
Lethbridge School Division
DIVISION SCHOOL COUNCIL



December 2, 2019 - Board Room, Education Centre

6:00 to 6:45 p.m. **Mental Health /Adolescent Wellness – Kathy Mundell**

AGENDA

- 6:45 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 6:48 2. Approval of the Agenda
- 6:50 3. Approval of the Minutes from November 4, 2019
- 6:55 4. Business Arising from the Minutes
4.1 Work requests to facilities department
- 7:05 5. Trustee Report
- 7:15 6. Reports from Division Committees:
Policy Advisory Committee (November 20)
- 7:20 7. Alberta School Councils Association
- 7:25 8. Superintendent's Report – Cheryl Gilmore
- Lethbridge School Division Innovation Scholarship
 - Board approval of revised budget (information on website)
 - Question from parent regarding class size funding: Minister audit and cutting of funding; impact of class size
 - Transportation Services (City of Lethbridge severing cost neutral relationship for service delivery)
- 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
10. Adjournment

Division School Council Meeting Dates

January 13, 2020

February 4, 2020 – Town Hall Meeting

March 2, 2020

April 6, 2020

May 4, 2020

June 1, 2020 – Dinner meeting

2019-2020 Division School Council Representatives

Chair	Brooke Culley
Vice Chair	Allison Pike
Recording Secretary	Alison Alma-North
Policy Advisory Committee	Shannon Pratt Alternate: Allison Pike
Poverty Intervention Committee	Alison Alma-North Alternate: Ellis Veenendaal
Division Wellness Committee	Hollie Tarasewich Alternate: Edna Asem
SAPDC	None required this year
Community Engagement Committee	Holly Debnam Heather Paul Allison Pike

Division School Council Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2019

1. 6:45 Welcome and Introductions
2. Additions to the agenda:
Edna-School Choice
Tisha-Maintenance at Mike Mountain Horse
3. Approval of the agenda - 1st Erin, 2nd Shannon
4. Approval of the Minutes of October 7, 2019 - 1st Tisha, 2nd Edna
5. Business arising from the Minutes - Reviewed the School Council learning sessions before regular meetings. Brooke indicated that MLA East, Nathan Neudorf, may attend the January 13th meeting.
6. Committee Reports: 7:25
Community Engagement – Heather- Terms of reference tweaked. Interest in book project. Judy Trin speaker at the Lodge for Ice Scholarship breakfast.
Policy Advisory – Shannon- Policy for parent responsibility. Brand new policy has three readings.
Cheryl shared how policies are created and steps involved.
7. Trustee Report 6:55
October was organizational meeting for committees, not much new business brought up.
Allison Pike - Timing of release of bus route information. Not released until before long weekend before school. Problematic.
Cheryl - City of Lethbridge is responsible for bus route information. Bus routes can't be established until summer school has finished. The Division will be working with Lethbridge Transit to try to have routes completed and communicated to parents earlier.
Brooke commented to Lola - Board needs to respond to political announcements from government; when it is the superintendent an employee (the superintendent) becomes the potential target for negative comments. Perhaps it should be elected officials who make comments regarding political decisions to media.
8. Alberta School Councils Association
Brooke - Ask your School Council chair if they are getting regular information from ASCA. Nov 23, 2019 1:00-4:00 - Online Member Engagement. Education Minister will be online <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/board-of-directors/member-engagement>

Edna – Choice – we should all look at big picture to educate our kids and support each other no matter how or where we educate our kids. We all want to educate our kids.
Brooke - Choice in education in Alberta -there is lots of choice. People like choice – but the question is how do we fund this choice?

Cheryl – There are different structures of choice under the umbrella of public education such as Alternative School programs. For example, in Lethbridge we have the two Immanuel schools and Lethbridge Christian that are alternative programs. A Society owns the buildings and operates transportation. The societies also oversee the religious culture and embedding of Christian perspective as part of school life. The Montessori program also an example of an alternative program. Not in a separate building. The government has put out a survey regarding Choice.

