



Division School Council Meeting **NOTES**

March 6, 2023

6:30 pm: Parent Learning Session

7:00 pm: Regular Meeting

Education Centre Board Room / Microsoft TEAMS

6:30 – 7:00

PARENT LEARNING SESSION: This month's session will be an interactive review of the results from the Board Town Hall that was held on February 7th. Superintendent Cheryl Gilmore will provide highlights of the themes that emerged from the feedback provided by parents at the Town Hall and through the website feedback loop. Parents will have the opportunity to share their insight regarding the themes.

- Superintendent Cheryl Gilmore presented on the qualitative analysis of the Town Hall results. You can review the themes discussed by clicking the link [here](#).

7:00 REGULAR MEETING

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of the Agenda
Tisha Elford and Cynthia Young Approved Agenda.
4. Approval of the Minutes of January 16, 2023
Tisha Elford and Lindsay O'Brien approved the Minutes.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a. Development of School Council Checklist and Guidelines document.
 - Shelley and Carrie will be meeting next week to discuss, please send feedback or questions to Shelley to be included.
6. Stand Up For Education – short presentation from representative from the local ATA (Albert Teachers' Association).
 - Kevin McBeath presented on what is happening with the ATA "Stand for Education" advocacy theme. Any Alberta citizen can join the advocacy. Information regarding the theme and initiative are provided in the documents below.



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7. Trustee Report

- ICE Scholarship Showcase this Thursday March 9th at 7pm at Chinook High School.
- Community Conversations Tomorrow March 7th from 1:30-3:00 at the Fish and Game Association. You can find information on this event and future events [here](#).
- School Boundary Alignment Committee will be having their first meeting on April 3rd.
- Full time Kindergarten Sub-Committee formed to bring a motion to the ASBA FGM in support of full-time funded kindergarten.
- Congratulations to Dr. Gilmore on her announcement of retirement. The board is always open to input on the work they do and if anyone has input on what they feel the board should be looking for in a future superintendent, please reach out to trustees by email or at an upcoming Community Conversation.

8. Alberta School Councils Association

Alberta School Councils' Association

School Council Conference and Annual General Meeting Information

Location: Delta Marriott Edmonton South –

Conference April 21, 22

Annual General Meeting Sunday, April 23

Deadline for registration is April 14

Link to Conference information and learning sessions, page with registration link, and general meeting information and resolutions: [Annual Conference: Alberta School Councils' Association](#)

Reminder: Lethbridge School Division will pay the registration cost for one parent per school for the conference/ annual general meeting. You can register yourself and then seek reimbursement (ensuring you have all receipts) or you can contact Executive Assistant Kristin Solowoniuk (Kristin.Solowoniuk@lethsd.ab.ca) to assist with registration and have the school division pay for registration directly. The School Division provides \$250 to schools each year to support other costs as school councils see best covered.

Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) 2023 Resolution Package

The ASCA has released its [2023 Resolution Package](#)! One of the main features of the business meeting on Sunday is reviewing, discussing and voting on proposed resolutions. Every School Council that is a member of ASCA has a vote for each resolution. All of Lethbridge School Division schools are members (the Board pays for membership fees each year). If you do not have someone attending the AGM, you

may want to pursue what is called a Proxy Vote (a School Council attending the AGM can carry other School Council vote IF the form is filled out in advance). Here is a link to the form: [225747](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/225747)
([albertaschoolcouncils.ca](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca))

This year's resolutions found in more detail on the website, can be summarized as follows:
mandating criminal record and vulnerable sector checks for school board trustee candidates

- supporting integrated education funding
- integrating climate and biodiversity education throughout the K to 12 curriculum
- adding rights of victims of bullying and violence to the Education Act
- requiring consultation opportunities for proposed changes to legislation, regulations, or established programs or practice
- setting and meeting a student-to-school counselor ratio to improve mental health
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 - Info page with registration deadline. <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-conference/register-for-the-conference>
 - Advocacy resolutions: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/225915>
 - Registration fee sheet: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/224548>
 - Credential voting form: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/225746>
 - Proxy voting form: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/225747>

