

Lethbridge School District No. 51
District SCHOOL COUNCIL
Monday, January 14, 2019 - Education Centre



6:00 – 6:45 p.m. Curriculum – significant shifts – Karen Rancier

Meeting starts at 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 6:45 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 6:47 2. Approval of the Agenda
- 6:50 3. Approval of the Minutes from December 3, 2018
- 6:53 4. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 4.1 Parent Math Help Sessions (Joy Morris)
- 7:00 5. Trustee Report
- 7:15 6. Alberta School Councils Association - Allison Pike
 - 6.1 Policy Motion for ASCA – Joy Morris (attached)
- 7:25 7. Reports from District Committees:
 - District Policy Advisory Committee: Jan 9
 - District Wellness Committee: Dec 10
- 7:35 8. Superintendent's Report – Cheryl Gilmore
 - 8.1 Town Hall Meeting - February 5, 2019
 - 8.2 Innovation Scholarship Breakfast - February 14, 2019
 - 8.3 One District One Book - timelines
- 7:45 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

February 5, 2019 Town Hall Meeting

March 4, 2019

April 1, 2019

May 6, 2019

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

6:00- 6:30 Pre-Session: Engaging FNMI Parents in School Council ~ Andrea Fox

- Discussion regarding possible reasons why FNMI parents may not be involved.
 - Not feeling welcomed
 - Not comfortable
 - Experiences with racism
 - Historical relationship with Residential Schools
 - Access to transportation
 - Mistrust of education systems
 - Frustration with education systems
- Discussed the top 3 most daunting ideas or perceptions from an Indigenous standpoint about school meetings
- Assembly of First Nations www.afn.ca
- Literature Review <http://www.afn.ca/uploads/files/education2/literaturereview.pdf>

Lethbridge School District #51 **District School Council Minutes** **Monday December 3, 2018**

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - Roundtable introductions of members in attendance
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - Locke Spencer moves to adopt the agenda as amended. Tisha Elford seconds the motion. All in favour.
3. Approval of the minutes from Nov 5, 2018
 - Shannon Pratt moves to adopt the minutes as presented. Cynthia Young seconds the motion. All in favour.
4. Business arising from Minutes
 - 4.1. District School Council Calendar of Events and Shared Opportunities
 - District Calendar is on the district website on the main page of the website.
5. Trustee Report
 - Sock it to 'em Campaign has been taken over by Volunteer Lethbridge Association this year; caretaking and maintenance staff are collecting new socks for local charities Nov 1 – Dec 15.
 - There has been a # of policies that have been reviewed. Feedback was requested via e-mail.
 - The Board approved the combined Three Year Education Plan and 2017-18 Annual Education Results Report.
 - City of Lethbridge sent a letter to Lethbridge School District No 51 thanking the Board for its letter of support to the Provincial Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.
 - A motion of Trustee remuneration, which read, “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,” was defeated.
6. Reports from District Committees
 - 6.1. Policy Advisory Committee (Nov 21)
 - Currently working on a few policies and has already been submitted to school council chairs.

