Lethbridge School District No. 51
DISTRICT SCHOOL COUNCIL

Monday, May 1, 2017
6:00 p.m. First Nations Metis Inuit Program Presentation – Jackie Lever
Education Centre

AGENDA 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

6:30 1. Welcome and Introductions
6:30 2. Approval of the Agenda
6:33 3. Approval of the Minutes from April 3, 2017
6:35 4. Business Arising from the Minutes
   4.1 LCI School Council Letter re: feedback regarding provincial resolution process
   4.2 Interest in joining sub-committee to organize ATA/District School Council sponsored School Trustee Candidate forum
6:40 5. Trustee Report – Keith Fowler
6:45 6. Alberta School Councils Association - Allison Pike
   ASCA Conference
6:55 7. Reports from District Committees:
   District Policy Advisory Committee:
   Poverty Intervention Committee:
   Healthy Schools Committee:
   SAPDC: (meeting May 3 – no update)
   Community Engagement Committee:
7:40 8. Superintendent’s Report – Cheryl Gilmore
7:50 9. 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
8:00 10. Adjournment
**District School Council Meeting Dates**  
June 5, 2017 – Dinner meeting

### 2016-2017 District School Council Representatives

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District School Council Minutes for April 3, 2017

Prior to the meeting, there was a presentation on supporting math understanding from the parent perspective, led by Marian Biggins of the SAPDC.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda:
   Moved by Rob Mitchell, seconded Carlye Lynnes - approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes from March 2017:
   Moved by Daniel Gosselin, seconded Corinne Steele - approved.
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
   We will deal with the LCI letter in May.
5. Trustee Report - Keith Fowler reported:
   At their March meeting the Board recognised athletic champion (girls' basketball at Immanuel Christian and boys' curling from LCI) teams from the district. They approved a trip to Germany on an exchange for students at Winston Churchill. Some policies were reviewed and moved around. They received a financial report from the second quarter, and are on budget. They reviewed and approved the Capital Plan, with the south side elementary school as the top priority. The Ministry has approved planning to go ahead for the building of that school. Services still need to be put into place by the city.
   Some appointments of Associate Superintendents at the District office have been approved. The name of Immanuel Christian High School is approved to change to Immanuel Christian Secondary School (it includes grades 6-12), at the request of the Society involved in that school.
   There was a presentation to the Board asking that school councils be included in developing the philosophy of having multi-age classes for French Immersion. The decision to make this change was made based on program structure, numbers, and a desire for consistency across the two schools, rather than philosophy. The plan is that the classes will be “combined” rather than “split,” so will be teaching only one curriculum rather than two for most subjects (math being an exception). In subjects like science, the topics cycle from year to year so as to cover all topics every two years. There is always a continuum of student ability in every classroom, and all teachers are expected to provide differentiated instruction. Information will be sent to parents from the district about how this works. Coalbanks will also have all combined classes after grade 1.
   There was a quick roundtable during which members reported on whether or not their school council will be sending a delegate to the ASCA AGM, so that schools wanting to send proxies know who they can designate. The following schools are sending delegates: Churchill; Mike Mountain Horse;
Paterson; Wilson; Galbraith; Lethbridge Christian. The following are not: LCI; Park Meadows; Lakie; Immanuel Christian Elementary. Immanuel Christian Secondary will decide on Thursday. Probe thinks they will not send a delegate.

7. Reports from District Committees
7.1. District Policy Advisory Committee. Joy Morris reported that the committee has not met since the last DSC meeting.
7.2. Poverty Intervention Committee. Joy wasn’t at the meeting last week, where a decision about how to spend the $92,000 donation from the E-Free church was to have been made. The other parent representatives were not present to report.
7.3. Healthy Schools Committee. Laura Scarpelli hasn’t received any information recently. There will be a meeting tomorrow.
7.4. SAPDC. Hollie Tarasewich reported the next meeting will be May 3.
7.5. Community Engagement. Mich Forster reported the next meeting will be April 27 at 6:30.

