



# Highlights from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting highlights from November 1 - Next meeting November 23

## Organizational Meeting

### 1. Election of Chair

The Superintendent called for nominations for the office of Chair to hold office during the pleasure of the Board. Following a secret ballot, Allison Purcell was elected Board Chair.

### 2. Election of Vice-Chair

The newly-elected Chair called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chair, to hold office during the pleasure of the Board.

Following a secret ballot, Christine Light was elected Vice-Chair.

### 3. Approval of Bank Borrowing Resolution

The Board approved the following resolution to establish a line of credit with the Royal Bank of Canada to provide interim financing during the year 2021-2022 year, pending receipt of government grants:

“That the Board approve the 2021-2022 bank borrowing resolution in the amount of \$500,000 to finance the operation of the school division as required, pending receipt of government funding, and that a copy of this resolution be appended to the minutes of this meeting.”

### 5. Approval of Signing Authority

The Board to approved the following resolution:

“That the bank signing authority be the Board Chair or the Vice-Chair and the Secretary-Treasurer or, in their absence, the Director of Finance, with the exception that for the purpose of signing cheques, the signing authority shall be the Superintendent of Schools and the Secretary-Treasurer and the Director of Finance and further, that the Board authorize the bank to establish an overdraft lending agreement which has been duly executed by the proper officers of the Board when loans are required.”

### 6. Appointments to Committees

Trustees were appointed to the following committees:

#### **Standing Committees (\* denotes chair)**

7.1.1 Board Audit Committee - Craig Whitehead\* and Tyler Demers

7.1.2 Board Budget Committee - Kristina Larkin\* and Genny Steed

7.1.3 Community Engagement Committee - Genny Steed\* and Christine Light

7.1.4 Division Wellness Committee - Andrea Andreachuk\* and Genny Steed

7.1.5 Facilities Committee - Tyler Demers\* and Christine Light

7.1.6 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee - Christine Light\* and Andrea Andreachuk

7.1.7 Policy Advisory Committee - Craig Whitehead\* and Kristina Larkin

7.1.8 Poverty Intervention Committee - Kristina Larkin\*

7.1.9 Spirit of 51 Committee - Tyler Demers\* and Andrea Andreachuk

7.1.10 Superintendent Evaluation Committee - Allison Purcell\* and Christine Light and Genny Steed

# Organizational Meeting

## **6. Appointments to Committees**

Trustees were appointed to the following committees:

### **Special (ad hoc) Committees (\* denotes chair)**

7.2.1 ATA Negotiating Committee - Craig Whitehead\* and Allison Purcell

7.2.2 CUPE (Local 290) Negotiating Committee 0 Kristina Larkin\* and Andrea Andreachuk

7.2.3 CUPE (Local 2843) Negotiating Committee - Christine Light\* and Tyler Demers

7.2.4 Non-Union Staff Committee - Christine Light\* and Kristina Larkin

7.2.5 Expulsion Committee - selected as required

### **Joint Committees (\* denotes chair)**

7.3.1 ATA Working Conditions Committee - Genny Steed\* and Tyler Demers

7.3.2 City/School Boards Committee - Christine Light\* and Allison Purcell

### **Appointment of Board Representatives**

7.4.1 ASBA Zone 6 Executive - Allison Purcell

7.4.2 Division School Council - Christine Light and Genny Steed

7.4.3 Division Student Leadership - Kristina Larkin

7.4.4 Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) - Tyler Demers

7.4.5 Team Lethbridge - Christine Light and Craig Whitehead

## **7. Meeting Agenda Order**

A motion to start the open meeting of the Board of Trustees at 2 p.m., followed by an immediate motion to move to standing in-camera from 2-3:30 p.m., was passed by a 4-2 vote.

## **8. Committee of the Whole**

A motion to commit to no less than four Committee of the Whole meetings during the 2021-2022 school year, as needs arise and feasible scheduling allows, was carried unanimously.

