

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 HELD DECEMBER 18, 2018.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Trustees: Clark Bosch; Tyler Demers; Jan Foster; Donna Hunt; Christine Light; Doug James; Lola Major

Administrators: Cheryl Gilmore; Rik Jesse; Morag Asquith; Christine Lee
LeeAnne Tedder (Recorder)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda *Approval of Agenda
6809/18*
Trustee Jan Foster moved:
“to approve the agenda with the addition of 5.2 Trustee Remuneration, as amended.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Approval of Minutes *Approval of Minutes
6810/18*
Trustee Jan Foster moved:
“that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2018 be approved and signed by the Chair.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes *Business Arising from
the Minutes*
There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Presentations *Presentations
Building Brains*
 - 4.1 Building Brains
Isabelle Plomp shared a presentation on the Core Story of Brain Development.

5. Action Items *Action Items
Policy Review*
 - 5.1 Policy Review
Teresa Loewen provided an overview of each policy and responded to questions for the following:
Policy 402.11.1 Teacher Growth, Supervision & Evaluation
Policy 602.6 Second Language Programs other than English and French
Policy 603.1 Animals in Schools
Policy 609.5 Student Records

Trustee Lola Major moved:
“to approve Policy 402.11.1 Teacher Growth, Supervision & Evaluation, as amended.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** *Policy 402.11.1
Teacher Growth,
Supervision &
Evaluation
6811/18*

Trustee Lola Major moved:
“to approve Policy 602.6 Second Language Programs and Courses other than English and French, as amended.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Policy 602.6 Second Language Programs and Courses other than English and French
6812/18*

Trustee Lola Major moved:
“to approve Policy 603.1 Animals in Schools, first reading, as amended.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Policy 603.1 Animals in Schools
6813/18*

Trustee Lola Major moved:
“to approve Policy 609.5 Student Records, as amended.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Policy 609.5 Student Records
6814/18*

5.2 Trustee Remuneration

*Trustee Remuneration
6815/18*

Trustees discussed remuneration.

Trustee Donna Hunt moved:

“that due to recent changes in income tax regulations effective January 1, 2019, as applied to Trustees, Lethbridge School District No. 51 Board of Trustees increase their honorarium, including per diem rates, to reflect a hold harmless position in after tax dollars.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. District Highlights

District Highlights

- Christine Light attended LCI’s Star Catcher production, SJF health fair, and Christmas season concerts.
- Jan Foster enjoyed the concerts and likes that most of the students are happy to be showing off for family. The work put in by staff is commendable.
- Donna Hunt thanked staff for all the special events put on this month.
- Doug James attended concerts, LCI was amazing, invited to be Santa Claus for photos at a school.
- Lola Major shared that the ATA banquet at the Lodge was appreciated. Park Meadows concerts at the Baptist Church, students were great. Lethbridge Christian School concert was amazing.
- Clark Bosch gave a shout out to staff for what they do for kids at this time of year. Christmas brings energy in schools.

Information Items

7. Information Items

7.1 Board Chair Report

7.1.1 Board Donations in Lieu of Christmas Treats

Donations in lieu of Christmas treats

A list of Board donations on behalf of each staff to charities identified by each school is listed below. The donations are made in lieu of Christmas treats such as chocolate.

Breakfast with the Board

7.1.2 Breakfast with the Board

All staff at Senator Buchanan School will be invited to attend Breakfast with the Board on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 followed by a tour of the school by Principal Lenee Fyfe.

Associate Superintendent Reports Business Affairs

7.2 Associate Superintendent Reports

7.2.1 Business Affairs

Associate Superintendent Christine Lee provided a written Business Affairs report.

Human Resources

7.2.2 Human Resources

Associate Superintendent Rik Jesse provided a written Human Resources report including enrolment.

Instructional Services

7.2.3 Instructional Services

Associate Superintendent Morag Asquith provided a written Instructional Services report.

Public Forum

Public Forum:

Coalbanks parent, Kathi Burnett, brought questions as a representative of parents of the school:

Two day program, why was two day selected rather than four day.

Morag responded that we do not have confirmation of programs being offered at this time. The survey was for indication of parent interest in full day or half day. The District is collating this parent feedback to guide decisions around implementing an “all day” twice a week program versus four half days 4 times a week. The reason for exploring this option is based on interest expressed by parents and the challenge many parents have to pick up their children half way through their day of work. We want to ensure kindergarten is accessible to all children. Lethbridge demographics are changing and there are less extended families able to assist in the pick up/drop off of their child half way through the day.

Was it purely about childcare concerns or educational benefits.

Morag indicated that there are many researched benefits. This endeavor is a pilot, not full implementation at all schools. Only some schools indicated interest this first pilot year. Feedback on the two-day full day pilot will be helpful as we explore the possibility of expanding this

process.

What is the plan for PUF students, learning disabilities and speech delays if Coalbanks goes to two day program, if they are sick or have a PL day – how does it benefit those students if they only attend one day.

Morag responded that we would have to work on a case-by-case basis. Isabelle will work very closely with school teams on what works best at the school and ensure the mandatory hours are met.

If a student went two full days and with PL on Monday, how does that work for a student who is only in attendance one day.

Instructional time for all kindergarten programs must be met in the school year, so this is calculated and accounted for in advance.

An email concern from Mandy Butler regarding needles found in educational places was shared. A response will be prepared and sent to Ms. Butler with a copy provided at the January Board meeting.

*Superintendent Report
Board Priorities*

7.3 Superintendent Reports

7.3.1 Board Priorities Report

2018-19 District Priorities report of actions was shared.

*Acknowledgements of
Excellence*

7.3.2 Acknowledgements of Excellence

Student and staff acknowledgements of excellence were shared with the Board. Board members were encouraged to congratulate the staff and students when visiting schools.

*Snacks with the
Superintendents*

7.3.3 Snacks with the Superintendents

Staff at Gilbert Paterson Middle School will be invited to attend the Snacks with the Superintendent on Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

Donations and Support

7.3.4 Donations and Support

Dr. Probe School received a \$500 grant from the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta for sharing their Random Act of Kindness Day good deeds.

Calendar of Events

7.3.5 Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events was reviewed for the period December 24, 2018 to January 24, 2019.

*Reports
District School Council*

8. Reports

8.1 District School Council – December 3, 2018

Vice Chair Christine Light provided an oral report and meeting minutes from the District School Council meeting held December 3, 2018.

9 Correspondence – Received:

- 9.1 Ever Active Schools – let LeeAnne know if you are interested in attending.
- 9.2 Field Battery invitation to attend the annual New Year’s day event
- 9.3 Indigenous Governance Forum invitation

*Correspondence –
Received
Ever Active Schools*

10 Correspondence – Sent: none

Correspondence – Sent

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Adjournment

Clark Bosch,
Chair

Christine Lee,
Associate Superintendent
Business Affairs