

## MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD MARCH 22, 2022.

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 Microsoft Teams due to the gathering restrictions related to COVID-19.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

1. Move to In-Camera *Move to In-Camera  
6902/22*  
Trustee Christine Light moved:  
“that the Board move to In-Camera.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda *Approval of Agenda  
6903/22*  
Move item number 11.2 to 8.8 under Action Items  
Addition of 8.9 Fuel Costs

Trustee Christine Light moved:  
“to approve the agenda, as amended.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Approval of Minutes *Approval of Minutes –  
Regular Meeting  
6904/22*  
Trustee Kristina Larkin moved:  
“that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 15, 2022 be approved and signed by the Chair.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

5. Associate Superintendent Reports *Associate  
Superintendent  
Reports  
Business and  
Operations*
  - 5.1 Business and Operations  
Associate Superintendent Christine Lee provided a written Business and Operations report.  
Trustees shared perspectives and parental concerns regarding new bell times (before/after school care program fees and extra-curricular access). The Division has been able to avoid transportation fees to date.

- 5.2 Instructional Services *Instructional Services*  
Associate Superintendent Morag Asquith provided a written Instructional Services report.
- 5.3 Human Resources *Human Resources*  
Associate Superintendent Mike Nightingale provided a written Human Resources report.
6. Superintendents Report *Superintendents Report*
- 6.1 Board Priorities Report *Board Priorities*  
Board Priorities were included in the agenda.
- 6.2 Acknowledgements of Excellence *Acknowledgements of Excellence*  
Immanuel Christian Elementary, École Agnes Davidson and Lethbridge Christian schools were showcased.
- 6.3 COVID Highlights *COVID Highlights*  
The Board reviewed the current COVID context data. Communications Officer Garrett Simmons will update the Division website.
- 6.4 Calendar of Events *Calendar of Events*  
Calendar of events were included in the agenda.  
Additions:  
Community Conversations on April 13, 2022 – 8:30 to 10 am @ YMCA (children can play while parents meet).  
April 28 – Registered Apprenticeship Program evening  
March 23 – Indigenous Education / ARAO Meetings  
March 23 – ASBA Zone 6
7. Presentations *Presentations*
- 7.1 Edwin Parr Nominee *Edwin Parr Nominee*  
The Division Edwin Parr Nominee is Ashley Zrim, Grade 1 teacher at Senator Buchanan Elementary School. Ashley, Principal Lenee Veres-Fyfe and Vice-Principal Bob White attended the meeting.
- 7.2 Provincial Champions *Provincial Champions*  
LCI and Chinook students won provincial championships in wrestling and curling. Students and coaches were invited to the meeting for recognition.
- 7.3 Intervention for Literacy and Numeracy (BOOST) /Curriculum *Intervention for Literacy and Numeracy*  
Karen Rancier (Director of Curriculum and Instruction), Bev

Smith (Literacy Lead Teacher), Michaela Demers (Numeracy Lead Teacher) and BOOST teacher Julian Hazell, provided an update for the Board of Trustees.

*(BOOST) / Curriculum Update*

8. Action items

*Action Items  
Policy Review*

8.1 Policy Review

The Board reviewed the following policies:

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

“to approve Policy 400.1.1 Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression, as amended.”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Policy 400.1.1 Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression  
6905/22*

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

“to approve Policy 402.8.3 Employee Assistance and Wellness Programs, as amended.”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Policy 402.8.3 Employee Assistance and Wellness Programs  
6906/22*

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

“to approve Policy 404.6 Cocurricular and Extra-Curricular Honoraria, as amended.”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Policy 404.6 Cocurricular Grants and Honoraria  
6907/22*

**Meeting extension**

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“to extend the meeting beyond 6 p.m.”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Meeting Extension  
6908/22*

8.2 Board Budget Belief Statements

The Board Budget Belief Statements were reviewed at Strategic Planning.

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“to approve the Board Budget Belief Statements for 2022-2023, as presented.”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Board Budget Belief Statements  
6909/22*

8.3 2023-2025 Capital Plan

Associate Superintendent Christine Lee reviewed the 2023-2025 Capital Plan.

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“to approve the 2023-2025 Capital Plan, as presented.”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*2023-2025 Capital Plan  
6910/22*

8.4 Victoria Park Upgrade Project

Victoria Park Update Project was reviewed by the Board.

Trustee Tyler Demers moved:

“that the Board approves that administration may proceed with the Victoria Park Upgrade project on a phased-in approach provided the project is approved for Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR) funding from the Alberta Government. The Board further authorizes administration to supplement the project with Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) Funding as required based on available funding.”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Victoria Park Upgrade  
Project  
6911/22*

8.5 Full day all week Kindergarten

The Board discussed advocating for full day all week Kindergarten through ASBA Fall General Meeting.

