

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2021.

In Attendance:

Trustees: Andrea Andreachuk; Tyler Demers; Kristina Larkin; Christine Light;
Allison Purcell; Genny Steed; Craig Whitehead

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

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:52 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
Addition: Board Chair report – Public School Board Association (7.1.3) *Approval of Agenda
6828/21*
Trustee Christine Light moved:
“to approve the agenda, as amended.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
2. Approval of Minutes *Approval of Minutes –
Regular Meeting
6829/21*
Trustee Andrea Andreachuk moved:
“that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 2021 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 *Presentations*
5. Action Items *Action Items*
 - 5.1 Policy Review
The Board reviewed Policies 303.4 School Principal, Policy
405.13 Staff Meetings, Policy 405.14 Employee Consulting
Activities and Services to Other Agencies, and Policy 405.15
Employee Research and Intellectual Property Rights.

Trustee Kristina Larkin moved:
“that the Board approve Policy 303.4 School Principal, as
amended.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** *Policy 303.4 School
Principal
6830/21*

Trustee Andrea Andreachuk moved:
“that the Board approve Policy 405.13 Staff Meetings, as *Policy 405.13 Staff
Meetings
6831/21*

amended.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“that the Board approve Policy 405.14 Employee Consulting Activities and Services to Other Agencies, as amended.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Policy 405.14
Employee Consulting
Activities and Services
to Other Agencies
6832/21*

Public Forum

ATA President, Derek Resler, offered congratulations to new and returning Board members. Due to COVID protocols, Christmas dinner will be for ATA members only. Sometime early in the new year, ATA will invite all members of the Board as a meet and greet. Derek thanked the previous Board for their opposition to the draft curriculum. Not just the opposition but with thoughtful reasoning behind the decision. A link to a research document detailing issues the ATA has with the draft curriculum will be shared with Trustees.

Public Forum

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

“that the Board approve Policy 405.15 Employee Research and Intellectual Property Rights, as amended.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Policy 405.15
Employee Research
and Intellectual
Property Rights
6833/21*

5.2 School Board Annual Work Plan

The Board reviewed the annual work plan of pre-planned events. November – Board Assurance Results Report.
On-Going – add Committee of the Whole meetings.

Trustee Kristina Larkin moved:

“that the Board of Trustees approve the School Board Annual Work Plan, as amended.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Annual Work Plan
6834/21*

5.3 Health and Mental Health Supports in Lethbridge

Trustees discussed how they could advocate for supports in Lethbridge.

*Health and Mental
Health Supports*

Trustee Andrea Andreachuk moved:

“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.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Advocacy letter
6835/21*

6. Division Highlights

Division Highlights

Christine Light noted the beginning of this four-year journey. GS Lakie hosted former Board of Trustees. Seeing parents at sporting events. Curriculum Engagement evening.
Andrea Andreachuk happy to get to know everyone. Reached out to four schools with warm welcomes, attended WCHS school council. Attended General Stewart Halloween celebration.
Craig Whitehead contacted two schools. Congratulations to the Board on their election.
Kristina Larkin to witness the hard work of the administration and staff. Looking forward to learning more about the committees and supporting the excellent work in the Division.
Genny Steed shared that her 5-year-old child was excited to share craft supplies at school. Excitement and positive energy of school.
Allison Purcell offered congratulations to the Board members. Participated in the design concept build. Halloween was a highlight seeing children dressing up.

7. Information Items

Information Items

7.1 Board Chair Report

7.1.1 Division School Council Meetings

Division School Council Meetings

The Board reviewed the Division School Council meeting dates. Educational portion is at 6:00 pm, add to agenda.

7.1.2 Alberta Teachers' Association Local Council Meeting Schedule

ATA Local Council meeting dates

Meeting invitations will be sent to Trustees.

November 3 – Allison Purcell

January 5 – Christine Light

February 2 – Andrea Andreachuk

March 2 – Tyler Demers

April 6 – Craig Whitehead

May 4 – Kristina Larkin

June 1 – Genny Steed

7.1.3 Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA)

Trustees received an email for their upcoming meeting fall general meeting.

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

“that we get more information at a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss possible membership.”

Public School Board Association of Alberta 6836/21

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Associate Superintendent Reports

Associate Superintendent Reports Business and Operations

7.2.1 Business and Operations

Associate Superintendent Christine Lee provided a written Business and Operations report. It is recommended that parents get the My Bus Stop app.

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“to extend the regular Board meeting beyond 6:00 pm.”

Meeting extension 6837/21

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.2 Instructional Services

Instructional Services

Associate Superintendent Morag Asquith provided a written Instructional Services report. Addition of October 25, Administrators continued their work on Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression. Thank you to Grade 1 – 3 teachers, Karen, Bev & Michaela for their work getting the COVID gap intervention funding data together. We want teacher-delivered intervention programming. Further assessment in Grade 1 will take place in January.

7.2.3 Human Resources

Human Resources

Associate Superintendent Mike Nightingale provided a written Human Resources report. The % of capacity at each school will be provided at the next meeting.

7.3 Public Forum Response

Public Forum Response

The public forum response was included in the agenda.

7.4 Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Report Board Priorities

7.3.1 Board Priorities Report

Board Priorities were included in the agenda.

7.3.2 Donations and Support

Donations and Support

Panago Pizza donations to Galbraith and Fleetwood.

7.3.3 Acknowledgements of Excellence

Acknowledgements of Excellence

Nicholas Sheran Elementary School and WCHS were showcased.

7.3.4 Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events

Calendar dates were included in the agenda.
Nov 9 ASBA Trustee Orientation

8. Reports

Reports

- 8.1 Division Wellness Committee – October 4, 2021 *Division Wellness Committee*
Former Trustee Donna Hunt provided a written report from the Division Wellness Committee meeting held October 4, 2021.
- 8.2 Division School Council – October 4, 2021 *Division School Council*
Trustee Christine Light provided an oral report from the Division School Council meeting held October 4, 2021.
- 8.3 Poverty Intervention Committee – October 5, 2021 *Poverty Intervention Committee*
Trustee Christine Light provided a written report from the Poverty Intervention Committee meeting held October 15, 2021.
- 8.4 Policy Advisory Committee – October 6, 2021 *Policy Advisory Committee*
Former Trustee Lola Major provided a written report from the Policy Advisory Committee meeting held October 6, 2021.
- 8.5 Indigenous Education Committee – October 27, 2021 *Indigenous Education Committee*
Trustee Christine Light provided a written report from the Indigenous Education Committee meeting held October 27, 2021.

9. Correspondence Received

- 9.1 Joint letter from Minister of Education and Minister of Health
9.2 Association of School Business Officials International

*Correspondence Received
Joint Minister of Education and Minister of Health ASBOI*

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

“that the Board move to In-Camera at 7:13 p.m.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Move to In-Camera
6838/21*

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Adjournment
6839/21*

Allison Purcell,
Chair

Christine Lee,
Associate Superintendent
Business and Operations