



Division School Council Meeting **AGENDA**

April 3, 2023

6:30 pm

Education Centre Board Room / Microsoft TEAMS

6:30 – 7:00 PARENT LEARNING SESSION: School Division Funding and Budgeting Processes. Avice DeKolver, Director of Finance, will review how the school division is allocated money from the province and how money is allocated across the Division (budget process).

Thanks for the informative presentation, Avice! You can review her presentation below or by clicking [here](#).

7:00

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of the Agenda
Tisha Elford Approved and Sara Bond Seconded
4. Approval of the Minutes of March 6, 2023
Tisha Elford Approved and Cynthia Young Seconded
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
none.
6. Trustee Report
 - The board is moving into budget process. We are welcoming feedback from stakeholders.
 - Budget report was received during our last Board Meeting and is available to review.
 - The superintendent recruitment process is moving ahead as anticipated. We are still seeking feedback from stakeholders as we move toward our next steps. We will shortlist and interview over next 6 weeks.
 - Trustees can be contacted at community conversations, as well as by email.
7. Alberta School Councils Association
 - a. Steps to getting Members Only access.
 - Alberta School Council Association, scroll to the bottom and click on “members only” and request a membership online request form. This will allow the Chair to create a profile for your school and access all the members only resources.
 - For next year, you can create profiles with your school council @lethsd emails and then everyone within your school council can have access.

- Request that the first DSC of next year we host a learning session to all council members (Chairs and Co-Chairs) to go over all the information found on ASCA and how to access all resources.
- b. Review of ASCA website resources
 - c. ASCA Conference – reminder that deadline for registration is April 14. Details regarding the Conference and links are available in the March 6, 2023 Division School Council minutes [411529 \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](https://lethsd.ab.ca/411529)
- You are able to attend the AGM virtually you are able to still submit votes. If you have someone willing to attend the AGM you can carry up to 7 proxy votes.
 - Shelley and Kristin will send an email to gather who is planning on voting and wishing to attend or submit proxy votes.
 - Information shared is not able to be posted publicly with our minutes but please reach out to Shelley for any questions on documents.
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Poverty Intervention Committee- March 7 – Jamie Walburger
 - b. Community Engagement Committee- March 16 – Shelley Roest/ Cynthia Young
 - Feedback from ICE event
 - ICE Scholarships are now open with a deadline of May 14th.
 - Next Community Engagement May 16th
 - c. Policy Advisory Committee- March 8 – Jaimie Walburger
 - Next Meeting April 5th. Please keep an eye out for policies requesting feedback.
 9. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Online Parent Learning Sessions with no registration fees.
 - i. Anxiety and Youth. On-line Tuesday, April 18 (4:00-5:30)
<https://crcpd.ab.ca/program/10408>
 - ii. What do you mean 89% isn't good enough? On-line., Tuesday, April 4 (7:00-8:00 pm). <https://erlc.ca/programs/details/?id=12084>
 - iii. Social Emotional Learning for Parents. Thursday, April 13 (7:00 – 8:00 pm).
<https://erlc.ca/programs/details/?id=12440>
 - iv. Self-regulated Learning Through Student Goal-Setting. Thursday, May 4 (1:00 – 2:30 pm.) <https://crcpd.ab.ca/program/10495>
 - v. Indigenous Canada. Free course through the University of Alberta. Topics: The fur trade and other exchange relationships; Land claims and environmental impacts; Legal systems and rights; Political conflicts and alliances; Indigenous political activism; Contemporary Indigenous life, art and its expressions.
[Indigenous Canada | University of Alberta \(ualberta.ca\)](https://indigenouscanada.ualberta.ca)
 10. Expanding Hot Lunch Options- Sara Bond
 - Sara Bond inquired as to what businesses other schools have been using with success for hot lunch fundraisers.

