

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD APRIL 28, 2020.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Trustees: Clark Bosch; Christine Light; Jan Foster; Donna Hunt; Doug James; Lola Major

Administrators: Cheryl Gilmore; Rik Jesse; Morag Asquith
LeeAnne Tedder (Recorder)

Joined via video conference: Tyler Demers; Christine Lee

The Board Meeting was live streamed via YouTube to facilitate public attendance while maintaining physical distancing related to COVID-19.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda *Approval of Agenda
6519/20*
Trustee Jan Foster moved:
“to approve the agenda, as presented.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Approval of Minutes *Approval of Minutes –
Regular Meeting
6520/20*
Trustee Donna Hunt moved:
“that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2020 be approved and signed by the Chair.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes *Business Arising from
the Minutes*
There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Presentations - none *Presentations*

5. Action Items *Action Items
Policy Review*
 - 5.1 Policy Review
Trish Syme, Coordinator of Learning and International Education, reviewed Policy 402.2 Employee Transfers

Trustee Lola Major moved: *Policy 402.2 Employee
Transfers
6521/20*
“to approve Policy 402.2 Employee Transfers, as amended.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

 - 5.2 Approval of 2020-2021 School Fees
Director of Finance Mark DeBoer presented the 2020-2021 school fee schedule.

Trustee Donna Hunt moved:

“to approve the 2020-2021 School Fee Schedule, as presented.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-2021 School Fee
Schedule
6522/20

6. Division Highlights

Division Highlights

- Clark received nothing but praise for staff in this new form of delivering education.
- Donna attended the ASBA General Meeting via Zoom.
- Jan thanked staff. Hearing positive comments from parents.
- Christine offered cheers to staff during Education Week. DeeAnna Presley Roberts and her team supporting families at home. Huge applause to the parent community of our Division.

7. Information Items

Information Items

7.1 Board Chair Report

7.1.1 Arts Alive and Well

Arts Alive and Well will be hosted virtually this year. Thanks to Kathy Knelsen for her efforts to coordinate this celebration of student art in Lethbridge.

Arts Alive & Well

7.2 Associate Superintendent Reports

7.2.1 Business Affairs

Associate Superintendent Christine Lee provided a written Business Affairs report.

*Associate
Superintendent
Reports
Business Affairs*

7.2.2 Human Resources

Associate Superintendent Rik Jesse provided a written Human Resources report.

Human Resources

7.2.3 Instructional Services

Associate Superintendent Morag Asquith provided a written Instructional Services report.

Instructional Services

Board Chair Clark Bosch left the meeting at 4:55 p.m. to attend a Conference call with the Minister of Education.

Vice Chair Christine Light took over the role of Chair.

7.3 Superintendent Reports

*Superintendent Report
Education Week*

7.3.1 Education Week

To celebrate Education Week at the Division level this year, Trustees will recognize staff through correspondence and celebrate the week using the website and social media.

7.3.2 Junior Achievement Program 2019-2020

Lethbridge School Division Junior Achievement Program report was included in the agenda.

*Junior Achievement
Program report*

7.3.3 Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Calendar of Events

Public Forum

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Norine: How is the division addressing the cuts recently made to funding for this school year? I believe ed assistants were, at first, going to go on EI for the remainder of the school year... but were called back due to the change in cuts.

How are caretakers affected?

Are teachers required to be in physically in the schools each day?

I heard recently that schools in Lethbridge might “reopen” at the beginning of June. Is that a rumor or something being considered?

And finally, how have schools addressed the need for laptop/tablet access in order to complete online learning...for those students who do not have access to such hardware?

Allison Purcell-Pike: I am sad that I not able to say these words myself, from my heart.

I often come before the board to speak about issues I have with decisions or issues within the division, but it’s also important to bring forward when there are great decisions made and the positive impact of such.

The recent decision for the Division to retain the services and figure out how to best support all students within the division, by keeping a large number of Educational Assistants in the daily lives of students. The services that they provide are key to the ongoing success of many students within the division.

I have first hand seen the amazing creativity of these phenomenal employees as they figured out ways to best support students, through daily check ins, through book studies, and dissecting the details of each chapter every couple of days. Doing so in similar fashion as they would if they were sitting beside them in the classroom, but now doing so virtually. Helping students brainstorm ideas for their assignment, helping them get that down on paper and then helping them craft sentences and paragraphs. Assisting students to manage the schedules and the life skills required to move from one class to the next through the day. The entire staff at schools have figured out ways to connect and work together with the students to get their best work done as they would have in the classroom.

These EAs are creating schedules and formatting them in the way each student responds and functions. These EAs know the students and are

able to continue such important work. They along with the teachers are adapting and keeping the schedules fluid as students and families grow into this new way of learning.

The EAs are reading with students virtually, and as the student has problems reading a word, the student holds the book up to the screen. Then the EAs are helping the students with understanding what they read and applying that to different aspects of life to make it impactful for the student.

I would be remiss to not take this opportunity to also give a huge shout out to the teachers and staff at schools in the Division. I have seen remarkable work done, to collaborate with parents and multiple teachers to find what works for each individual student and family. These teachers and staff have been so creative and innovative and all without a single rule book or manual. And the amazing mental health check ins, have been appreciated, we are all in this together.

Huge kudos to the Division, the teachers, all the staff and of course the parents as everyone continues to work together to make the best of this current situation and ensure student success continues to be at the forefront of every decision being made.

Thank you for the bottom of my heart

8. Reports

8.1 Board Budget Committee

Trustee Donna Hunt provided a written report from the Board Budget Committee meeting held April 1, 2020.

*Reports
Board Budget
Committee*

8.2 Facilities Committee

Trustee Doug James provided a written report from Facilities Committee meeting held April 17, 2020.

Facilities Committee

8.3 A.S.B.A. General Meeting

Trustee Donna Hunt provided a written report from the A.S.B.A. General meeting held April 23, 2020.

*A.S.B.A. General
Meeting*

9. Correspondence - none

Correspondence

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Adjournment

Clark Bosch,
Chair

Christine Lee,
Associate Superintendent
Business Affairs