- 6.2. Poverty Intervention Committee (Nov 19)
 - 13/23 schools applied for grants and 12 were approved.
 - Ways to educate community about financial need to be able to raise some funds.
 - Trustees will be filming a 90 sec advertisement to post online to highlight the Poverty Intervention Committee.
- 6.3. Community Engagement (Nov 13)
 - Talked about the scholarship breakfast - tickets will be available online (on the district website).
 - Still looking for sponsorships.
 - Garrett presented his communication plan and how we can connect the community with the district - how can we streamline communication between parents and schools.
 - Touched on Town Hall again this meeting.
- 7. Alberta School Council Association – Allison Pike
 - Last week there was a curriculum teleconference across the province – plan moving forward.
 - ASCA resolutions deadline have been moved to January.
 - School Engagement Task force - School council rep? Surrounding physical activity within our youth's population.
- 8. Superintendent's Report- Cheryl Gilmore
 - 8.1. Lethbridge School District #51
 - ICE scholarship breakfast is scheduled for Feb 14 and tickets are available.
- 9. Roundtable Reports
 - Agnes Davidson had a successful Turkey Bingo and Dragon Days.
 - Coalbanks was able to provide \$250 to each classroom for educational activities. Coalbanks has booked Levi Stanford to speak on January 22; if any other school would like to book him for the same day they would receive \$200 off the cost. Contact Coalbanks school council for more information.
 - General Stewart hosted a Halloween Carnival.
 - Immanuel Christian Elementary held a successful Fall Fundraiser on Nov 17th.
 - Lakeview held a family literacy night with over 300 attendees.
 - Park Meadows Elementary held a Halloween school carnival.
- 10. Other Business
 - 10.1. Nicholas Sheran
 - Discussion about PD days in Oct/Nov, lots of weeks that are partial weeks and the schedule is rather disruptive. As the university has a week long break, is there way to schedule PD days around the university schedule.
 - Discussion centering around best practice for scheduling PD days.
 - 10.2. Announcement - Joy Morris
 - Parent Math Help Sessions for parents of Middle School children will commence again this year. This year will be at Gilbert Paterson from Jan 10 - Feb 7 from 6:30-7:30.
- 11. Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: January 14, 2019



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TRUSTEE report to school councils:

December 18, 2018

1. Building Brains presentation

District Early Childhood Co-ordinator, Isabelle Plomp, provided the Board with a presentation on Building Brains. The Board received the presentation as information.

2. 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 Dec. 18 meeting, the following policies were reviewed:

402.11.1 - Teacher Growth, Supervision & Evaluation - Amendment

602.6 - Second Language Programs other than English and French - Amendment

603.1 - Animals in Schools - First reading

609.5 - Student Records - Amendment

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 11 of the [AGENDA](#).

3. Trustee Remuneration

The Board of Trustees passed the following motion: That due to recent changes in income tax regulations effective Jan. 1, 2019, as applied to Trustees, Lethbridge School District No. 51 Board of Trustees increase their honourarium, including per diem rates, to reflect a hold-harmless position in after-tax dollars.

4. 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 21 of the [AGENDA](#).

5. Board Priorities Report

The District Office Leadership Team is committed to keeping the Board informed regarding progress in Board priority areas. An update on progress will be provided in the form of a report each month. The report can be found on Page 31 of the [AGENDA](#). The Board received the report as information.

6. Public Forum

Coalbanks parent, Kathi Burnett, brought questions as a representative of parents of the school, concerning two-day and four-day Kindergarten programming at the school.

7. Board Reports

A report was delivered for District School Council. The report begins on Page 43 of the [AGENDA](#).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Clark Bosch, Christine Light, Tyler Demers, Jan Foster, Donna Hunt, Doug James, Lola Major

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Jan. 22, 3:30 p.m. (public forum begins at 5 p.m.)
Education Centre Boardroom - 433-15 St. S.**

Policy Motion for ASCA

I became aware of this issue in early December, so have not been able to bring this motion to my own school council, which meets next on Jan. 21. I am asking DSC to pass this motion so that I can meet the ASCA deadline of Jan. 15. I will then bring it to my own school council at our meeting the following week, and we can withdraw it if I do not receive their endorsement.

The motion

Be it resolved that the Alberta School Councils Association ask the Alberta Ministry of Education to provide at least \$5,000/year support for the Canadian Mathematical Society's math education activities for Alberta students, on an ongoing basis.

Background

In 2017, the Alberta government provided \$5,000 to the Canadian Math Society (CMS). Funding of \$5,000/year is a small proportion of the costs of providing the educational and enrichment opportunities outlined below, for Alberta students. Many of the other provinces provide a similar level of funding. The Alberta government renewed this level of funding for 2018 in late December. It would be extremely helpful for the provision of these opportunities if the funding were predictable and reliable.

The CMS provides a number of educational opportunities for students in Alberta (and across the country). Funding from Alberta supports the following activities and programs for Alberta students.