- Currently probe is doing 1-2 hot lunches a month, one comes from the SJF Cafeteria and the second option comes from Boston Pizza or Subway.
- Other suggestions included:
 - Booster Juice- Smoothies have been best for elementary as the wraps have not been super successful with the kids. They will deliver within Lethbridge.
 - Kernels as a fundraiser but some kids eat it for a snack.
 - Mary Browns
 - Dairy Queen
 - Opa
 - Edo- more expensive charge.
 - Al Greco
 - Stella's
 - Coras
 - Busters Pizza (near Cora's)- great to work with.
 - Panago North is great to work with but is not able to deliver west.
- Lethbridge Christian has hot lunch every week organized by a hot lunch coordinator. School admin runs it through school cash online and they plan all orders in August.
- Idea of creating leadership opportunities for grade 5 students to organize and deliver hot lunches in place of school volunteers.

11. Alberta Education School Council Engagement Grant (\$500). Sharing of what School Council did or are planning.

- Lethbridge Christian will host a "Teenage Brain and Social Media" Speaker in May. Literacy night was very well attended.
- Churchill is planning a parent engagement "Math night."
- Robin Bright spoke at Plaxton at a literacy night.
- Nicholas Sheran Numeracy night at beginning of the year with activities, games and take-home packages that was very successful and well attended.
- Wilson Book Club reading "hold on to your kids" by Gordon Neufeld.

12. Roundtable Reports

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.

- Grade 8s at Paterson are going to voyage Quebec for the first time since Covid. Bacon Bingo to fundraise.
- Dance-a-thon at Nicholas Sheran reached their \$5000 fundraising goal.
- Turkey Bingo at Wilson.

13. Adjournment

Division School Council 2022-2023 Meeting Dates:

- 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



Division School Council 2023/2024 Budget Update

April 3, 2023

Avice DeKolver – Director of Finance

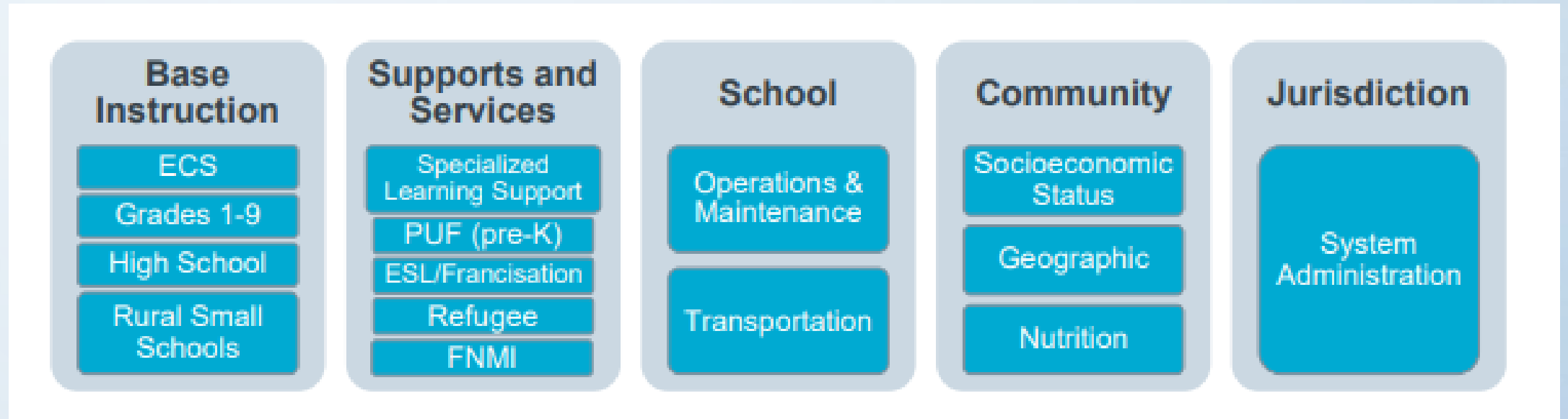
Items to Discuss

- Alberta Education Budget Overview
- Budget Engagement Survey Results
- Budget Development Process

