
Lethbridge School District No. 51

DISTRICT SCHOOL COUNCIL

Monday, May 6, 2019

**6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Innovative practices in Science and Technology in the District
(schools and students presenting)**

Education Centre



AGENDA

7:00 1. Welcome and Introductions

7:05 2. Approval of the Agenda

7:08 3. Approval of the Minutes from April 1, 2019

7:10 4. Business Arising from the Minutes

7:10 5. Trustee Report

7:20 6. Alberta School Councils Association - Allison Pike
• ASCA Conference

7:35 7. Reports from District Committees:
• Community Engagement Committee (April 9)

7:40 8. Superintendent's Report – Cheryl Gilmore
• District Priorities and Outcomes for 2019-2020

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 3, 2019 – Dinner meeting

2018-2019 District School Council Representatives

Chair	Joy Morris
Vice Chair	Heather Paul
Recording Secretary	Lyvia Hughes
Policy Advisory Committee	Allison Pike
	Alternate - Joy Morris
Poverty Intervention Committee	Heather Paul
	Alison Alma-North
District Wellness Committee	Shannon Pratt
	Alternate – Amber Johansen
SAPDC	Hollie Tarasewich
Community Engagement Committee	Pauline Hall
	Heather Paul
	Allison Pike
	Lyvia Hughes
	Amber Johansen
	Cynthia Young
	Hollie Tarasewich

District School Council Minutes for April 1, 2019

- 1. Welcome**
 - Social Media Presentation by Technology Director, Jesse Sadlowski (available on website)
 - Roundtable introductions
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
 - Allison Pike moves to adopt the agenda as presented. Hollie Tarasewich seconds the motion. All in favour.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2019**
 - Allison would like to amend the minutes under ASCA to read that the motions in the omnibus package can be debated on the floor if pulled from the omnibus package.
 - Hollie Tarasewich moves to adopt the minutes as amended. Shannon Pratt seconds the motion. All in favour.
- 4. Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 4.1. Feminine Hygiene Supplies**
 - Discussion surrounding the process of how young girls can access such product. All, middle schools have a plan in place and have discussed the opportunity for students to access feminine hygiene products.
- 5. Trustee Report**
 - ICSS Basketball team took home the 2A Provincial Championships
 - Board had a presentation on the Disaster Recovery Plan
 - Board had a presentation that outlined Educational Technology being taught in the elementary and middle schools.
 - There will be a board budget presentation on June 18 at 5:30
- 6. ASCA – Allison Pike**
 - There was 189 school councils that pre-voted. There has been a really good online turnout. Nine resolutions have received 60% of the votes that have been put in the omnibus package. These resolutions can be discussed on the floor BUT they will need to be pulled from the omnibus package in order to do so.
 - The order paper will be put on the ASCA website later this week.
- 7. Reports:**
 - 7.1. Policy Advisory Committee – March 6, 2019**
 - School council chairs have received the policies that are being discussed. If the school councils have not discussed this yet, check with your council chair.
 - 7.2. Poverty Intervention Committee – March 11, 2019**
 - Discussed the Annual Appreciation Luncheon held in May. Fundraising plans. There are continuous discussions on getting funds into the committee.
 - 7.3. Community Engagement Committee – March 11, 2019**
 - Discussed the scholarship breakfast. It was well attended, and over \$2000 was made at this breakfast. No one had applied for the scholarship earlier in March, but applications are coming in. Six Applications had been submitted on the last day. The scholarship deadline however, has been extended to April 15th. Encourage those in high school to apply for this scholarship.

8. Superintendent's Report

8.1. Provincial Election Public Forum

- A forum for provincial candidates have been scheduled. Lethbridge West will be April 2nd at Chinook. Lethbridge East will be held on April 8th at St. Francis Junior High School.

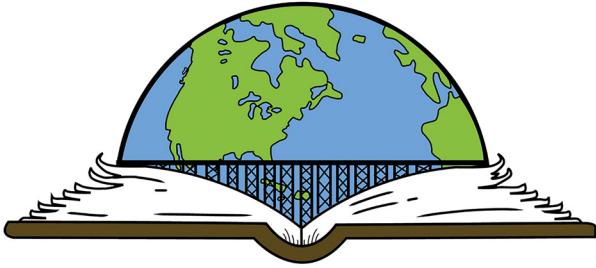
8.2. District Budget Development: Timelines

- Due to the election the district budget has been frozen and as such the timeline has been extended a month.

9. Roundtable Reports

- Attached to the agenda.

10. Adjournment @ 7:35



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TRUSTEE report to school councils:

April 30, 2019

1. Ready, Set, Go/Alberta Student Leadership Conference Donations

The Ready, Set, Go program was presented with a cheque from the Community Foundation and Knights of Columbus. Charleen Davidson from the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta and Ray Viel from the Knights of Columbus presented Ready, Set, Go with a cheque in the amount of \$2,690. The Board received the presentation as information.

