Lethbridge School District No. 51
DISTRICT SCHOOL COUNCIL

Monday, May 7, 2018
6:00 p.m. Students present about innovative practices in their classrooms

6:00 Mike Mountain Horse
6:15 LCI
6:30 Fleetwood Bawden

Education Centre

AGENDA 6:45 – 8:30 P.M.

6:45 1. Welcome and Introductions

6:45 2. Approval of the Agenda

6:48 3. Approval of the Minutes from April 9, 2018

6:50 4. Business Arising from the Minutes
   • Budget Infograph (Cheryl)

6:55 5. Trustee Report

7:05 6. Alberta School Councils Association - Allison Pike
   • ASCA Conference

7:30 7. Reports from District Committees:
   • District Policy Advisory Committee
   • Community Engagement Committee

7:40 8. Superintendent’s Report – Cheryl Gilmore
   • District Priorities and Outcomes for 2018-19

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
2017-2018 District School Council Representatives

Chair: Joy Morris
Vice Chair: Heather Paul
Recording Secretary: Lyvia Hughes
Policy Advisory Committee: Laura Scarpelli, Allison Pike (alternate)
Poverty Intervention Committee: Heather Paul, Alison Alma-North, Joy Morris
District Wellness Committee: Amber Johansen, Heather Paul (alternate)
SAPDC: None this year
Community Engagement Committee: Pauline Hall, Heather Paul, Allison Pike, Corinne Steele
1. Welcome and Introductions Joy call to order.
2. Approval of Agenda: Allison Pike, 2nd Edna Asem
3. Approval of the Minutes: Rob Michell, 2nd Trina Timko
4. Business Arising from the Minutes: Item 10 to be moved to item 5
5. Trustee Report:
   Doug James:
   - Presentation by representatives of the 2 westside middle schools (GS Lakie and Senator Joyce Fairbairn) exploring the implementation of a Unified Laptop project. The project entails every student buying or renting a laptop. Students in grade 6-8 would have a laptop that stays with them for their middle school career.
     Cheryl conveyed that the focus of the project is to integrate technology effectively as part of regular classroom pedagogy. This does not mean that students have laptops in use the entire day; it means that they are accessible for retrieving and creating knowledge when it is the most effective tool for the instructional purpose.
     Brooke Culley inquired about equity across the district
     Cheryl indicated that the board will be looking at further information; equity is always a consideration of the Board, but it must also be kept in mind that not all schools are the same and the Unified Laptop project is a school initiative, not a District directive.
     The plan has to be sustainable; it is unknown at this time if schools will be seeking seed money for first round, and if so, how much they will need; it is a school driven initiative and it needs to be sustainable
     Brooke Culley asked about using cell phones as an alternative
     Cheryl indicated that the purpose of change in pedagogy is not focused on retrieving knowledge and information; it is focused on creating knowledge and cell phones are not a very good tool at this time to accomplish this.
   - Naming of new middle school - Senator Joyce Fairbairn.
   - Approval of trips - Winston Churchill and Chinook high school taking robotics team to Houston Texas.
   - Technology upgrading approved a necessity for wireless accessibility
   - Breakfast with the Board: trustees visit schools and teacher for breakfast rotates the school monthly.
   - Humboldt Bronco player, Logan Boulet, from Lethbridge passed away due to injuries. Logan Boulet attended G. S. Lakie School. Dr. Probe and WCHS. Parents Toby and Bernie are teachers in the District.

6. Alberta School Councils Association Report – Allison Pike reported: AGM upcoming. It’s still not too late to send a member from school council if interested. If not attending, schools can have other schools who are attending vote by proxy. If needing a school to do this, contact Allison at Schoolpike5@gmail.com Growing up digitally: phase three will be looking at the research.
7. Committee Reports

7.1. Policy Advisory Committee – Laura attended but not at DSC to report.

7.2. Poverty Intervention Committee –
Money from the committee has been spent on clothes, food, and winter clothes and boots. The E free church gave $100 000 which provided for extra food programs for children and their families on weekends. The committee is fine for funds now but for the future the Committee will need to find more funding to keep up with demand. One of the major initiatives, Food for Thoughts is no longer operating.

8. District School Council Calendar of Events and Shared Opportunities:
Cheryl demonstrated steps to get to calendar; tell Leanne if there are events to post

9. Superintendent’s Report:
Cheryl shared the budget development timeline that starts in February with the Town Hall meeting to establish priorities and ending in May with opportunity for the public to provide feedback and ask questions.
Brooke Culley inquired about the Board advocating for money
Joy had a question about percentage of teacher 22.1% changing; did not seem to make sense mathematically; Cheryl will look into this and report back.