Alberta Education Budget Overview

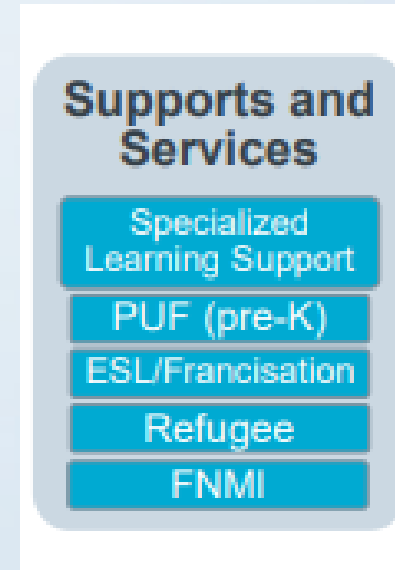
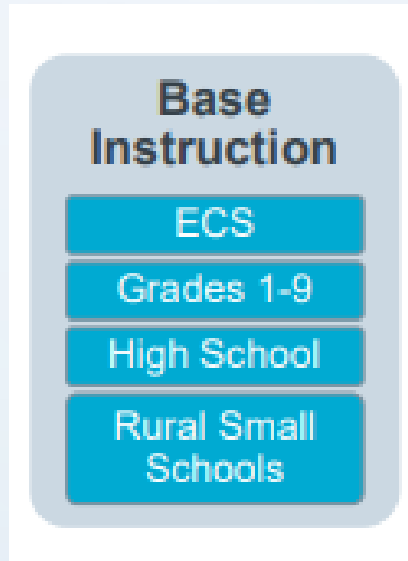
Provincial Budget was released on February 28th, 2023

Alberta Education funding falls into 5 main targeted grants



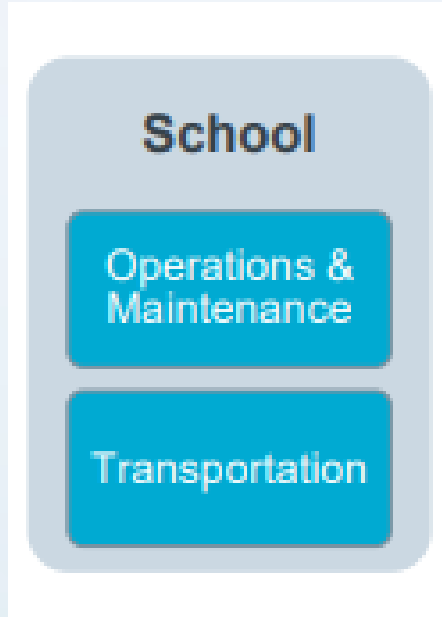
Note for the last several years the Division also received Bridge and COVID Mitigation Funding

Alberta Education Budget Overview

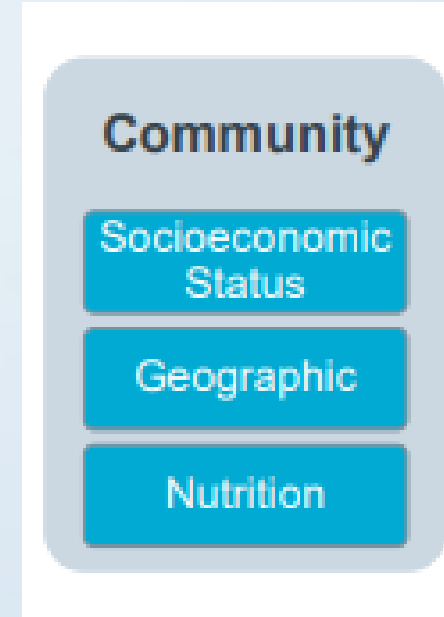


- Base Instruction – Increase of 6% in rates
- Elimination of COVID Mitigation and Bridge Funding
 - Absorbed into Base and Services and Supports
- Services and Supports – Increase of 10% in rates
 - New Classroom Complexity Grant (Approximately \$597,000)

Alberta Education Budget Overview



- Operations and Maintenance – Increase of 5% in rates
- Transportation – New Funding Model for September 1, 2024



- Socioeconomic and Geographic funding used to support instruction
- Nutrition Grant – 20% increase

Budget Engagement Survey

- First year and had 419 survey responses
- Additional details are on the Division website
- Thank you to all who participated!