2. ESL Presentation

Ann Muldoon, Director of Inclusive Education, and ESL Lead Teacher, Heather Willms, provided a presentation on the work being done within the District. The report detailed the fact the District has 1,208 ESL students, including 435 refugee students, for the 2018/2019 school year. Ten years ago, the District had 381 ESL students, and 10 refugee students.

The Board received the presentation as information.

3. Approval of International Trip

Winston Churchill High School (WCHS) requested permission to take a group of students on an exchange trip to Weilburg, Germany from April 9-20th, 2020. Information regarding the educational benefits of the trip and the proposed itinerary were attached. The estimated cost per student is \$2,500. Fundraising opportunities will be available to students to offset the cost of the trip.

The WCHS exchange trip to Weilburg, Germany from April 9-20, 2020 was approved, on the condition all district policies and procedures will be strictly followed.

4. 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. At the April 30 meeting, the following policies were reviewed:

402.8.1 Harassment and Discrimination and Violence Prevention in the Workplace Policy - Amended

604.3 Locally Developed Courses Policy - Return to the Policy Advisory Committee

605.1 Inclusive Learning Supports Policy - Amended

1002.4 School Councils - Amended

The Board adopted the revisions to the policies as presented by the Policy Advisory Committee, or as amended. The policies can be found on Page 15 of the [AGENDA](#).

5. ATA Local Bargaining Committee Mandate

A motion was passed to allow the Board provide the Board's ATA Bargaining Committee the mandate to bargain and conclude a memorandum of agreement on local matters on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

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6. Art's Alive and Well in the Schools

Art's Alive and Well in Schools student art exhibition will run from Saturday, May 11 to Saturday, June 16, 2019. Approximately 360 pieces of student art, representing thirty-four 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 Allied Arts Council and University of Lethbridge will be sponsoring awards again this year.

All participating schools contribute financially to support the other awards and prizes given out at the opening ceremony. This year we have a new project that is being directed by artist, David Hoffos, and contributed to by five students from various high schools. It will be unveiled at the opening ceremony.

District staff member Kathy Knelsen 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 Saturday, May 11, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Southern Alberta Art Gallery (601 – 3 Avenue South). Karen Rancier will serve as MC for the opening ceremony and Board Vice-Chair, Christine Light, 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.

7. Associate Superintendent Reports

Christine Lee, Associate Superintendent, Business Affairs; Rik Jesse, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources and Morag Asquith, Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services, delivered their respective reports for the Board. To read the reports in full, see Page 25 of the [AGENDA](#).

8. Education Week, April 29 to May 3, 2019

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, which launched April 29, 2019. The Web Gallery can be found here: [EDWEEK](#).

9. Board Reports

Reports were delivered for District School Council, ATA Local 41 and the Community Engagement Committee, Poverty Intervention Committee, ASBA Zone 6 General Meeting and the Community and Social Development Committee. The reports begin on Page 52 of the [AGENDA](#).

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**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, May 28, 3:30 p.m.
(public forum begins at 5 p.m.)
Education Centre Boardroom
433-15 St. S.**

District School Council School Highlights

School:	Coalbanks Elementary
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School Highlights:

Our hot lunch program has been very successful.

Council has donated \$2000 to our Learning Commons for the purchase of materials, \$2000 to the school for the purchase of new technology, and \$500 to the chess program at the school.
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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 are currently in the middle of a 'Growing Smiles' fundraiser, selling bedding plants.
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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*)

We had Levi Stanford present to our school. He is an excellent Motivational Speaker.
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District School Council School Highlights

School:	Immanuel Christian Elementary
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School Highlights:

ICES has offered a running club during lunch recess. By the end of May, students will have run the equivalent of a full marathon (42 km).

On April 3 rd , ICES students attended ICSS Black Light Theatre.

On April 8 th , students participated in Green Shirt Day to honor the memory of the victims of the Humboldt Broncos and to promote organ and tissue donor awareness.

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District School Council School Highlights

School:	Lethbridge Christian School
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School Highlights:

Spring Potluck and Ice Cream Social: We held this event on April 4th. Families devoured delicious meals and enjoyed creamy, smooth and delicious ice cream with all the toppings.

Grades 1, 2 and 3 Reading Challenge: This year's Reading Challenge is in full swing. Unlike last year, when the three Grades competed against each, this year, they are working collaboratively to read 3000 books throughout April. Student reading at level M – Z are encouraged to choose more challenging books. The goal of the Reading Challenge is to encourage students to grow their reading skills. Books read at home, on a trip, on the bus and at school all count. Student tally their reading on a recording sheet. The reward for the challenge is a trip to the Taber pool and a picnic in the park.

One District One Book Activities: Staff organized several engaging activities based on themes from *Wishtree*. All grades were divided into 4 teams, based on characters in *Wishtree*. The teams competed with each other in daily physical and literacy-based challenges. It culminated in a big celebration in the gym on the last day with top teams earning prizes. I wish I could include a picture of a giant *Wishtree* on the gym wall, plastered with leaves full of wishes. Students who read chapters and gave correct answers earned stuffies related to characters in the book.

Outdoor School: Grades 1, 2 and 5 continue to explore science themes in Outdoor School.

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