

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD April 25, 2023.

In Attendance:

Trustees: Christine Light; Allison Purcell; Genny Steed; Kristina Larkin, Tyler Demers, Craig Whitehead
Administrators: Cheryl Gilmore, Mike Nightingale, Morag Asquith, Christine Lee
Regrets: Andrea Andreachuk

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Move to In-Camera

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“that the Board move to In-Camera.” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Move to In-Camera
7091/23*

Trustee Genny Steed moved to reconvene the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

Items moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda

- Budget Committee
- Boundary Alignment Committee.
- Policy Advisory Committee.

3. Approval of Agenda

Amendments:

- Remove item 12.4 ASBA Zone 6 update.
- Addition of 12.4 Expulsion Committee Outcome
- Addition of 9.4 Refugee Position Statement
- Addition of 9.5 Non-Union Employee Compensation
- Addition of 9.6 Non-Union Associate Superintendent Compensation
- Addition of 12.5 School boundary Alignment Committee
- Addition of 12.6 Board Budget Committee
- Addition of 12.7 Policy Advisory Committee

*Approval of Agenda
7092/23*

Trustee Tyler Demers moved:

“to approve the agenda, as amended” **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. Approval of Minutes for March 28, 2023

Changes: on item 9.7 Add that Allison Purcell abstained due to conflict of interest and item 9.8 Andrea Andreachuk abstained due to conflict of interest.

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“The minutes of the regular meeting of March 28, 2023 be approved as amended and signed by the chair”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

*Business Arising from
the Minutes*

6. Associate Superintendent Reports

*Associate
Superintendent
Reports*

6.1 Business and Operations

Associate Superintendent Christine Lee provided a written report.

*Business and
Operations*

6.2 Instructional Services

Associate Superintendent Morag Asquith provided a written report.

Instructional Services

6.3 Human Resources

Associate Superintendent Mike Nightingale provided a written report.

Human Resources

7. Superintendents Report

*Superintendents
Report
Board Priority Report*

7.1 Board Priorities Report

Board Priorities were included in the agenda.

Donations and Support

7.2 Donations and Support

Donations and Support were included in the agenda.

*Acknowledgement of
Excellence*

7.3 Acknowledgement of Excellence

Acknowledgements of excellence and reports showcasing the accomplishments of Winston Churchill High School and Park Meadows Elementary School are included in the agenda.

Education Week

7.4 Education Week

A memo regarding the Education Week theme and apple basket distribution was included in the agenda.

7.5 Calendar of Events

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Calendar of events is included in the agenda.

Additions:

- Poverty Intervention Committee May 16 at 1:00pm
- Change time of Board meeting on May 23rd to 12:00pm
- Confirmation if indigenous grad begins at 5:30 or 6pm

8. Presentations

8.1 Recognition of Provincial Champions

Two Provincial Gold medallist wrestlers from LCI, Ryder Lowry and Nolan Gobiell were congratulated by the Board for their championship.

*Public Member
Presentation*

8.2 Public Member Presentation- Kaylee Low

Parent and community member, Kaylee Low, presented to the Board and provided recommendations regarding use of technology in schools.

*Action Items
Policy Review*

9. Action items

9.1 Policy Review

Revised policies and recommended changes were included in the agenda.

Policy 501.7 Non-Resident Students

- Recommend considering changing this to a procedure at a future date.
- Change item 3.1 to read “this category would include students with a parent/guardian who ordinarily resides in Alberta.”

*Policy 501.2
7094/23*

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

“That policy 501.7 Non-Resident Students to be approved as amended.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Policy 502.5 Student Transportation

- Change “Bussing” to “Busing” throughout.

*Policy 502.5
7095/23*

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

“That the board adopt policy 503.5 Student Transportation be approved as amended.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Policy 802.2 School Fees

- Add Independent Student after Guardians in item 10.

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

“That policy 802.2 School Fees be approved as amended.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Policy 802.2
7096/23*

9.2 Division Meal Allowance Rates

Trustee Kristina Larkin moved:

“That the Board approve an increase to the Division Meal Allowances as indicated, effective August 1, 2023.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Division Meal
Allowance Rates
7097/23*

9.3 Use of Technology in Schools

Trustee Genny Steed moved:

“That the Board form an Ad Hoc committee for the purpose of exploring the use of technology in schools and recommending strategies to the Board which may include the development of belief statements and guiding principles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Use of Technology in
Schools
7098/23*

9.4 Funding for Displaced Students, Refugee students and claimants Advocacy

- Associate Superintendent Morag Asquith will collect the number of students and trends that fall into the categories below.

