

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD MARCH 23, 2021.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Trustees in-person: Christine Light; Tyler Demers; Doug James; Lola Major; Clark Bosch,
Jan Foster; Donna Hunt

Administrators: Cheryl Gilmore; Mike Nightingale; Morag Asquith; Christine Lee
LeeAnne Tedder (Recorder)

The Board Meeting was live streamed via You Tube due to the gathering restrictions related to COVID-19.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
Addition of 5.7 Performance Infrastructure Program
Addition of 5.8 Pandemic Plan
Trustee Tyler Demers moved:
“to approve the agenda, as amended.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
*Approval of Agenda
6635/21*
2. Approval of Minutes
Trustee Jan Foster moved:
“that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2021 be approved and signed by the Chair.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
*Approval of Minutes –
Regular Meeting
6636/21*
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
There was no business arising from the minutes.
*Business Arising from
the Minutes*
4. Presentations
 - 4.1 Edwin Parr Nominee Video
Garrett Simmons, Communications Officer, shared the Edwin Parr Nominee Video.
*Presentations
Edwin Parr Nominee
Video*
5. Action Items
 - 5.1 Early Education Program Fee
A request for an increase of \$15 per month per student was made (from \$185 to \$200) for the 2021-22 school year.
Action Items
 - 5.2 Trustee Doug James moved:
“to approve the Early Education Program fee increase to \$200 per month for the 2021-22 school year.” **CARRIED**
In Favour: Christine Light, Tyler Demers, Jan Foster, Doug James, Donna Hunt, Lola Major
*EEP program fee
6637/21*

Opposed: Clark Bosch

5.3 Policy Review

The following policies were reviewed by the Board.

Trustee Lola Major moved:

“that the Board approve Policy 402.12 Staff Learning, as amended.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Policy 402.12 Staff Learning
6638/21*

Trustee Lola Major moved:

“that the Board approve Policy 505.9 Appeals Concerning Student Matters, as amended.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Policy 505.9 Appeals Concerning Student Matters
6639/21*

Trustee Lola Major moved:

“that the Board approve Policy 403.3 Employee Discipline, as amended.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Policy 403.3 Employee Discipline
6640/21*

Policy 1003.1 Channels of Communication and Disputes Resolution will go back to the Policy Advisory Committee for further revisions.

Policy 1003.1 Channels of Communication and Disputes Resolution

5.4 Second Quarter Financial Report

Trustee Donna Hunt moved:

“to receive the 2020-2021 Second Quarter Financial Report, as presented.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*2020-2021 Second Quarter Financial Report
6641/21*

5.5 Board Budget Belief Statements

Trustee Tyler Demers moved:

“to adopt the Budget Belief Statements for 2021-22, as amended.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Board Budget Belief Statements
6642/21*

5.6 Three-Year Capital Plan

Trustee Doug James moved:

“to approve the 2022-2024 Capital Plan, as presented.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Three-Year Capital Plan
6643/21*

Public Forum – Bradley and Allison Purcell-Pike presented on the topic of E-Sports in Lethbridge School Division. The Pikes sought clarification and direction with ways for students to carry on with virtual activity such as E-Sports.

Public Forum

5.7 Electricity RFP

Trustee Doug James moved:

“to approve the Electricity Supply contract signed with Capital

*Electricity RFP
6644/21*

Power at \$55.45/MWh from July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.8 Performance Infrastructure Program

This was postponed to a special meeting to be held in the near future.

*Performance
Infrastructure
Program*

5.9 Pandemic Plan

The Board reviewed the data and trends of the COVID-19 impact in Lethbridge School Division schools. Active Lethbridge cases went from 175 in February to 502 in March. At a Division level, we have 144 staff and over 1600 students in quarantine. The Board extends its appreciation to the staff who continue to deliver quality learning both in school and at home. We recognize the challenge to families when their children are quarantined and are incredibly thankful that we can work together to support children in Lethbridge. We continue to look at information on an ongoing manner and will be reviewing trends again after Easter break. The Pandemic Plan is now available on the Division website.

Pandemic Plan

6. Division Highlights

Doug was a part of an interview committee for principalships. Donna attended the City of Lethbridge Healthy Lethbridge Wellness meeting and the Canadian Mental Health Association virtual conference. Tyler offered kudos to Bradley Pike for coming to the Public Forum. Christine enjoyed the tour of the new school.

Division Highlights

7. Public Forum Response

7.1 Public Forum Response

Response to Allison Purcell-Pike was included in the agenda.

Public Forum Response

8. Information Items

8.1 Board Chair Report

CMHA Virtual Conference was attended by Christine Light, Jan Foster and Donna Hunt. It was timely information.

Capital Project Announcement: Minister’s visit on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Dr. Plaxton School where the new Garry Station school was announced.

*Information Items
Board Chair Report*

8.2 Associate Superintendent Reports

8.2.1 Business Affairs

*Associate
Superintendent
Reports
Business Affairs*

Associate Superintendent Christine Lee provided a written Business Affairs report.

Human Resources

8.2.2 Human Resources

Associate Superintendent Mike Nightingale provided a written Human Resources report.

8.2.3 Instructional Services

Associate Superintendent Morag Asquith provided a written Instructional Services report.

Instructional Services

8.3 Superintendent Reports

*Superintendent Report
Board Priorities*

8.3.1 Board Priorities Report

Board Priorities were included in the agenda.

*Meeting Extension
6645/21*

Meeting Extension

Trustee Donna Hunt moved:

“to extend the meeting beyond 6:00 p.m.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Acknowledgements of
Excellence*

8.3.2 Acknowledgements of Excellence

Gilbert Paterson Middle School, Galbraith Elementary School and Park Meadows Elementary School highlights were included in the agenda.

Calendar of Events

8.3.3 Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events was included in the agenda. Committee of the Whole moved to April 19, 2021. Addition of March 31st is Green Shirt Day

9. Reports

*Reports
Division School Council*

9.1 Division School Council – March 1, 2021

Trustee Christine Light provided an oral report from the Division School Council meeting held March 1, 2021.

9.2 Facilities Committee – March 2, 2021

Trustee Doug James provided a written report from the Facilities Committee meeting held March 2, 2021.

Facilities Committee

9.3 Poverty Intervention Committee – March 3, 2021

Trustee Christine Light provided a written report from the Poverty Intervention Committee meetings held March 3 & 17, 2021.

*Poverty Intervention
Committee*

ATA Local Council

9.4 ATA Local Council – March 3, 2021

Trustee Jan Foster provided a written report from the ATA Local Council meeting held March 3, 2021.

*Policy Advisory
Committee*

9.5 Policy Advisory Committee – March 10, 2021

Trustee Lola Major provided a written report from the Policy Advisory Committee meeting held March 10, 2021.

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

9.6 A.S.B.A. General Meeting – March 17, 2021

Trustee Donna Hunt provided a written report from the A.S.B.A. General Meeting held March 17, 2021.

*City of Lethbridge
Minister of Education
Minister of Education*

10. Correspondence

10.1 City of Lethbridge – March 12 2021

10.2 Education Minister LaGrange – March 12, 2021

10.3 Education Minister LaGrange – March 15, 2021

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Christine Light,
Chair

Christine Lee,
Associate Superintendent
Business Affairs