
Lethbridge School Division
DIVISION SCHOOL COUNCIL

March 2, 2020 MINUTES

6:00 to 6:45 pm – FNMI Presentation (John Chief Calf / Morag Asquith)

John Chief Calf, Coordinator of First Nations Metis and Inuit Education (FNMI) and Morag Asquith, Associate Superintendent provided an overview of the scope and purpose of FNMI Education in Lethbridge School Division.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Brooke Culley, Chair, welcomed parents

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Approved by Heather Paul; Passed

3. **Approval of the Minutes from January 13, 2020**

Approved by Edna Asem, Passed

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

No business arising from the minutes

5. **Trustee Report**

Trustee Doug James provided highlights from the February Board Trustee Report (as attached to the agenda). Mr. James also highlighted the progress that has been made on the southeast Lethbridge elementary school capital project. It is on track for completion and operation August 2021. The Division has also put out a call for submission for naming the school (was in Lethbridge Herald and is on the Division website). A committee comprised of students, parents, school staff, and Division office representatives review the submissions and provide a short list to the Board for their final consideration and choice. Mr. James also highlighted the success of the ICE (Innovation/ Creativity/ Entrepreneurship) Scholarship Breakfast hosted by the trustees on February 14th. It was sold out and over \$8,000 was raised for the scholarship fund.

6. **Alberta School Councils Association**

Conference and AGM April 24 to 26, 2020 – *contact LeeAnne for registration purposes*

– *deadline is Monday, April 20 @ noon. Resolutions and pre-sort voting – Brooke Culley*

The resolutions are available for School Councils to look at on the ASCA website. Cheryl showed individuals how to get to the website and the resolutions. Process for registration shown. Pre-sort voting explained.

7. **Reports from Division Committees:**

- **Wellness Committee: January 30, 2020 – Hollie Tarasewich**

No report

- **Policy Advisory Committee: February 5, 2020 – Shannon Pratt**

The newly drafted "Parent Responsibility" policy was reviewed. The policy is being developed because of the section in the Education Act that delineates parent responsibilities. School Council Chairs would have had this draft policy sent to them for feedback. It is a new policy so the policy will go for a second reading to the Board. Considerations of feedback are given during the second draft stages, so School Councils are encouraged to look at the policy and provide feedback.

8. **New Business:**

- **Diversity & Inclusion Parent Table – Allison Pike**

No Report. The Division will also be starting a Student Diversity and Inclusion table for roundtable discussion and gathering of perspective for improvement.

9. **Superintendent's Report – Cheryl Gilmore**

- **Scholarship Breakfast – Covered in Trustee Report**

- **Town Hall Themes and Next Steps – The feedback gathered from Town Hall and the online feedback form has been condensed. It will be part of the information the Board considers in their upcoming Retreat that is focusing on establishing priorities and setting direction for budget.**

- **Boundary Review Timelines**

The school division has been waiting to see if we would be the recipients of a capital project announcement that typically comes with the budget announcement. Lethbridge was not approved for a new elementary school on the west side of the city. The Division is disappointed given the lack of space and over capacity reality on the west side of Lethbridge. Knowing the outcome of capital project announcements, the Board will move forward with planning attendance boundaries that will provide a more balanced load of students for space at our schools.

10. **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

No reports (some in package for others to review)

11. **Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.**