Link is: <https://www.alberta.ca/choice-in-education-engagement.aspx>

Cheryl- information from Allison Pike- Open survey until Nov 29, 2019- Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Review - <https://www.alberta.ca/tobacco-and-smoking-reduction-review.aspx>. Lethbridge School Division does already have a policy regarding vaping. Cheryl – policies are on the website.

Brooke - The province is working on provincial legislation regarding this.

9. Tisha – Mike Mountain Horse Basketball hoops not installed. Emails since April with maintenance with Board. Students in Grade 5 will not be able to play with basketball hoops they fundraised for. Communication with school should be that they [maintenance] is unable to do the work in a timely manner because they are too busy. The school should then have opportunity to contract someone (or have maintenance contract someone) if School Council is willing to pay for the installation. Cheryl – will look into whether a more seamless way for communicating and approving potential contract work is possible. Will report back.

10. Superintendent's Report

Gage interest in learning sessions that would not be formally scheduled unless there is sufficient interest.

Do schools want a session on how to be a society? Only one indicated interest. If a School Council is interested, we can link them up with another School Council that has gone through the process.

School Council promotions – there was some interest expressed. This session could be done with ASCA.

Provincial Fundraising Update - How we are main budget adjustments. Cheryl went through an Infograph that showed how the funding rolled out with budget and how it impacted for a 3 million dollar shortfall in funding.

Brooke- We need to voices out there. Parents need to speak out and not only rely on the board. Organize at local levels and have parents become more involved.

Cheryl- Westside School not announced as anticipated. The Division hoped that given the over-capacity percentages in all the elementary schools and continued growth in West Lethbridge, the Division would have had an elementary school announced. The MLA is working on behalf of Lethbridge but one voice can only go so far.
Brook encouraged parents to write to your MLA, Minister of Education, and Minister of Infrastructure
No one South of Calgary got a new school.

Edna – SLA (student learning assessment)-How many schools have participated in it?
Cheryl - Huge investment of time to assess. One teacher in one school - one classroom in the district.

11. Roundtable Reports 8:10

Ecole Agnes Davidson School hosting Turkey Bingo and Silent Auction Wednesday
November 13, 2019 6:00-9:00

12. Adjournment @ 8:12

**Division School Council
School Highlights**

School:	GALBRAITH ELEMENTARY
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School Highlights:

Our school has started a brand new intramural program, thanks to the Wellness Grants by the division. We have purchased some excellent intramural equipment, team pinnies and even developed Houses for Galbraith students to be a part of! Thanks to the wellness committee for giving us this grant to build community, sportsmanship and fair-play in our community.
We greatly appreciate the continued support of LA Chefs, who is partnering with us this school year once again to provide several free hot lunches to our school community, as well as our Holiday Lunch. Big thank you to LA Chefs for your kindness and time and support of our kids!

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?)*

School council society has stepped up and supported our Makerspace this year by graciously providing our Learning Commons with \$2000 to add some amazing Makerspace items and innovative and creative tools to support or students.
School Council Society also supported the Jody Carrington evening that was held in November at Wilson Middle School. The event was very well attended by many community members from all over the city, including Galbraith families and staff, and the presenter was very well received.

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

We have started our fall fundraiser from Epicure and Christmas Planters / Wreaths
Galbraith is planning to be a part of a Chapters Fundraiser in February

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

Not at this time

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

Galbraith has loved bringing in DJ Ram for our school dances – he has been fantastic!

Division School Council School Highlights

School:	Immanuel Christian Secondary School
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School Highlights:

Excited to be hosting 2A Boys ASAA Provincials this weekend. Thanks to Winston Churchill for use of their gym.

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?):

Had a very successful Fall Fundraiser on Nov 16 Lunch, KidZone, Meat sale, Dutch Store and auction. Proceeds from this fundraiser go towards renovating the large kitchen used in our Home Economics program

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

The School Counsellor talked to parents at our last Parent Council Meeting about the Wellness centre and help available to students in individual, group and class settings.

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

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**Division School Council
School Highlights**

School:	Park Meadows Elementary School
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School Highlights:

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

Upcoming Event: Market Day – December 13 Public welcome. Vouchers to be sold at the door.

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

Breakfast Program

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

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