# Regular Meeting

## **1. 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.

At the Nov. 1 meeting, the following policies were discussed

Policy 303.4 School Principal -Amended

Policy 405.13 School Meetings - Amended

Policy 405.14 Employee Consulting Activities and Services to Other Agencies - Amended

Policy 405.15 Employee Research and Intellectual Property Rights - Amended

The policies can be found on Page 7 of the [AGENDA](#).

## **2. Public Forum**

ATA Local #41 president Derek Resler offered congratulations to new and returning Board members. Resler also thanked the previous Board for its opposition to the draft curriculum - not just the opposition but with thoughtful reasoning behind the decision. Public forum starts at the 1:45:10 of the meeting: [PUBLIC FORUM](#).

## **3. School Board Annual Work Plan**

Every year the Board reviews the Annual Work plan, which outlines major events and tasks and adjusts accordingly. The Board received the report as information and provided feedback for revisions.

#### **4. Health and Mental Health Supports in Lethbridge**

School administrators shared recently that they are seeing pressures on supports in our area. Students and families are finding it increasingly difficult, if not impossible, to secure appointments and referrals to appropriate services and specialists. Their concern with the lack of access to health supports and mental health supports in the city of Lethbridge, and the impact this is having on the health and mental wellness of our students.

The Board passed a motion to write a letter to the City of Lethbridge, Chamber of Commerce, MLA Shannon Phillips, MLA Nathan Neudorf, Health Minister, Education Minister, Economic Development, MP Rachel Harder, Alberta Health Services, and Primary Care Network outlining concerns around students and staff health supports and mental health supports in Lethbridge.

#### **5. Division School Council Meeting Dates**

The following are the dates Division School Council meetings will be held in the Board Room at the Education Centre starting at 6:30 p.m.:

November 8, 2021

December 6, 2021

January 10, 2022

February 1, 2022 – Town Hall Meeting

March 7, 2022

April 4, 2022

May 2, 2022

June 6, 2022

The Board received the report as information.

#### **6. Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) Local Council Meeting Dates**

An excellent relationship exists between the Board of Trustees and its employee groups. Two examples of this collaborative relationship are the attendance by a member of the ATA Local Executive at all Board meetings and the open invitation that the ATA Local Executive to the Board to have a trustee attend Local Council meetings.

The meetings will take place virtually with the dates for the balance of the year shown below:

November 3, 2021

December 1, 2021 – Christmas Dinner (details TBD)

January 5, 2022

February 2, 2022

March 2, 2022

April 6, 2022

May 4, 2022

June 1, 2022

The Board received the report as information.

#### **7. Associate Superintendent Reports**

Christine Lee, Associate Superintendent, Business and Operations; 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 23 of the [AGENDA](#).

#### **8. Response to Public Forum Presentation to the Board September 28, 2021**

Lethbridge School Division Board Chair Christine Light provided a written response to the Sept. 28 Public Forum submission from David Euston. The Board's response can be found on Page 40 of the [AGENDA](#).

#### **9. Board Priorities Report**

The Division Office Leadership Team is committed to keeping the Board informed regarding progress in Board priority areas.

**CONTINUED ON THE NEXT PAGE**

## **CONTINUED FROM THE PREVIOUS PAGE**

### **9. Board Priorities Report**

The priority areas as identified by the Board at their spring retreat are attached. The Education Centre Leadership Team is currently working on the development of strategies to address the priorities. An update on progress will be provided in the form of a report each month starting in the October Board meeting.

The Board received the report as information. To read the report, please see Page 41 of the [AGENDA](#).

### **10. 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 and attached are the donations and support received by the Division.

- Panago Pizza's Wade Pierson delivered a cheque for \$700 to Fleetwood-Bawden School topping up a pizza fundraiser with 15% of proceeds from pizza sales on a specific date to the school.
- Panago Pizza's Wade Pierson donated \$250 to Galbraith School.

The Board received the report as information.

### **11. Acknowledgements of Excellence/School Showcase**

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:

#### **Nicholas Sheran Elementary School (NSES) Showcase:**

We have had a wonderful start to our school year at Nicholas Sheran. We are focusing on integrating outdoor learning into our school days to help us appreciate our surroundings and connect with the land our school is located on. We began by having our professional learning time in August and October outside as much as possible. With our students we start our day with different ways of acknowledging territory on Teams announcements and on Fridays we join in with other schools as our Elementary Indigenous Education Lead teacher Melanie Morrow shares foundational knowledge with us.