Trustee Andrea Andreachuk moved:

“that the Board form a committee to work on writing a resolution to bring back to the Board and if they agree, to present at the ASBA Fall General Meeting for provincial government funding support full day all week Kindergarten.”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Committee members will be Andrea, Craig, and Genny.

*Full day all week  
Kindergarten advocacy  
6912/22*

8.6 Curriculum Advocacy

The Board discussed advocating for curriculum postponement.

Trustee Kristina Larkin moved:

“It is recommended that the Board write a letter to Minister LaGrange with a cc to all Board Chairs expressing dissatisfaction with the timelines and roll out of the curriculum.”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Kristina, Morag and Cheryl will work toward an advocacy letter which will be shared with Board members prior to sending.

*Curriculum Delay  
Advocacy  
6913/22*

8.7 Welcome Back Event

Executive Council shared traditions around welcoming staff back at the start of each school year. Trustees agreed on a come-and-go pancake breakfast with a Board message shared via video.

*Welcome Back Event*

8.8 Public School Boards’ Association of Alberta

Trustee Craig Whitehead expressed interest in having trustees attend the PSBAA Spring General Assembly in June 2-4, 2022.

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:  
“that we send as many Trustees as would like to go to the PSBAA Spring General Assembly from June 2-4, 2022, with the intent of looking at further membership in the fall. This will come out of personal professional development funds.”

PSBAA  
6914/22

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.9 Letter to Minister LaGrange re Fuel Prices

A letter was shared with the Board for consideration of advocating for assistance with rising fuel costs.

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:  
“that the Board Chair write a letter on behalf of Lethbridge School Division to Minister LaGrange requesting that Alberta Education reimplement the fuel price contingency fund to support school divisions with the fluctuating costs of fuel.”

Fuel Costs  
6915/22

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. Public Forum - none

Public Forum

10. Division Highlights

Division Highlights

Tyler Demers attended G.S. Lakie’s Unite performance.  
Kristina Larkin was connected to students to discuss racism and oppression.  
Andrea Andreachuk attended Westminster’s virtual pink shirt day, a speech competition, saw Bobbie Fox recognition, 100 days of school, Churchill’s Shrek, saw Unite, Indigenous Education presentation, and General Stewart’s St. Patrick’s Day celebration.  
Genny Steed highlighted the LCI interactions with students and parents, school council meeting and dance show Awakening.  
Craig Whitehead noted that he had technical difficulties while on vacation and shared appreciation for our education system.  
Christine Light attended LCI’s dance program Awakening, school council meetings, Community Conversations, and took puppies to Churchill’s wellness room.  
Allison Purcell attended the curling provincials, wrestling provincials were shared, Lakeview school council meeting, Nicholas Sheran school council, Indigenous Education presentation, and Community Conversations.

11. Board Chair Report

Board Chair Report  
Community  
Conversations

11.1 Community Conversations

The next event will be held Wednesday, April 13, 2022 from

8:30 to 10:00 am at the YMCA with a play area for children.  
Trustees shared their perspectives from the March event.  
Thank you to Boys and Girls Club of Lethbridge Youth Centre  
for the space and snacks.

11.2 Structure of Board Meetings

Board members discussed the possibility of having members of the public attend Board meetings in-person starting in April 2022. Teams will remain available.

*Structure of Board Meetings*

11.3 ASBA Spring General Meeting

Board Chair Allison Purcell spoke to the ASBA Spring General Meeting held June 6-7, 2022.

*ASBA Spring General Meeting*

11.4 Board Funding Support to School Councils

The Board discussed current funding support to school councils. The \$250 is flexible for School Council use for parent engagement.

*Board Funding Support to School Councils*

12. Reports

12.1 Policy Advisory Committee

Trustee Craig Whitehead provided a written report from the Policy Advisory Committee meeting held March 2, 2022.

*Reports  
Policy Advisory*

12.2 Division School Council

Trustee Christine Light provided an oral report from the Division School Council meeting held March 7, 2022.

*Division School Council*

12.3 Facilities Committee

Trustee Tyler Demers provided a written report from the Facilities Committee meeting held March 7, 2022.

*Facilities*

12.4 Poverty Intervention Committee

Trustee Kristina Larkin provided a written report from the Poverty Intervention Committee meeting held March 15, 2022.

*Poverty Intervention*

13. Correspondence Received

13.1 Education Minister – Feb 15 2022

13.2 Education Minister – Mar 4 2022

13.3 Infrastructure Minister – Mar 10 2022

*Correspondence  
Received*

14. Correspondence Sent

14.1 Melcor Developments – Mar 17 2022

*Correspondence Sent*

Trustee Christine Light moved:  
“to adjourn to return to In-Camera at 7:21 p.m.”

*Adjourn to In-Camera  
6916/22*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Allison Purcell,  
Chair

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Christine Lee,  
Associate Superintendent  
Business and Operations