9. Superintendent's Report

- a. Communication Survey results: On Community Engagement website. Cheryl highlighted a few points
- b. Values Survey results: On Community Engagement website. Cheryl highlighted a few points.
- c. Town Hall results: On Community Engagement website. Were reviewed detail during the parent learning sessions.
- d. New: Budget Feedback Tool. Reviewed. Recommended to have link to student demographics ([here](#)) as well as a "submit" indicator on the last arrow on the page. Cheryl Will let Communication Officer know about the change.
- e. ICE Scholarship Event – Thursday March 9 starting at 7:00 pm. At Chinook High School Media Centre (theatre).
- f. Upcoming Parent Learning Sessions
 - March 8-[SAPDC Executive Functioning for Parents of Students with ADHD](#)
 - March 7- [Cheerleading Doesn't Always Work the Way we Intend](#)
 - April 18 – Session on Anxiety and Youth (online). [10408 \(crcpd.ab.ca\)](#)
 - April Lethbridge School Division DSC Parent Learning- Budget Overview with Avice DeKelter
 - May Lethbridge School DivisionDSC Parent Learning- Career Exploration, Off Campus and Work Experience opportunities.

- Parents requested an update on how the Lego Challenge went. Lego submission deadline was end of February. Status: projects are being judged. Winners will be announced by the end of March.

10. Committee Representative Reports

- a. Policy Advisory Committee Roundtable Reports – January 18th Meeting – Jamie Walburger. Next meeting – March 8 (12:30 – 3:00)
- b. Poverty Intervention Committee - no meeting since last report. Next meeting – March 7 (1:00 – 3:00)
- c. Division Wellness Committee– no meeting since last report. Next meeting – April or early May
- d. Community Engagement Committee – January 31 – Shelley Roest and/or Cynthia Young. Next meeting – March 16 (7:00-8:30 pm)

11. Roundtable Reports are included with the agenda: an opportunity to highlight a very significant event or for questions from the representatives about information in a written report.

- Citrus fundraiser for GS Lakie was a success. Will continue to offer one citrus and two apple fundraisers per year. Shout-out to Lindsay O’Brien for coordinating a halal option for candy grams. A lot of positive feedback was received on their effort to recognize diversity.
- Probe Rep Sara Bond raised a concern that their School Council Society had an unexplained auto-deposit for \$95.75 from Government of Alberta. All other councils will look into their Societies accounts to see if others have received money.
- Hot Lunches, any success paying by e-transfer or exclusively by cheque? Mixed response of who pays by cheque or e-transfer.

12. Adjournment

Division School Council 2022-2023 Meeting Dates:

- April 3, 2023
- May 1, 2023
- June 5, 2023

2022-23 Division School Council Representatives

Chair	Shelley Roest
Vice Chair	Carrie Boschman
Recording Secretary	Kristin Solowoniuk
Policy Advisory Committee	Jamie Walburger and Alternate Shelley Roest
Poverty Intervention Committee	Jamie Walburger and Alternate Lindsay O’Brien
Division Wellness Committee	Edna Asem and Alternate Sara Bod
Community Engagement Committee	Shelley Roest, Cynthia Young – ALL parents are welcome



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SESSION OBJECTIVES

Help us create a hopeful vision for public education in Alberta!

Identify innovative solutions for Alberta's children and our *public schools now and into the future!

* Public education in Alberta refers to public, separate and francophone school authorities.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

What are your **hopes** for **Alberta's children** and our public schools so that they can **thrive** now and into the **future**?