We have had several school-wide events such as the Terry Fox Run-day where we raised \$813.40 for the Terry Fox Foundation. We also participated in "Cram the Car" during which we collected 1025 lbs. of food/toiletry items! We celebrated Take Me Outside day where we joined 400 000 students across Canada in spending an hour of our day learning outside.

Our school expectations are based on our 4 core values - collaboration, compassion, responsibility, and resilience and we are celebrating our first assembly based on collaboration. We are working with the Mental Health Capacity Building Team to provide our students with information about being home alone safely. We love having them in the building with us!

We have a new school council and they have already begun to surprise us with staff appreciation treats. We are looking forward to a great year here at NSES!

#### **Winston Churchill High School (WCHS Showcase):**

Lana Van Genderen is the Chair of the City of Lethbridge Youth Advisory Council

Amanda Dang – Lethbridge School Division rep for the City of Lethbridge Youth Advisory Council

Our entire Leadership Class has impacted our community in profoundly positive way in only 8 weeks! Different student groups within our Leadership class have: volunteered at the Animal Shelter, initiated a Caretaker Appreciation celebration, transformed our front entry with the addition of plants (they wrote the proposal, secured funds, determined the type of plants, potted the plants, and are responsible for the on-going care), Jam for the Food Bank (students picked berries and then used them to make jam to donate to the foodbank).

**CONTINUED ON THE NEXT PAGE**

CONTINUED FROM THE PREVIOUS PAGE

### **11. Acknowledgements of Excellence/Highlights**

#### **Winston Churchill High School (WCHS Showcase):**

We are proud of our Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Staff and Student Committee. We have approximately 33 staff and students learning together with Dr. Farha Shariff from the University of Alberta.

We are incredibly grateful for our Robotics Club. These students have volunteered an incredible amount of time livestreaming all of our athletic events so our awesome parent community could be a part of the action without being in the stands. Thank you to teacher Nevin Morrison and students: Matthew Hrudehy, Autumn Koch, Aliya Musagara, Gaurav Gaur, Amber Quo, Maliha Kabir, Dejana Megli, Hailee Olson, Akshara Nagaruru, Barbara Harrison, Mason Slawosky, Adela Dagenais, Meda Komol, Lucio De Musso, and Joshua McBeath.

We would like to recognize our Knowledge and Employability Program lead by Katie Nelson, Myles Havinga, and Liska Bergeron for completely recreating the program to be cross-curricular and project based. One of their newest projects, an Aquaponics System will support student learning in Science – animal and plant life, and Culinary studies.

We are immensely proud of our Fine Arts department as they are in the midst of rehearsing Shrek the Musical. Approximately 80 students are involved!

Emily Morrison – director, Kade Hogg - musical director, Ashley Mackenzie – choreographer, Myles Havinga and Gen Ahart – scenic design and construction.

The Interact Executive Team helped spearhead efforts to raise funds to end polio through “Move for Polio”. To date they have raised over \$200 through a variety of efforts including raking leaves in the neighbourhood. Team members are: Masataro Tatsuno, Steven Yang, Maha Khan, Amanda Dang, and Raiyana Shams.

The Board received the report as information.

### **12. Board Reports**

Reports were delivered for the Division Wellness Committee, Division School Council, Poverty Intervention Committee, Policy Advisory Committee and the Indigenous Education Committee. The reports begin on Page 61 of the [AGENDA](#).

### **13. Correspondence Received**

A letter was received from Education Minister Adriana LaGrange, encouraging mandatory proof-of-vaccination policies for adults in schools.

### **14. Correspondence Received**

A letter was received from the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) to recognize Lethbridge School Division for excellence in budget presentation with the presentation of the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) for the 2021/2022 budget year.

**Regular meeting video: [LIVESTREAM](#)**



**Highlights  
from the Regular Meeting  
of the Board of Trustees**

**Meeting highlights from Nov. 1 - Next meeting Nov. 23**