



Highlights from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting highlights from September 27 - Next meeting October 25

1. Associate Superintendent Reports

Christine Lee, Associate Superintendent, Business and Operations, Morag Asquith, Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services, and Mike Nightingale, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, delivered their respective reports for the Board. To read the reports, see Page 21 of the [AGENDA](#).

2. Board Priorities Report

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

3. World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is held annually on Oct. 5 since 1994 to celebrate the essential role of teachers in providing quality education at all levels. As outlined on the UNESCO website, the aim of World Teachers' Day is to ensure that the needs of future generations will continue to be met by teachers. It also commemorates the anniversary of the 1966 signature of the UNESCO/ILO Recommendation Concerning the Status of Teachers.

The strength of Lethbridge School Division has historically been its staff members, who are committed to providing outstanding learning opportunities for all students while ensuring that each young person feels valued and supported. Division teachers are recognized across the province for their expertise, with a number serving on regional and provincial curriculum and professional learning committees.

The Board received the report as information and took the opportunity to publicly acknowledge the commitment to excellence that teachers, and all staff members, demonstrate for the benefit of students.

4. Policy Review

Division policies are reviewed on a continuous basis to ensure they reflect the position of the Board.

The following policy was discussed:

103.1 - Anti-Racism & Anti-Oppression - Third Reading

Trustee Craig Whitehead proposed to amend the anti-oppression anti-racism policy by removing the words "and is rooted in historical oppression, white supremacy and colonialism."

The amendment was defeated by a 5-2 vote.

Trustee Genny Steed proposed to amend the wording of policy 103.1 anti-oppression anti-racism to amend the word "is rooted" to "can be rooted" in historical oppression white supremacy and colonialism.

The amendment was defeated by a 5-2 vote.

Board Chair Allison Purcell moved third reading of the policy, which was passed by a 7-0 vote.

Discussion on the policy, and the amendments, begins at the 48:00 mark of the [LIVESTREAM](#).

For more information on the policy, please see the Division website here: [POLICY 103.1](#)

5. Authorization of Additional Locally Developed Courses

Alberta Education requires that all locally developed senior high courses be authorized for use by the Board of Trustees. Division high schools have requested the addition of the courses listed below. Considering this, the Board of Trustees authorized the use of these previously used locally developed courses in all Division high schools to enhance program offerings to students:

Requested Authorization was until August 31, 2025:

Film and Media Art 15 3 Credits (2021-2025) LDC1092 2022-2023 2024-2025

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The Board of Trustees approved the use of Film and Media Art 15 (LDC1092) for 3 and 5 credits until August 31, 2025, to schools to enhance program offerings to students.

The Board of Trustees approved the use of Film and Media Art 25 (LDC2092) for 3 and 5 credits until August 31, 2025, to schools to enhance program offerings to students.

The Board of Trustees approved the use of Film and Media Art 35 (LDC3092) for 3 and 5 credits until August 31, 2025, to schools to enhance program offerings to students.

6. Non-Union Staff Compensation

Trustee Kristina Larkin moved that, effective Sept. 1, 2022, the Board offer a 1.75-per-cent salary increase to Division employees who are not members of a union authorized to collectively bargain on their behalf. Larkin added that at the request of executive council, this increase would not apply to members of executive council at this time.

The motion passed by a 6-1 vote.

7. Board Standing Committee Annual Reports and Terms of Reference Review

At the September regular Board meeting each year, Board member chairs of standing committees provide a year-end report and make any recommendations regarding changes to standing committee Terms of Reference.

The Board received the report as information.

The reports begin on Page 52 of the [AGENDA](#).

8. Community Conversations

Lethbridge School Division Board of Trustees provided opportunity for parents and members of the public to give feedback and have conversations by hosting Community Conversations.

Board Chair, Allison Purcell, announced the October Community Conversations would be held on Oct. 13 from 6:30-8 p.m., at a yet-to-be-determined location. The November event is set for Nov. 8 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Lethbridge Fish and Game (946-9 Ave. S.).

The Board received report as information.

9. PSBAA

Trustee Craig Whitehead provided an oral report on the summer meeting of the Public Schools Boards' Association of Alberta.

The Board received the report as information.

10. Economic Development Lethbridge

Allison Purcell, Board Chair, represents the Board as part of the Economic Development Lethbridge community stakeholder group.

Purcell provided an oral report regarding a recent Economic Development Lethbridge meeting.

11. Indigenous Education Committee

Trustee Christine Light provided a written reports from the committee's Sept. 21 meeting. The report can be found on Page 96 of the [AGENDA](#).

12. Correspondence Received

Lethbridge School Division received a letter from the Government of Alberta's Careers, Arts, Wellness, Languages and Locally Developed Courses Branch to confirm the Division has been awarded \$50,000 for a proposed new dual credit opportunity.

13. Correspondence Received

Lethbridge School Division received a letter from Alberta Education Minister Adrian LaGrange to approve \$2,470,998 in reserve spending for Lethbridge School Division for the 2022/2023 school year.

14. Correspondence Received

Lethbridge School Division received a letter from The City of Lethbridge to inform the Division the city has received an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw and change the land use of a site in the vicinity of 1205-30 St. W.

15. Correspondence Received

Lethbridge School Division received a letter from the Alberta School Councils' Association to inform the Division that Alberta Education has denied funding for the ASCA.

16. Correspondence Received

Lethbridge School Division received a letter the Alberta Treasury Board and Finance regarding ongoing consultations on the governance of public sector compensation.

17. Correspondence Sent

Lethbridge School Division sent a letter to the Alberta Minister of Education, Andriana LaGrange and the President of the Treasury Board, Jason Nixon, to express the Board's concerns over proposed changes to the governance of public sector compensation, as presented by the Provincial Bargaining Coordination Office.

Regular Meeting video: [LIVESTREAM](#)



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