

MINUTES FROM THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2023.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Trustees: Andrea Andreachuk, Tyler Demers, Kristina Larkin, Christine Light, Allison Purcell, Genny Steed, Craig Whitehead
Administrators: Mike Nightingale; Robbie Charlebois
Kristin Solowoniuk (Recorder)
Regrets: Christine Lee, Morag Asquith

The Superintendent called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement

Superintendent Mike Nightingale read a territorial acknowledgement and formally welcomed Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Robbie Charlebois.

2. Election of Chair

Election of Chair

Superintendent Mike Nightingale called for nominations for Chair to hold office during the pleasure of the Board.

Trustee Kristina Larkin nominated Trustee Christine Light for the position of Chair for the 2023-2024 term.

Trustee Andrea Andreachuk nominated Trustee Allison Purcell for the position of Chair for the 2023-2024 term.

Superintendent Mike Nightingale called three times for further nominations and there were none. The nominees were each given an opportunity to speak before voting. Director of Finance Avice DeKolver and Superintendent Mike Nightingale took the votes to be counted.

Superintendent Mike Nightingale declared Allison Purcell the Chair of the Board for the 2023-2024 school year.
Congratulations to Allison Purcell.

Allison Purcell assumed the Chair's position.

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:
"to destroy the ballots".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Destroy the ballots
7155/23*

2. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Christine Light moved:
“that the agenda be approved, as presented.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Approval of Agenda
7156/23*

3. Election of Vice-Chair

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair to hold office during the pleasure of the Board.

Election of Vice-Chair

Trustee Craig Whitehead nominated Genny Steed for the position of Vice-Chair for the 2023-2024 term.

Trustee Kristina Larkin nominated Christine Light for the position of Vice-Chair for the 2023-2024 term.

Chair Allison Purcell called three times for further nominations and there were none. Director of Finance Avice DeKolver and Superintendent Mike Nightingale took the votes to be counted.

Superintendent Mike Nightingale declared Trustee Christine Light as Vice-Chair for the 2023-2024 school year. Congratulations to Christine Light

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:
“to destroy the ballots.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Destroy the ballots
7157/23*

4. Approval of Bank Borrowing Resolution

Trustee Kristina Larkin moved:
“that the Board approve the 2023-2024 bank borrowing resolution in the amount of \$500,000 to finance the operation of the school division as required, pending receipt of government funding, and that a copy of this resolution be appended to the minutes of this meeting.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Approval of Bank
Borrowing Resolution
7158/23*

5. Approval of Signing Authority

Trustee Kristina Larkin moved:
“that the bank signing authority be the Board Chair or the Vice-Chair and the Secretary-Treasurer or, in their absence, the Director of Finance, with the exception that for the purpose of signing cheques, the signing authority shall be the Superintendent of Schools and/or the Secretary-Treasurer and/or Director of Finance and further, that the Board authorize the bank to establish an overdraft lending agreement which has been duly executed by the proper officers of the Board when loans are required.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Approval of Signing
Authority
7159/23*

6. Committee Reports and Terms of Reference

All Committee reports and Terms of Reference will be reviewed at the September 2023 regular board meeting.

*Committee Reports and
Terms of Reference*

7. Appointments to Committees

*denotes Chair

*Appointments to
Committees*

7.1 Standing Committees

7.1.1 Board Audit Committee

*Tyler Demers, Christine Light

7.1.2 Board Budget Committee

*Kristina Larkin, Andrea Andreachuk

7.1.3 Community Engagement Committee

*Kristina Larkin, Andrea Andreachuk

7.1.5 Division Wellness Committee

*Tyler Demers, Kristina Larkin

7.1.6 Facilities Committee

*Genny Steed, Tyler Demers

7.1.7 Indigenous Education Committee

*Christine Light, Andrea Andreachuk

7.1.8 Policy Advisory Committee

*Genny Steed, Christine Light

7.1.9 Poverty Intervention Committee

*Christine Light, Genny Steed

1.1.10 School Boundary Alignment Committee

*Craig Whitehead, Christine Light, Allison Purcell

1.1.11 Spirit of 51 Committee

*Andrea Andreachuk, Kristina Larkin

1.1.12 Superintendent Evaluation Committee

Allison Purcell, Christine Light, Craig Whitehead

7.2 Special (ad hoc) Committees

7.2.1 ATA Negotiating Committee

*Craig Whitehead, Allison Purcell

7.2.2 CUPE (Local 290) Negotiating Committee

*Kristina Larkin, Andrea Andreachuk

7.2.3 CUPE (Local 2843) Negotiating Committee

*Christine Light, Tyler Demers

7.2.4 Expulsion Committee – Two trustees as needed

7.2.5 Non-Union Staff Committee

*Christine Light, Genny Steed

7.2.6 Policy Review Committee

Further discussion to be had at September 26
Board Meeting

7.3 Joint Committees

7.3.1 ATA Working Conditions Committee

*Craig Whitehead, Kristina Larkin

7.3.2 City/School Boards Committee

*Allison Purcell, Genny Steed

7.3.3 Economic Development

Education Seat has been passed to Holy Spirit for their 2-year term

7.4 Appointment of Board Representatives:

7.4.1 ASBA Zone 6

Craig Whitehead, Christine Light (alternate)

7.4.2 Division School Council

Genny Steed, Further discussion about assigning a rotating role for the alternate on September 26

7.4.3 Division Student Leadership

Kristina Larkin

7.4.4 TEBA

Craig Whitehead

7.4.5 Team Lethbridge

Christine Light, Allison Purcell

7.4.6 Public School Boards Association of Alberta

Craig Whitehead, Allison Purcell (Alternate)

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“to move to in-camera at 3:08”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Move in Camera
7160/23*

Trustee Christine Light reconvened the meeting at 3:51

8. Adjournment at 3:51

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“to adjourn the Organizational Meeting.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Adjournment
7161/23*

Allison Purcell
Chair

Christine Lee
Associate Superintendent
Business and Operations