spirit School Division
9.2 Anyang China Delegation
9.3 Parents as Teachers Certificate of Appreciation
9.4 Alberta Education – Provincial Dual Credit Strategy

10. Correspondence - Sent
10.1 Alberta Education re: Provincial Targeted School Nutrition Pilot Program
Adjournment
Trustee Donna Hunt moved:
“that the meeting be adjourned at 5:31 p.m.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Mich Forster,                                          Don Lussier,
Chair                                                      Associate Superintendent
                                                          Business Affairs