Math Camps: each year the CMS provides support for one of the Alberta universities to host a regional residential "math camp" for students in grades 7-10, with hands-on activities in computer programming, mathematics, and engineering that highlight the role math plays in everyday life. In 2017 there was a camp in Calgary, and in 2018 in Edmonton. These camps alternate between the two cities, with participation by students from across the province.

National Competitions: The CMS sets, coordinates, and grades the "Canadian Open Math Challenge" each year. Approximately 350 students from Alberta high schools typically write this competition. The top students are invited to compete in the "Canadian Mathematical Olympiad", also set and run by the CMS. These competitions encourage the building and development of problem-solving skills in our students.

International Competitions: Top students from the Canadian Mathematical Olympiad are invited by the CMS to join "Math Team Canada". This group of six students (in 2017, one was from Alberta) is funded by the CMS for a two-week intensive training camp in problem solving (including training, travel, and accommodation costs) that takes place either at the Banff International Research Station, or at the University of Waterloo (depending on the year). They are then funded (with adult support personnel) to travel to whichever country is hosting the "International Mathematical Olympiad" (IMO) and to participate in that event. In 2017, the Alberta student won a bronze medal at the IMO.

Educational Resources: The CMS web site provides a variety of educational resources. Beginning in January 2019, the math problem journal “CRUX Mathematicorum” will become freely available online through the CMS web site. Designed primarily for the secondary and undergraduate levels, and also containing some pre-secondary material, it has been referred to as "the best problem solving journal in the world". All the problems and solutions are fully peer-reviewed for clarity, completeness and rigour by academic and professional mathematicians.

Full Disclosure

I am a member of the CMS Board. This is a completely voluntary (elected) position, but does relate to my professional obligations.

Joy Morris



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January 8, 2019

Dear School Council Chair

Lethbridge School District No. 51 invites parents to participate in a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Victoria Park High School Gymnasium (1515 - 5 Avenue South). The purpose of the meeting is to seek feedback to assist the District and Board of Trustees as they explore the development of actionable strategies. The strategies are reviewed during planning for inclusion in the District's Education Plan.

Key questions are:

What do you value most about what is happening in your school community? (parents and students)

What do you value most about your relationship with Lethbridge School District No. 51?

(business/community agencies/community members)

What can the District do better? (all)

Principals have been asked to provide the office of the Superintendent with the names of parents who will attend the Town Hall as a parent representative; at least four from each elementary school and six from each middle school and high school. Please work with your school principal to construct and finalize a list that can be submitted. If there are more parents that want to attend, they can certainly do so and can either be added to the list the principal will be submitting or register as a community member parent by contacting LeeAnne Tedder by *Wednesday, January 30, 2019* at (403) 380-5301 or email leeanne.tedder@lethsd.ab.ca. Information regarding location and time is as follows:

Date: Tuesday February 5, 2019
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Location: Victoria Park High School Gymnasium
1515 5 Avenue South, Lethbridge

Participants will need to bring a cell phone, tablet, or laptop (with internet access) for electronic voting purposes OR notify leeanne.tedder@lethsd.ab.ca if you do not have a voting device as we will have a limited number available for use.

We look forward to meeting with you or members of your organization.

Sincerely,

Clark Bosch, Board Chair

**District School Council
School Highlights**

School:	Ecole Agnes Davidson School
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School Highlights:

Congratulation to the students of Agnes Davidson school and Mme Thorlakson for winning in their category the CBC Music Class Challenge. The school will be receiving \$5000 towards purchasing musical instruments.

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?)*

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

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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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**District School Council
School Highlights**

School:	Immanuel Christian Elementary
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School Highlights:

Students participated in Advent Chapels.
Grade 4 and 5 students designed gift bags with messages of hope, filled by volunteers, which were presented to inmates at the Lethbridge Correctional Centre.
Students participated in the Compassion Canada Christmas Drive and the Interfaith Food Bank Drive.
Grade 4 and 5 students hosted a bowling party for students from Westminster Elementary.

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