District SCHOOL COUNCIL

Monday, May 2, 2016 - 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Education Centre

AGENDA

6:30 1. Welcome and Introductions

6:32 2. Student Celebration Presentation: Nicholas Sheran Leader in Me

6:42 3. Approval of the Agenda

6:44 4. Approval of the Minutes from April, 2016

6:46 5. Business Arising from the Minutes


6:55 7. Student Celebration Presentation: Wilson Middle School Integration of Technology

7:05 8. Alberta School Councils Association - Allison Pike
   • ASCA Conference (Minister comments de-brief)
   • Resolution sub-committee - September 27, 2016 - Joy Morris

7:20 9. Reports from District Committees:
   District Policy Advisory Committee:
   Poverty Intervention Committee:
   Healthy Schools Committee:
   Digital Citizenship Committee:
   SAPDC:
   Making Connections:
   Community Engagement Committee:

7:25 10. Student Celebration Presentation: LCI Dual Credit Classes

7:35 11. District School Council Calendar of Events and Shared Opportunities

7:37 12. District School Council Facebook Page - Allison

7:40 13. Superintendent’s Report – Cheryl Gilmore
   • Feedback for Board re: Community Engagement
   • Update on Vision and Mission
Roundtable Reports
Reports are included with the agenda: an opportunity to highlight a very significant event or for questions from the representatives about information in a written report.

June Meeting Format – Allison

Adjournment

District School Council Meeting Dates
June 6, 2016 – Dinner meeting

2015-2016 District School Council Representatives

- Chair – Allison Pike
- Vice Chair – Shanea Nilsson
- Recording Secretary – Lyndsey Spring, Joy Morris
- Policy Advisory Committee – Allison Pike, Brooke Culley (alternate)
- Poverty Intervention Committee – Dayna Tilleman, Joy Morris
- Healthy Schools Committee – Trina Tymko, Lyndsey Spring
- Digital Citizenship Committee – Hollie Tarasewich
- SAPDC – Allison Pike
- Making Connections – Brooke Culley, Hollie Tarasewich
- Community Engagement Committee – Hollie Tarasewich
6:00pm – Budget presentation to be added to district website
Draft budget for 2016/17 will be presented to Trustees and Public May 24, 2016; 6:30pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda
   Amanda Cross approved, Dayna Tilleman second

3. Approval of Minutes from March 2016
   Approved by Hollie Tarasewich, Dayna Tilleman second

4. Business Arising from the Minutes - NONE

5. Trustee Report – Keith Fowler
   Included with agenda

   Discussion about LGBTQ Public meeting. Close to 1000 people attended. Committee is formed. SD51 representatives are Jan Foster and Wendy Fox. The committee will present back to the Board on April 19th.

6. Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) – Allison Pike
   ASCA Conference and AGM is coming up April 22-24 in Edmonton. District pays registration for 1 rep per school. As well as provides $200 towards expenses. Many great sessions as well as Minister of Education will be there.

   Resolutions and by-law revisions are on the ASCA website for DSC reps to take back to their school councils. There are 6 in total – 5 resolutions and 1 policy amendment. DSC has a list of people who can take proxy votes to the AGM (April 22-24). Each attendee can only take 5 proxy votes. All forms were handed out at last meeting and can be found on ASCA website. Contact Allison if you need help with finding forms, finding someone to take your proxy votes or have any questions.

7. Reports from District Committees:
   District Policy Advisory Committee
   - Allison Pike reported
   - during last meeting the policies reviewed were on counselling services, communications, and advertising, distribution and merchandising
   - Leanne will be sending them out

   Poverty Intervention Committee
   - May 10th appreciation lunch

   Healthy Schools Committee
   - Trina Tymko reported
   - Healthy Schools Forum took place March 16th
   - Parents learned a lot about what is going on in terms of health at their schools
   - Facilitated by Joyce Sunada; very positive experience
- at the end every school came up with a plan of how they are going to move forward with wellness
- School Council Chairs can ask to see these plans from their School Administrators

**Digital Citizenship Committee**
- have not met since last meeting
- Hollie would still like each school council to go through their website and SD51 website to look at glitches etc.
- Next Meeting is Monday April 11th