10. French Immersion program structure and communication
Rebecca Adamson, vice principal at LCI, provided information about the sequence of French program offering in Lethbridge 51. French Immersion starts in Kindergarten and the percentage of time allocated to French until grade 9 falls into the category of French Immersion. Once students enter high school, the number of courses delivered in French goes down and the program is French Bilingual. There was some discussion regarding the viability of increasing the number of French courses which is dependent on student choice and demand. It was pointed out that students can always take more courses using the distance learning delivery model.
There is a French Immersion committee currently working on communication materials so that it is clear to parents what the pathway in French looks like in the District.

11. Roundtable Reports: none
Edna: Requested that the District look at having a PD day after the spring change in time.
Noted that the provincial budget approved funding for a new south side elementary school

12. Adjournment at 8:30
TRUSTEE report to school councils:
April 24, 2018

1. Unified Laptop Project
G.S. Lakie and Senator Joyce Fairbairn administrators provided a presentation to the Board at the March meeting in regards to the Unified Laptop Project. Some discussion on this topic also occurred at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 10. Senator Joyce Fairbairn principal Bill Bartlett provided further details regarding the potential of a Unified Laptop Project at Fairbairn. Bartlett added a number of details need to be worked out and questions still need to be answered surrounding the project. He added the school has set a June 1 timeline to make a decision regarding the project, and whether it is a go for the 2018/2019 school year. G.S. Lakie is no longer pursuing the project for the 2018-19 school year.

2. Art’s Alive and Well in Schools
Art’s Alive and Well in Schools student art exhibition will run from Sunday, May 6 to Saturday, June 9, 2018. Approximately 350 pieces of student art, representing 32 schools within The City of Lethbridge, 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. The event has a new sponsor for the Art 30 2D & 3D award, the Allied Arts Council. Last year was the first year the U of L partnered to give out two Art 30 awards. All participating schools contribute financially to support the other awards and prizes given out at the opening ceremony. Director of Technology, Jesse Sadlowski, will be putting together a video portion for this year’s exhibit. District staff member Kathy Knelsen co-ordinates the annual event and extended an invitation to all trustees and District staff members to attend. The opening ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 6, 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 Board Chair, Clark Bosch, will bring greetings on behalf of the District.

The Board received the report as information and extended appreciation to Knelsen for her efforts to co-ordinate this celebration of student art in Lethbridge.

3. Breakfast with the Board – Gilbert Paterson Middle School – May 1, 2018
Lethbridge School District trustees have a long-standing practice of visiting district facilities in order to better understand the operations at each site. Visits by trustees are truly appreciated by staff.
On a monthly basis, trustees meet with the staff of one district site for a continental breakfast. The informal meeting provides an opportunity for staff to share highlights of their work with trustees. Additionally, trustees can share information about district initiatives and respond to questions staff members may have.
Breakfast with the Board has been scheduled at Gilbert Paterson Middle School on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 from 7:30-8 a.m. Following the breakfast, principal Darryl Christiensen will provide a tour of the school for trustees. The Board received the report as information.

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4. Preliminary 2018/19 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 22, 2018 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Education Centre.
At the meeting, Director of Finance, Mark DeBoer, will provide an overview of the preliminary budget, which will be reviewed and debated at the Board Budget meeting scheduled for May 29, 2018. Through discussions with the Board Budget Committee, the 2018/2019 budget will also be presented by using multiple large posters/boards to try provide the budget in a graphical/visual presentation (new idea for increased public engagement). 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.
That the Board received the report as information.

5. Associate Superintendent Reports
Reports from the associate superintendents of business affairs, human resources and instructional services can be found starting on Page 14 of the AGENDA.

6. Education Week, April 30 to May 4, 2018
Education Week provides all Albertans with an opportunity to highlight the important role education plays in shaping the future of our province. The theme of this year’s Education Week is, Learning is a Journey.
To celebrate Education Week at the District level this year, Lethbridge School District No. 51 will feature a web gallery on the website comprised of student representation endeavours. Learning is expressed in a variety of ways, including representations created by students.
One way students express thinking and their humanity is through representation. Creative thinking is highlighted as a core competency in the developing Alberta K-12 curriculum and an attribute recognized as essential by education futurist thinkers and authors.
A call for submissions has been put out to schools. Schools can submit representations of student work to be posted on a Lethbridge School District No. 51 “Web Gallery” launching April 30, 2018. Representations may include the following: visual art, photos, or videos of performance – music – drama – dance, class projects associated with any subject, students working on assignments in a practical arts context such as automotive, foods, auto body, cosmetology, fashion, computer design, or construction…. the ideas are limitless – anything that can be described as a visual representation of thinking or expression fits.
The Board received the report as information and will deliver apples to each District location for staff to enjoy.

7. Board Priorities Report
The Education Centre Leadership Team is committed to keeping the Board informed regarding progress in Board priority areas. An update on progress is provided in the form of a report each month.
The Board received the report as information.
The report can be found on Page 26 of the AGENDA.

8. Committee reports
Trustee reports from the Educational Task Force, District School Council, ATA Local Council, Policy Advisory Committee and the FNMI Advisory Committee can be found starting on Page 36 of the AGENDA.

