



Highlights from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting highlights from February 25 - Next meeting March 24

1. Edwin Parr Nomination

On an annual basis, each school jurisdiction is invited to submit the name of one first year teacher as its nomination for the Edwin Parr Award, which is sponsored by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA). Nominees from Zone 6 jurisdictions will be recognized at the May 20, 2020 Zone 6 ASBA meeting. One nominee from the zone will then be selected as the zone nominee for the Fall General Meeting of the ASBA.

With many outstanding beginning teachers in the Division, it was certainly not an easy task for Associate Superintendent Rik Jesse, in consultation with school principals, to select a Division nominee.

The Lethbridge School Division nominee for the 2020 Edwin Parr Award is Jenelle Macdonald, a teacher at Fleetwood Bawden Elementary School.

The Board received the report as information, as Macdonald shared her experiences during this year.

Learn more here: [EDWINPARR](#).

2. Lap-top Project at Senator Joyce Fairbairn

Principal Bill Bartlett provided an update on the laptop project at Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School. Bartlett relayed information contained in a survey of 271 parents, 335 students and 13 teachers, which revealed 73 per cent of parents supported the new model. That was compared to 88 per cent of students and 85 per cent of teachers.

The Board received the report as information.

3. Memorandum of Agreement on Local Table Matters between the Board and ATA Local #41

The Board negotiating committee reached a Memorandum of Agreement with the negotiating committee of ATA Local #41 on December 18th, 2019.

ATA Local #41 members ratified the agreement on February 3, 2020.

The Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Trustees of Lethbridge School Division and the Alberta Teachers Association Local #41 dated the 18th day of December 2019 was approved.

4. Policy Review

Division 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, Division School Council, each of the employee groups, and Division and school administration.

The following policies were reviewed at the Feb. 25 meeting:

Policy 700.1 Workplace Health & Safety – Leadership Commitment - Amendment

Policy 700.2 Workplace Health & Safety – Hazard Assessment - Amendment

The Board adopted the revisions to the policies as presented by the Policy Advisory Committee, or as amended.

The policies can be found starting on Page 12 of the [AGENDA](#)

5. Breakfast with the Board – March 4, 2020 at Fleetwood Bawden School

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.

5. Breakfast with the Board – March 4, 2020 at Fleetwood Bawden School

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 Fleetwood Bawden School on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. followed by a tour of the school with Principal Craig Dejong.

The Board receive this 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 17 of the [AGENDA](#).

7. 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:

Cathy Kitagawa, teacher counsellor in Lethbridge School Division, for being recognized as one of the YWCA Women of Distinction this year. It is a very prestigious award recognizing achievement (Cathy is being recognized in the Education and Mentorship category) and all that they do as positive role models in the community.

Wilson Middle School grade 6 student, Guet Dot, earned a Gold Medal in the LCI wrestling club tournament in Medicine Hat.

Wilson Middle School Robotics Team placed 2nd in the recent Edmonton Robotics Competition.

Wilson is currently in 3rd place in Southern Alberta amongst High School and Middle Schools.

Wilson SV Boys and Girls basketball teams brought home two Gold Medals from their Red Deer tournament. GPMS Fine Arts recently completed their production – Alice in Wonderland Junior – which ran from February 10-13 with over 60 cast and crew under the direction of Mr. Leavitt, Mrs. Bryden, Mr. Proulx and Mrs. Froese. Congratulations on a wonderful show!

Gilbert Paterson Tiger Rep Basketball teams won the LSAA league championship in both boys and girls play. Mr. Dekens' boys defeated St. Francis in an overtime thriller and Mrs. Valgardson's girls won the title over RI Baker in the finals. Thanks to our staff and parent coaches, we had over 120 students playing basketball at either the rep, development, or club level this year.

Gilbert Paterson Middle School Grade 8 band members Silas Klassen, Walter Figueroa, Zitong Wu and Tavis Dueck were all selected to play with the Southern Alberta Honor Band in Calgary on February 14.

Gilbert Paterson Middle School Leadership 7 students sold Valentine candygrams with all the proceeds going to Australian Wildfire Relief. Their initiative raised over \$260 for the cause.

Wilson Middle School Vice Principal Brad Dersch was honoured as a Fountain Tire Unsung Community Hero for going above and beyond to make the Lethbridge Community a better place at a recent Lethbridge Hurricanes Game.

8. 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 are the donations and support received by the Division.

- Panago Pizza topped up the Galbraith School pizza fundraiser held in January to ensure they reached the \$1,000 mark.

- Evangelical Free Church donated \$87,966.16 to the Poverty Intervention Committee.

The Board received the summary as information.

9. Snacks with the Superintendents – March 12, 2020 @ Victoria Park

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 meets 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 Victoria Park and Lethbridge Alternative Schools will be invited to have Snacks with the Superintendents on Thursday, March 12, 2020 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The Board received the report as information.

10. Board Reports

Reports were delivered for the Division Wellness Committee, ATA Local 41 Council and the Policy Advisory Committee. The reports begin on Page 43 of the [AGENDA](#).

11. Correspondence – Received

The Division received a letter from the Evangelical Church of Lethbridge in support of the division's initiatives to address child poverty in the city. The church has contributed \$87,966 to the division's Poverty Intervention Committee.

12. Correspondence – Received

The Division received a letter from Alberta Education in response to the division's letter in January, which highlighted the need for a new elementary school in west Lethbridge. Education Minister Adriana LaGrange responded that the request is being carefully reviewed and considered during the development of Alberta Education's capital plan submission for Budget 2020.



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