Common Themes:

1. Inclusive Learning Supports
2. Maintaining Class Size
3. Intervention Strategies (Literacy and Numeracy)
4. Supporting Well-Being
5. Technology support

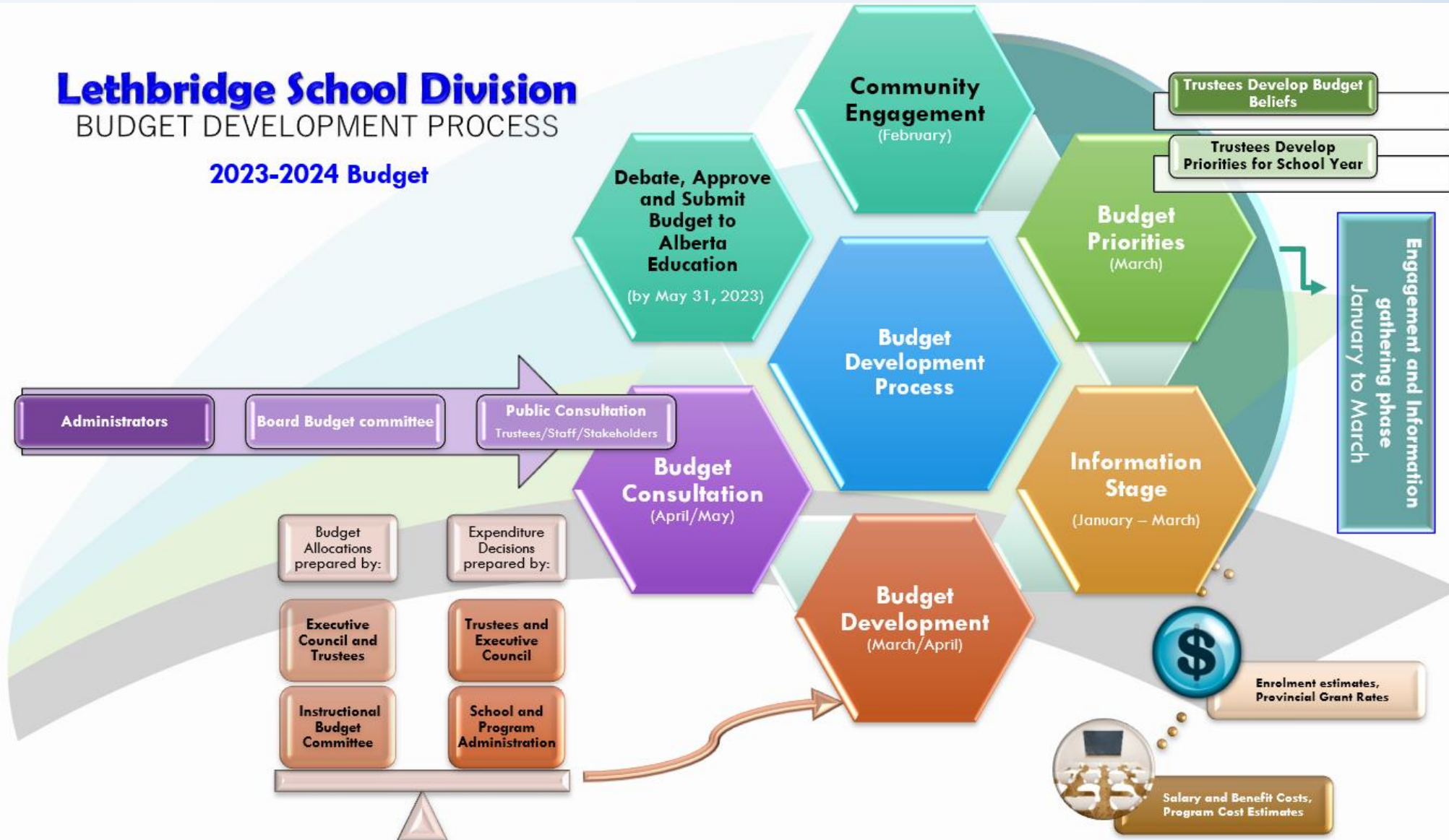


Budget Development Process

Lethbridge School Division

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

2023-2024 Budget



Questions?

Thank you!