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**District School Council**

**School Highlights**

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**School Highlights:**

- Completion of our Dragon Park (raising over $625,000.00 to complete)
- Establishing our M.A.D. Project at our school
- Raising over 6500lbs of food and winning the Feeding Future Minds Food Drive
- Incredible Pancake Breakfast and Carnival celebrations, Aggie Days and Staff appreciation
- Support of Scientists in Schools for all classes (2 each)

**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?)*

| - ongoing feedback and opportunities to share |
| - feedback to district on combined grades |
| - Continued opportunities to share and provide input on matters concerning the school and district |

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

- Turkey Bingo continues to be a huge success
- Annual Spell-a-thon and Dragon Days
- Reusable Lunch bag Fundraiser
- Used book sale

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

| - Always curious as to what they are up to |

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

| - Good working relationship with admin and seek input from staff on decisions. Group is empowered to make a difference and take on impactful activities for our kids. |
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### School Highlights:

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

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

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School: General Stewart

School Highlights:
Start of Running Club - 2 Parents have started this and have a few volunteers to help. They run it Monday and Wednesday at Noon Recess. We have 67 kids participating! The students then have the opportunity to run in a kids mini marathon in June.

Oratorical Presentations – All students from K-5 participate in reciting a poem in the gymnasium in front of their classmates, teacher, principal and parents that are able to attend. This is a great way for the students to learn how to speak publicly. It is wonderful to watch and listen to each student every year to see how they improve their oratorical skills. The students get to choose the poem they would like to recite. It can be by any author or one the student themselves have written.

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?):
We hosted a Bring on Spring Bingo. It was very successful! We were able to raise $2373.50. We were fortunate to not have to pay for anything as everything was donated. We had about 200 people from our community come out to this fun, family event. We offered a meal for $5.00 of a hot dog, bag of chips and a drink. We also had 50/50 tickets to purchase. The reusable bingo sliders could be used for the evening by a donation. We had 10-15 volunteers over the course of planning and that afternoon/evening. As well as the help and support of our staff. This is the second year we have done this fundraiser and both years have been successful in raising funds for our students extra learning activities and for our community to enjoy a fun evening out with their family and friends! It also ended up being a beautiful spring day!!

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

**School Highlights**

| School: | Immanuel Christian Elementary School |

**School Highlights:**

Christian Education Week ran from April 30 – May 4

On Monday, April 30, ICES had its Christian Education Week chapel with guest speakers Hannah Van Dyk from Edu Deo Ministries and Mrs. Jen Day, District 51 counselor for ICS and General Stewart school. After the chapel was the ICES Open House. Parents and school supporters were able to tour the school, visit classrooms, check out and in some cases participate in student learning activities.

On Tuesday, May 1, ICES held its annual Grandparents Tea. Grade 5 students served coffee and cake and the entire ICES student body sang for the grandparents.

On Wednesday, May 2, ICES participated in Mental Health Awareness day by participating in “Hats On for Mental Health”.

Friday, May 4, hosted the annual ICES Coin Carnival. Grade 5 students plan and ran games for the rest of the school at a cost of one coin per game. All funds raised were given to Edu Deo Ministries.

Wrapping up the week of celebrations of Christian Education at Immanuel was the Roast Beef Dinner, hosted by the ICS Ladies Auxiliary.

**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?):**

**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)*
District School Council
School Highlights

School: Lakeview Elementary

School Highlights:
- Running Club
- Hot Lunches on Thursdays
- Mission impossible with Olympic theme

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?)*
- Granting excess funds towards playground
- School fees (maximum amount for some items if charged)

Fundraising (Do you have a successful event to share?):
- Good fundraising last year, allowed us to buy a few needed things for the school including: new TV in the foyer to show what’s happening at the school; paying the school ACF licensing fee; assisting with field trip fees; Alberta Opera Touring Assoc. performance; Gr 5 Pizza Party Basketball Wrap Up;
- upcoming Read-a-thon Spring 2018 Date TBD To match announcement from CFEP and Playground Fundraising
- Our annual superhero run continues to be a great fundraiser. Community members, students, and schools from across the district are encouraged to register at: http://www.racepro.ca/lakeviewrun/

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)*
- Once a week staff appreciation lunches for a month
- Hot lunches
- Alberta Opera Touring Association
## District School Council

### School Highlights

**School:** Park Meadows School

**School Highlights:**

- Began construction of our $400,000.00 all-inclusive all-accessible playground. BDI Designs is constructing the project. Kiwanis Club of Green Acres Lethbridge has been instrumental in securing grants on our behalf for the project. Project completion date is scheduled for June 15, 2018. The playground will resemble a slightly smaller version of Henderson Lake’s all-inclusive playground with some new features added on.

### 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?):

- Connecting with outside agencies to secure grant funding has proven successful (Kiwanis Club of Green Acres Lethbridge helped with three different grants that we applied for totalling over $250,000).

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

### Best Practices

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