8. District School Council Calendar of Events and Shared Opportunities
Remember to look at it on the District web site for this. Wilson will be performing James and the Giant Peach at the Sterndale Bennett theatre April 10-12 tickets $7.50. Evening shows. Wilson also hosted the Minister for an announcement about the planning for the south side elementary school.

9. Superintendent’s Report - Cheryl Gilmore reported:
9.1. Bill 1. The Ministry has eliminated basic instructional fees, and is providing some compensation to Districts, based on fees that were charged last year. Since District 51 still had basic instructional fees of $54 for middle school and $72 for high school last year, we will receive a modest amount of money from the Ministry of Education. Districts that were charging significant school fees in the hundreds of dollars per child will receive much more. The District has told the Minister that this is unfair. The district had not raised fees for years as a basic philosophical position, and wishes the Ministry to recognise and support this. The District will continue to raise this concern. The parent voice can also have political value, but parents should be sure that they fully understand the facts. The money we receive will go into instruction.

The Minister has asked school districts to send a letter to parents about the Ministry’s elimination of school fees. The Board has approved a letter to go out with the Minister’s letter (or possibly instead of the Minister’s letter) to clarify that there will be no changes in fees for our district, and that other school fees (eg. for option courses, yearbooks, etc.) will continue to be charged.

9.2. Minister’s Student Advisory Council. Don’t forget to nominate young people! It is an amazing opportunity, and the deadline is the end of this month. See https://education.alberta.ca/student-engagement/minister-s-youth-council/.

9.3. Provincial Budget. It contained nothing earth-shattering. It was a status quo budget, and we can’t complain about that given the current economic climate. There was a modest hit to high school budgets because the maximum number of CEUs that will be funded for any student in one year used to be 60, and now it has been reduced to 45. This amounts to a cut of about $80,000 combined to all of our high schools’ budgets (from a combined budget of $20 million). The principals have been alerted to look at the schedules of kids who do go over this number to
be aware of the reasons why students make this choice. Students will still be allowed and encouraged to take the number of courses they wish.

9.4. District Budget Development timelines. Public presentation of draft May 23 6:30 p.m. in the Board room. Board budget debate May 30 10:00 a.m.

The Board finished reviewing the Town Hall outcomes last week and their plans are on the district web site.

10. Roundtable Reports
    are in the agenda for information.

11. Adjournment

12. Announcements. The next DSC Meeting will be on May 1.
TRUSTEE report to school councils:
April 26, 2017

1. Provincial champion recognized
The Board of Trustees handed a certificate out to Maren Evanson of LCI, in recognition for winning the 3A Girls Provincial Wrestling Championship.

2. Healthy Schools presentation
Wes Spring, the District's Healthy School Secondary Co-ordinator, delivered a presentation to outline some of the projects undertaken this year at his school at LCI. He highlighted three projects, which included a series of fall workshops for students, with the help of student nurses, and the formation of student wellness action teams and teachers as role models, a project which included bringing back a lunch intramural program. Lastly, Spring touched on the standing desk workstation project, Why We Stand at LCI. Spring stressed the benefits of daily physical activity and increased levels of fitness for teens, as he cited studies from other school districts where it was found it increased academic success, boosted mental health and decreased levels of obesity.

3. Policy Review
Policy 100.1 Foundational Statements, received second and third reading. As a result, Policies 100.2 School District Logo, 100.3 School District Motto, 1004. Vision Statement and 201 Guiding Principles, were removed.

4. Superintendent Evaluation Report
The Board accepted the 2016/2017 Summative Evaluation Report for Superintendent Cheryl Gilmore, and commended Gilmore for her superlative performance over the last four years.

5. Preliminary 2017/2018 Budget Presentation
A public meeting has been set for Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. at The Education Centre as part of the Board's community-engagement mandate. The meeting is designed to provide stakeholders an overview of the preliminary budget.