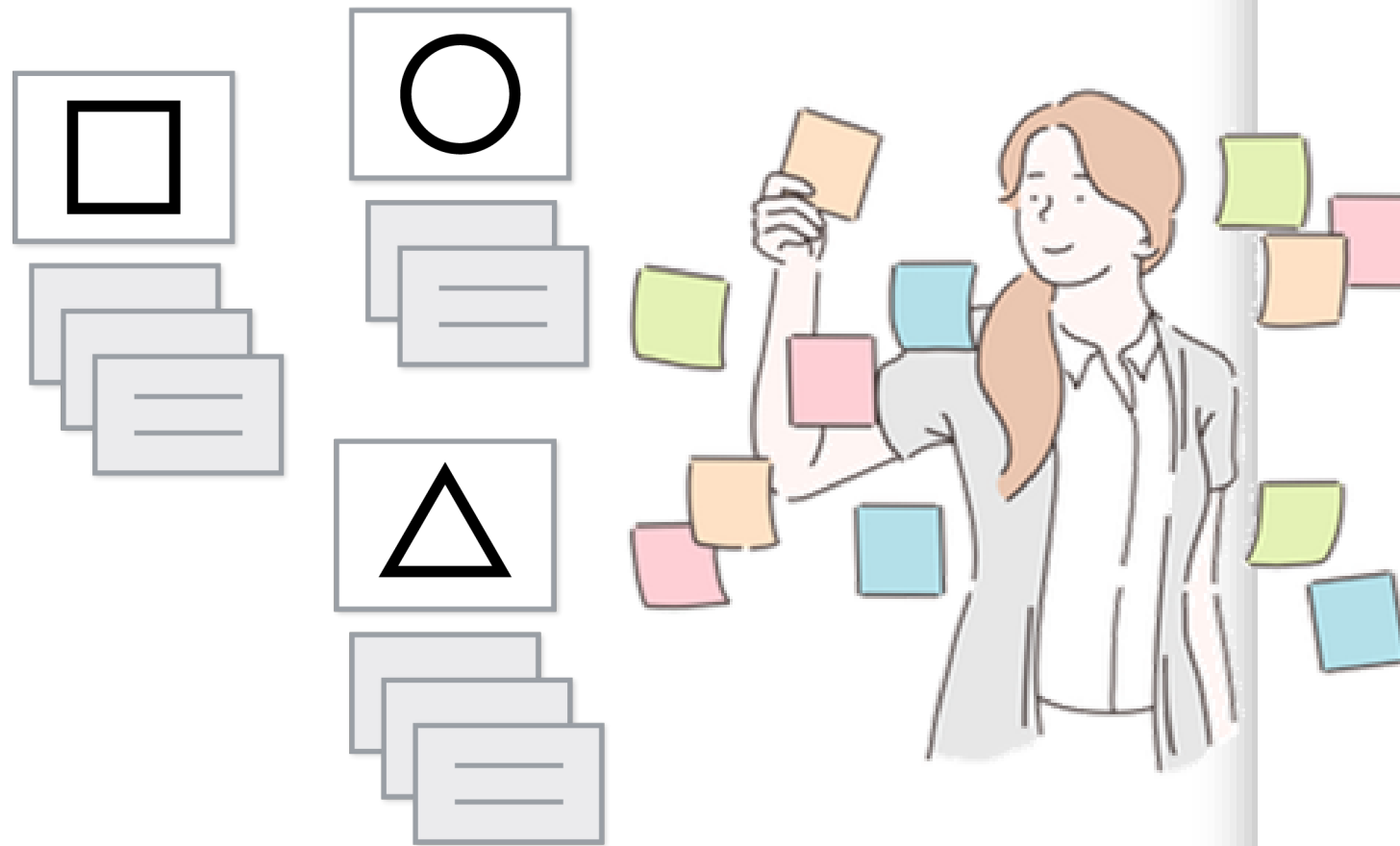
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COMMON THEMES





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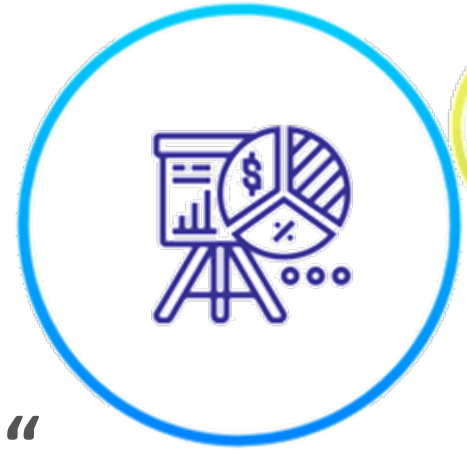
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