



Highlights from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting highlights from December 17 - Next meeting January 28

1. Cross Country Provincial Champions

LCI Cross Country Provincial Champions were in attendance.
The Board of Trustees received the report as information.

2. 2A Boys Volleyball Provincial Champions

Immanuel Christian Secondary School Provincial Volleyball Champions were in attendance.
The Board of Trustees received the report as information

3. WCHS Finland Trip

WCHS students and staff traveled to Finland in the fall, and shared what they learned with the Board of Trustees. Six students gave a presentation in regards to their trip to Finland from Oct. 4-12, 2019, as part of FinAI 2.0 ATA Finland-Alberta Partnership. Students toured upper secondary and elementary schools, and noted the differences between upper secondary schools that put a focus on preparing students for post-secondary education, and vocational institutions which steered students into the trades.

WCHS students also noted the independence elementary students are given in Finland, and also spoke about the Finnish lunch program, which puts a focus on reusable plates and utensils, healthy choices and very minimal food waste.

Students added the goal of the partnership is to solve one key question - what makes a great school for all? With that in mind, students added they were looking for help from the Board in pushing them forward to make a number of improvements at WCHS. The student group is looking at creating a hot and healthy lunch program, complete with reusable or compostable cutlery and plates, along with an industrial dishwasher.

The Board of Trustees received the report as information.

4. Board Donations in Lieu of Christmas Treats

For the past number of years, the Board has made donations on behalf of each staff to charities identified by each school. This practice was put into place in lieu of some form of token of appreciation from the Board such as chocolate to acknowledge the efforts of staff. The Board continued with this practice, making a \$50 donation on behalf of each staff to a charitable organization identified by the staff.

The Board of Trustees received the report as information.

5. Breakfast with the Board – LCI – January 8, 2020

Lethbridge School Division trustees have a long-standing practice of visiting Division 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 Division 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 Division initiatives and respond to questions staff members may have.

Breakfast with the Board has been scheduled at LCI on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 from 7.30 –8.00 a.m. Following the breakfast, Principal Wayne Pallett will provide a tour of the school for trustees.

The Board received the report as information.

6. 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 14 of the [AGENDA](#).

7. Board Priorities Report

The Division Office 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.

8. Acknowledgements of Excellence

The Board has a long-standing practice of acknowledging the efforts of students and staff whose commitment to excellence has resulted in outstanding achievement. Details of accomplishments of note are provided as information. Congratulations to the following Division staff and students:

Senator Joyce Fairbairn students who won Gold at Wickfest in Calgary recently (pee wee girls hockey team the Cylones), are: Brook Many Grey Horses, Jenna Arlett, Atley Ross, and Aaliyah Fantazir.

Westminster Educational Assistant, Sandi Zam, completed course work in Learning Commons and Library Services through Mohawk College.

Dasan Shillington, Westminster Grade 4 student, recently skated as the seventh player before a Hurricanes hockey game.

Gilbert Paterson Middle School choir program under the direction of Tyler Leavitt was chosen for the Southern Alberta Children's Choir. Choir members are Alexis Jones, Maeve Jensen, Victor Motte, Marlow Hendry, Anna Skretting, Melora Bowie, Sariah Still, Nyla Butler, and Macee Hall.

9. Snacks with the Superintendents Immanuel Christian Elementary School – January 8, 2020m

At the beginning of each school year, Executive Council members are designated as school liaisons for each of the Division schools. As a liaison, the Executive Council members represent the Division at school functions. It has also been a long standing practice for Executive Council members to visit schools and classrooms on a regular basis, observing first-hand the activities that take place in the school. Visits by Executive Council members are appreciated by staff.

On a monthly basis Executive Council as a whole meet with the staff of one school for snacks.

The informal meeting provides an opportunity for staff to share highlights of their school.

Additionally, Executive Council members can share information about Division initiatives and respond to questions staff members may have.

All the staff of Immanuel Christian Elementary School will be invited to have Snacks with the Superintendents on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 beginning at 11:45 a.m.

The Board received the summary as information.

10. Donations and Support

Lethbridge School Division is fortunate to be in a community that strongly supports programs and services for students. The Division is appreciative of the difference the support makes to the lives of children. These partnerships and support further the efforts of helping children come to school ready to learn, providing opportunities for engagement, and facilitating student growth and well-being. Listed below and attached are the donations and support received by the Division.

- Lowe's Canada donated \$6,164.00 to Wilson Middle School in support of their outdoor classroom project.
- Daytona Homes Lethbridge donated \$27,567.50 to Holy Spirit Catholic School Division and Lethbridge School Division in support of the annual Ready, Set, Go school fair.

The Board received the report as information.

11. Board Reports

Reports were delivered for Division School Council, Poverty Intervention Committee and the Community Engagement Committee. The reports begin on Page 36 of the [AGENDA](#).

12. Correspondence – Received

Lethbridge School Division received a letter from the City of Lethbridge in regards to the notice of contract expiration and non-renewal in terms of the student transportation service agreement.

13. Correspondence – Received

Lethbridge School Division received a letter from the Lethbridge Police Commission in regards to the school resource officer program.



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