Trustee Kristina Larkin moved:

“That the Board support the ASBA emergent position statement from Edmonton Public Schools, *Funding for Displaced Students, Refugee students and Claimants*, as well agree to be the seconder of the motion. This impacts the Division and the students within our Division in similar ways identified in the EPS background information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Funding for Displaced
Students
7099/2023*

9.5 Non-Union Employee Compensation

Trustee Kristina Larkin moved:

“That the Board approve a 2% salary increase to non-union employees, excluding executive council, effective September 1, 2023.”

CARRIED

In Favor: Kristina Larkin, Allison Purcell, Christine Light, Tyler Demers

Against: Genny Steed, Craig Whitehead

*Non-Union
Compensation
7100/23*

9.6 Non-Union Compensation- Associate Superintendents

Trustee Kristina Larkin moved:

“That the Board approve a 3.75% salary increase for Associate Superintendents effective September 1, 2023.”

CARRIED

In Favor: Kristina Larkin, Allison Purcell, Christine Light, Tyler Demers

Against: Genny Steed, Craig Whitehead

10. Discussion Items

Discussion Items
Anti-Racism/Anti-
Oppression Procedure

10.1 Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Procedure

Genny Steed recommended the Board follow up and begin to schedule collaborative discussions with the ARAO Admin Committee, DIPT and Division School Council to develop procedures. Morag Asquith confirmed the ARAO committee will be meeting April 26th and will be reaching out to collaborate with the named parties in May.

Craig Whitehead has requested the foundational documents of the Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Policy and confirmation that it is not rooted in a controversial race theory.

Public Forum- None

Division Highlights

11. Division Highlights

Allison Purcell- Shout out to all Admin Professionals.

Kristina Larkin- DARE Art Gala, High School QSA, Lakie School Tour.

Craig Whitehead- Legally Blonde Junior at SJF, PSBAA meeting.

Genny Steed- Appreciates Schools taking the initiative for outdoor classrooms.

12. Board Chair Report

Board Chair Report
Art's Alive and Well

12.1 Art's Alive and Well in Lethbridge Schools

Virtually Installed: Lethbridge Schools. Students. Art. Will go live on May 13th. The Board recognized Kathy Knelsen and Garrett Simmons for their efforts in coordinating this celebration of student art and organizing the virtual exhibit.

- 12.2 Alberta School Councils Association Conference and AGM
Allison Purcell gave an oral report regarding the conference on April 21-23.

Election Advocacy

- 12.3 Election Advocacy
Allison Purcell presented the developed document and postcard that highlighted each priority advocacy. The Board has committed to hosting an Education Forum event with Lethbridge Public Local ATA. The forum will be in West Lethbridge on Friday May 12th at 4:00 at G.S. Lakie. Holy Spirit School Division and the Holy Spirit ATA will be hosting Lethbridge East, the date and time is yet to be confirmed.

- 12.4 Expulsion Committee Outcome
Trustee Christine Light provided an oral report on the outcome of the expulsion committee that met on April 24, 2023.

Expulsion Committee

- 12.5 School Boundary Alignment Committee
Trustee Craig Whitehead presented an update from the School Boundary Alignment Committee meeting on April 3, 2023.

*School Boundary
Alignment Committee*

- 12.6 Board Budget Committee
Trustee Kristina Larkin presented an update from the Board Budget Committee on April 4, 2023.

*Board Budget
Committee*

- 12.7 Policy Advisory Committee
Trustee Craig Whitehead presented an update from the Policy Advisory Committee on April 5, 2023.

*Policy Advisory
Committee*

13. Correspondence

Correspondence

- 13.1 Letter from Minister LaGrange to Allison Purcell
13.2 Approval of funds for West Side Study

14. Adjournment

*Move to in Camera
7102/23*

- Trustee Christine Light moved:
"That the board move into camera at 5:34 P.M."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Craig Whitehead moved to reconvene the meeting at 6:02 P.M.

Trustee Allison Purcell moved:
“to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 P.M.”

Adjournment
7103/23

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Allison Purcell,
Chair

Christine Lee,
Associate Superintendent
Business and Operations