6. WCHS staff recognized
Winston Churchill High School staff members Jonathan Dick, Nevin Morrison and Carey Rowntree were recognized by the Canadian Ski Patrol for their lifesaving efforts responding to a student in cardiac arrest while at school in December. Rowntree accepted the honour at the Canadian Ski Patrol National Leadership Conference on March 31 at the Big White Resort in B.C.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Mich Forster, Jan Foster, Keith Fowler, Lola Major, Donna Hunt, Tyler Demers, Don Lacey
Recognizing the breadth of perspectives regarding the District School Council’s role in framing and submitting resolutions to Alberta School Council Association, it is important to gather all perspectives in an attempt to formulate a thoughtful, coherent approach. We can be guided by the District School Council Guidelines (attached) that delineates the “Functions of the District School Council” as they are currently articulated. The function most closely associated with a role that examines educational issues is b) “Consult with other school councils on wider education issues.” This may be interpreted to mean that it is kept to in-District discussion, or it may be interpreted that it does not exclude the furthering of discussion through advocacy channels such as Alberta School Council Association resolutions. One perspective regarding the role of District School Council is in the attached letter from LCI School Council. This letter is an impetus for gathering input from all School Councils regarding the role of the District School Council in writing and submitting resolutions as a form of parent advocacy to the Alberta School Council Association of which we are all members. It would be appreciated if your School Council representatives that attend the District School Council could seek your feedback on the following questions and bring responses back to the May 1st District School Council meeting.

1. Is it important for District School Council to provide the opportunity for parent representatives to explore wider educational issues?
2. Should District School Council provide the opportunity for parent representatives to work together on writing potential resolutions that can be examined at a provincial level through Alberta School Council Association processes?
3. If yes, what process or format should District School Council use to gather ideas, write resolutions, and seek feedback?
### District School Council
#### School Highlights

**School:** Galbraith

**School Highlights:**
- Spring concert went great on April 1st with a theme of “Canada 150”
- Grade 5’s held an electric car race
- Gymnastic equipment was set up over Easter break and commenced on the 25th

**Participation in Decision-Making and/or Advocacy** *(did you participate in any decisions at the school such as policy or join the school in advocating for something or decide as a School Council to advocate for something?)*

**Fundraising (Do you have a successful event to share?):**
- Started our Spring fundraiser which is Booster Juice coupons. End date is May 3rd
- Jump rope for Heart got started as well.
- Spring Book fair sold $5000 worth of books
- Grade 3 cupcake sale brought in $600 for the WE charity

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

**Best Practices (program, speaker, or other item at your school that has worked very well)**
- Galbraith hosted the “Boys Conference” on April 7th
## District School Council
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### School Highlights:

**ICS is celebrating Christian Education Week May 1-5 with all sorts of fun activities throughout the week! Chapel and Open House Monday, Grandparents Tea Tuesday, Carnival Friday afternoon and Trade Show/Roast Beef Supper Friday evening.**

**ICS Eagles Read Contest is still going on. Students have read and reviewed over 400 books so far!**

**Grade 1 collected milk jugs this winter, and used their math and science skills to design and build an igloo. Students also researched and presented on different charities to which they could donate the money from the recycled milk jugs. The igloo has now been demolished, and raised $79. The students chose to donate to the Chinook Regional Hospital NICU.**

**ICES Running Club is off and “Running”!**

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

*(did you participate in any decisions at the school such as policy or join the school in advocating for something or decide as a School Council to advocate for something?)*

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

**Annual ICES Library/Learning Commons fundraiser Book fair. Sold over $5000 in Scholastic and Living Books, raising over $1500 used to buy new books for the Learning Commons. This year’s theme was the Bookaneer Book Fair – Where Books are the Treasure.**

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

### Best Practices *(program, speaker, or other item at your school that has worked very well)*

**Monica Loewen, Director of Lethbridge Pregnancy Care Center, is coming in to do a presentation on May 9, at 7:30 pm, on The Birds, the Bees, and other Awkward Conversations.**
School Highlights:

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!!

Our Grade 8 Class won Parks Canada’s Coolest School Trip Contest for their video “Waterton The Best in the West. They will be travelling to Halifax in early June. On behalf of Mrs. Overbeeke’s Grade 8 class and the entire school, I will like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us.

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