

## Division School Council Minutes for May 5, 2021

1. **Welcome and Introductions** - 6:40pm
2. **Additions to the Agenda** - none
3. **Approval of Agenda** - accepted as presented.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** of April 12, 2021 – accepted as presented.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes** - none
6. **Trustee Report**
  - 6.1. Please see attached the Trustee report for details as presented by Christine Light.
7. **Alberta School Councils Association Report**
  - 7.1. Two parents attended the ASCA conference (Adna Asem & Allison Pike).
  - 7.2. Minister spoke and said that she advocates to have students in class learning.
  - 7.3. Social emotional pieces are being researched and reviewed.
  - 7.4. Policy revisions and updates are available on the ASCA website.
  - 7.5. *ASCA Conference and AGM links:*

Alberta Education – Draft Curriculum:  
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/178790>

Alberta Education – Assurance Model:  
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/178789>

Debbie Pushor keynote on parent engagement, more information from her website [www.debbiepushor.ca](http://www.debbiepushor.ca) as well as free session at <https://www.debbiepushor.ca/courses/bridgebetweenus>

Dr. Bonnie Stelmach’s research on Navigating on Virgin Snow: What can be learned about Parent-Teacher Relations from the COVID-19 Pandemic can be found here:  
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/169642>

Keynote speaker Kelly with Leader in Me spoke about the social emotional impacts. There is a session available for parents and school councils on Habits at Home and Parents/School Councils can contact Anthea Boras at [anthea.boras@franklincovey.com](mailto:anthea.boras@franklincovey.com) for more information.

AGM Results: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/178720>
8. **Superintendent’s Report**
  - 8.1. May 3 is international bus driver day, take a moment to thank them!
  - 8.2. Education week May 3 - 7, take a moment to thank all the education facilitators (admin staff, teachers, caretakers, assistants, etc).
  - 8.3. Rapid testing is put on pause at secondary schools due to the at-home learning platform for grades 7-12 for a minimum of two weeks.
  - 8.4. Possibility of moving rapid testing to Elementary schools, will be confirmed within the next few days, please note that if it does take place there is always a choice to participate or not.
  - 8.5. Division Assurance Plan (replaces the traditional “Education Plan” model) to come out end of May. School Assurance Plan deadline has been extended from end of June to end of September.
9. **Roundtable Reports**
10. **Adjournment** - 7:21 pm, next meeting - June 7, 2021



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## **TRUSTEE report to school councils:**

April 27, 2021

### **1. Presentations - Counselling**

Kathy Mundell, Counselling Co-ordinator for Lethbridge School Division, delivered a presentation for Trustees. Mundell explained there are two teams that offer very different supports - Family Support (funded through Child Family Services and FCSS) and Mental Health Capacity Building (funded through AHS). She provided a recap of the current situation in Lethbridge, as it pertains to the pandemic, where 58 per cent of families have experienced income loss and in 20 per cent of home, all income sources have been lost.

### **2. 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. Co-ordinator of Learning and International Education, Trish Syme co-ordinates the meetings.

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

202.2 Chair of the Board - Amended

202.3 Individual Trustees - Amended

203.2 Long-Range Planning - Amended

203.4.1 Standing Committees - Amended

203.5 Special (Ad Hoc) Committees - Amended

203.6 Joint Committees - Amended

203.6.3 Board Representatives - Amended

204.9 Board Meeting Procedures - Amended

204.13.1 Public Solicitations of the Board - Amended

1003.1 Channels of Communication and Disputes Resolution - Amended

The policies begin on Page 11 of the [AGENDA](#).

### **3. Art's Alive and Well in Schools**

Art's Alive and Well in the schools is a yearly art exhibit put on by all the Lethbridge city schools within the Holy Spirit Catholic School Board, Lethbridge School Division and École La Vérendrye. It is displayed in co-operation with the Southern Alberta Art Gallery and usually takes place in the spring. Last year, due to Covid, "Art's Alive and Well in the Schools" moved online and was well received in that format. For that reason (and the continuation of Covid restrictions) it was decided to move the exhibition online permanently. It is a pleasure to announce our re-named and re-branded 44th annual exhibition: "Virtually Installed: Lethbridge Schools. Students. Art".

The exhibition will be hosted on a page on the Lethbridge School Division website starting May 3, 2021 and promoted by the Southern Alberta Art Gallery and the Holy Spirit Catholic School Board. In addition, the SAAG will be showing a virtual tour of the artwork on their website.

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### **3. Art's Alive and Well in Schools**

Like last year, there will be an opportunity for everyone to vote for their favourite works and we are also pleased to include the University of Lethbridge and the Allied Arts Council as award sponsors. All the award winners and favoured artwork pieces will be announced in the last week of May.

The Board received the report as information and extended appreciation to Kathy Knelsen for her efforts to co-ordinate this celebration of student art in Lethbridge.

### **4. Associate Superintendent Reports**

Christine Lee, Associate Superintendent, Business Affairs; Mike Nightingale, 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 31 of the [AGENDA](#).

### **5. Education Week, May 3-7, 2021**

The first Alberta School Week (Education Week) was held December 2-8, 1928. Its purpose then, as now, is to call attention to the importance of education and to show the public the good things happening in Alberta schools.

Education Week provides all Albertans with an opportunity to highlight the important role education plays in shaping the future of our province.

The Education Week theme is "Learning is a Journey."

To celebrate Education Week at the Division level this year, the Lethbridge School Division trustees will recognize staff and celebrate the week using the website and social media.

The Board received the report as information.

### **6. Response to Public Forum**

Lethbridge School Division Board Chair Christine Light provided a response to a March 23 Public Forum presentation from Allison Purcell-Pike. The Board's written response can be found on Page 61 of the [AGENDA](#).

### **7. Board Reports**

Reports were delivered for Division School Council, Policy Advisory Committee and the Division Wellness Committee. The reports begin on Page 62 of the [AGENDA](#).

### **8. Correspondence Received**

The Division received letters from Alberta Education and Education Minister Adriana LaGrange. The letters can be found on pages 65 and 66 of the [AGENDA](#).

### **9. Correspondence Sent**

The Division sent letters to Premier Jason Kenney, Education Minister Adriana LaGrange and Health Minister Tyler Shandro. The letters can be found on pages 67-77 of the [AGENDA](#).

**To view the livestream of the April meeting, click here: [LIVESTREAM](#)**

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**NEXT MEETING:  
Tuesday, May 23, 3:30 p.m.  
(public forum begins at 5 p.m. via TEAMS)  
Meeting livestreamed on YouTube**