**SAPDC** - have not met since last time

**Making Connections** - have not met since last time

**Community Engagement Committee**:
- Guest George Hall from Community Foundations came in and spent a good hour explaining all there is to know about foundations, their benefits and challenges and how his group Community Foundations works. Next step is to have Christine meet with George and see what impact joining Community Foundations would have in regard to the districts finance department.
- Results from the ASBA 2012 Community Engagement Survey taken by the board were looked at and discussed. Decided the survey should be updated and brought back to the committee to see if there are any gaps or areas where time could be more effective engaging differently.
- Communication Plan Update: Monthly Board report to school councils; Strong promotion of school events/celebrations; Strong promotion of social media; Social Media Audit underway; More school Facebook accounts; Monthly staff communication - District Dispatch; On-line Feedback Loops (Westside, Town Hall, SOGI Policy); Working on new websites for Immanuel Christian Schools. Ideas to start: Communication Procedure Policy in draft, Monthly District School Council support for School Council members, a "How To Get Involved" button on website (school level, District level, Provincial level).
- Next Meeting is Monday April 25th at 6:00 pm

8. **District School Council Calendar of Event and Shared Opportunities**
- Wilson is having silent auction spaghetti dinner on April 20th; funds raised are going to resources for the school to go along with modernization
- Park Meadows doing talent show April 28th to raise money for instruments; 6:00pm
- Lakeview is doing Super Hero Fun Run May 11th; at Lakeview; first 300 people get a cape!

**IMPORTANT: CAPE INJURY PREVENTION:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4R2aW03pwL0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4R2aW03pwL0)

9. **Superintendent’s Report – Cheryl Gilmore**
- working on budget, staffing and strategic plan
- Staffing – Admin staffing and first round teacher staffing completed before Easter
- First layer of strategic planning done
- interviews for Wendy Fox’s position starts next weekend

10. **Roundtable Reports**

11. **Adjournment 8:00pm - Next meeting May 2nd**
TRUSTEE report to school councils:

April 26, 2016

1. FNMI graduates for 2015/2016 the highest in more than a decade
Lethbridge School District No. 51 is making big strides in terms of its FNMI student population. Sarah Heimbecker, the District FNMI Consultant, said strategies have been implemented that have not only increased the number of FNMI students attending school, but boosted results as well. “One of the things we began this year was the perfect-attendance program,” she told the Board of Trustees at the April 26 regular meeting, as perfect-attendance cards have been given out monthly. “As a result of this, we’ve seen a 29-per-cent increase in perfect attendance across the District this year compared to last year.”

Heimbecker also highlighted the increased number of mentorship groups throughout the District, as 51 FNMI students and 14 schools are participating in the program this year, compared to 14 students and two schools last year. The mentorship initiative wraps up with a May 11 trip to Writing-On-Stone. For the complete story, click this link:
http://www.lethsd.ab.ca/view.php?action=object&id=31865&stream=Homepage%20News

2. District passes second and third reading of Policy 502.2
Lethbridge School District No. 51’s Board of Trustees has passed second and third reading of Policy 502.2, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression.
Final reading of the policy took place at the Board’s regular meeting on Tuesday, April 26. The passing of the finalized version of the policy comes after an extensive review process, as a number of different versions of the policy were developed along the way.
Originally, the policy was created after a recommendation from parent voice at a District School Council meeting during a review of Policy 502.1, the Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments policy. For the complete story, click on this link:
http://www.lethsd.ab.ca/view.php?action=object&id=31829&stream=Homepage%20News

3. Policy review
A number of policies were up for discussion. Policy 608.1, Counselling Services, received first reading. Policy 1005.3, Advertising, Distribution, and Merchandising In and Through Schools, was approved as amended and Policy 1001.3, Communications, received first reading.
To view the policies, click on the link below to view the agenda:

4. Art's Alive and Well in Schools
The 39th year of the Art's Alive and Well in Schools student art exhibition will run May 1-June 12, 2016. Approximately 425 pieces of student art, representing 30 schools within the city will be on display. All Lethbridge School District No. 51 schools participate in this event, along with Holy Spirit city schools and École la Verendrye. Lethbridge School District No. 51 and Holy Spirit collaborate to present two awards of merit for the junior high/middle school students. In addition, Beta Sigma Phi continues to offer two awards to Art 30 students and all participating schools contribute financially to support the other awards and prizes given out at the opening ceremony. District staff member Phyllis Furukawa co-ordinates this annual event and has extended an invitation to all trustees and District staff members to attend. The opening ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 1, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Southern Alberta Art Gallery (601–3 Ave. S.). Karen Rancier will serve as MC for the opening ceremony and Don Lacey will bring greetings on behalf of the District.

5. Preliminary 2016/17 Budget Presentation to the Public
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. At the meeting, Director of Finance Christine Lee will provide an overview of the preliminary budget, which will be reviewed and debated at the Board Budget meeting scheduled for May 30, 2016. The approved budget will be forwarded to Alberta Education, and will be updated prior to Nov. 30, once the official Sept. 30 enrolment counts are confirmed. An invitation will be extended to staff, parents and the public to attend the Public Budget Presentation through social media.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Mich Forster, Jan Foster, Keith Fowler, Lola Major, Donna Hunt, Tyler Demers, Don Lacey
## District School Council
### School Highlights

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**School Highlights:**

- Participated in Jump rope for Heart on April 14th
- Enrichment on Friday's has been wrapped up for the year
- Galbraith Clothing sale started
- Visit by the Honorable David Eggen, Minister of Education on Friday April 29, 2016

**Participation in Decision-Making and/or Advocacy**

At our last parent council meeting the results were read from our “Tell Them From Me Survey”. Some discussion on how this survey benefits the school. And how the school with move forward with the results.

**Fundraising (Do you have a successful event to share?):**

- Wrapped up our Kernels popcorn Fundraiser. Currently do not have a total dollar amount, approximately 5600 bags of popcorn sold.
- We were able to raise $2762.20 in our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser

**Are there things your School Council is talking about/questions you have for other School Councils?**

- How many other schools participated in the “Tell them from me” Survey?

**Best Practices**
District School Council

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**School Highlights:**
- Daryl Christiansen new principal coming in September
- In the final stages of having the new playground finalized

**Participation in Decision-Making and/or Advocacy**
- We are currently Working on re writing our by laws
- We voted on the ASCA Resolutions.

**Fundraising (Do you have a successful event to share?):**

**Are there things your School Council is talking about/questions you have for other School Councils?**

**Best Practices**
**School: Lethbridge Christian School**

### School Highlights:

**Missions Day:** Missions Day was a great experience for students and staff. Two speakers talked about their service within the community specifically their work with recent immigrants to Lethbridge.

- An LCS alumni shared about her humanitarian work in Haiti, specifically her work with young children, culture, food and sports activities.
- The Member of Parliament for Lethbridge, Ms. Rachel Harder also spoke about her personal journey from childhood into politics and her passion for public service.
- The students brought items such as small toys, colouring books, stickers etc. to assemble care packages (baskets) for Syrian Refugee Families, which were then presented to Immigrant Services.

**Healthy Schools Initiative:** The team at LCS adopts a broader approach to Healthy Schools Initiatives that focus on physical, social, mental and spiritual health in addition to good nutrition. Here are some of the activities that have taken place so far this year. *Physical health* (running club for grades 1-5, sports teams); *Social and mental health* (*Warm Hearts, Warm Apples* with reading buddies, lunch hour chess club, Serving Lethbridge Team, outdoor school and identity club); *Spiritual* (bible study clubs and chapel).

### Upcoming Events

**May 5-6** Grade 7/8 Band in Three Hills for Spring Musicale

**May 19:**
- Sports Day at Civic Centre
- Grade 7/8 Drama Production *Too Many Detectives* at the Sterndale Bennett Theatre

**May 25:** Spring Art Show

### Participation in Decision-Making and/or Advocacy

### Fundraising (Do you have a successful event to share?):

### Are there things your School Council is talking about/questions you have for other School Councils?

### Best Practices