

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD October 24, 2023.

In Attendance:

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

1. Move to In-Camera

Trustee Christine Light moved:

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

*Move to In-Camera
7176/23*

Trustee Christine Light moved to reconvene the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

A territorial acknowledgement was read.

*Territorial
Acknowledgement*

3. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

Committee Reports:

- 3.1 Facilities Committee
- 3.2 Division School Council
- 3.3 Boundary Alignment Committee
- 3.4 Poverty Intervention Committee
- 3.5 Indigenous Education Committee
- 3.6 Spirit of 51 Committee

*Approval of Agenda
7177/23*

4. Approval of Agenda

Additions to the Agenda:

- 10.8 Facilities Committee report
- 10.6 PSBAA Allocation
- 12.9 PSBAA Update

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

“to approve the agenda, as amended.”

*Approval of Minutes
from September 26,
2023
7178/23*

For: Allison Purcell, Andrea Andreachuk, Tyler Demers, Genny Steed, Craig Whitehead

Opposed: Christine Light, Kristina Larkin

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes for September 26, 2023

Trustee Andrea Andreachuk moved:

“The minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2023 be approved and signed by the chair”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Business Arising from
the Minutes*

*Associate
Superintendent
Reports
Business and
Operations*

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

Instructional Services

7. Associate Superintendent Reports

7.1 Business and Operations

Associate Superintendent Christine Lee provided a written report.

Human Resources

7.2 Instructional Services

Associate Superintendent Morag Asquith provided a written report.

*Superintendents
Report
Board Priority Report*

7.3 Human Resources

Associate Superintendent Robbie Charlebois provided a written report.

Donations and Support

8. Superintendents Report

8.1 Board Priorities Report

Board Priorities were included in the agenda.

*Acknowledgement of
Excellence*

8.2 Donations and Support

A memo outlining the generous donations to schools has been included in the agenda.

Calendar of Events

8.3 Acknowledgement of Excellence

Acknowledgements of excellence and reports showcasing the accomplishments of Ecole Agnes Davidson and Victoria Park High School are included in the agenda.

*Presentation of
Governance
Certificates*

8.4 Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events was included in the agenda.

*Action Items
International Trip
WCHS
7182/23*

9. Presentations

9.1 Presentation of Governance Certificates

Congratulations to Chair Allison Purcell and Vice-Chair Christine Light on completing the ASBA Trustee Governance Program for the 2022/2023 school year.

10. Action items

10.1 International Trip Approval- WCHS

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

“That the Winston Churchill High School trip to Australia in March 2024 be approved by the Board, on the condition that all Division policies and procedures are strictly followed and with the understanding that future travel advisories and/or vaccination requirements may affect the trip’s ability to proceed.”

*International Trip- LCI
7181/23*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 International Trip Approval- LCI

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“That the Lethbridge Collegiate Institute trip to Florida in May 2024 be approved by the Board, on the condition that all Division policies and procedures are strictly followed and with the understanding that future travel advisories and/or vaccination requirements may affect the trip’s ability to proceed.”

*Voluntary Retirement
7179/23*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 Voluntary Retirement:

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

That the Board extend the Voluntary Retirement opportunity to employees who qualify to collect a pension and are members of the Alberta Teachers’ Retirement Fund or Local Authorities Pension Plan (CUPE 290, CUPE 2843 and non-union employees). Employees intending to access this opportunity will be required to notify the Division in writing, per the process outlined by the Division and submit a letter of retirement effective January 31, 2024. These employees will be offered a temporary contract effective February 1, 2024 – June 27, 2024 (or the end date as per the appropriate employee calendar).

*Move to In-camera
7180/23*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 Trustee Expense Advance

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

“That the board move in-camera at 3:32pm”

Meeting Reconvened

For: Craig Whitehead, Allison Purcell, Andrea Andreachuk, Tyler Demers, Genny Steed

Against: Christine Light, Kristina Larkin

CARRIED

Trustee Craig Whitehead reconvened the meeting at 3:41pm

Board Chair Allison Purcell called a recess at 4:01pm

The chair reconvened the meeting at 4:07

Trustee Christine Light moved:

"That the board amend *Policy 206.1 Trustee Training and Development* to include a regulation which states: Individual allocations can be carried forward until end of a Trustee's 4-year term. Borrowing of funds from the following year's allocation shall be kept at a minimum and only to fund a single event that there is an overage. Should the amount exceed \$1000, Board approval at a Regular Board Meeting is required prior to allocation payment. This scenario cannot occur in the final year of their term."

*Trustee Expense
Advance
7183/23*

For: Christine Light, Kristina Larkin,

Against: Craig Whitehead, Allison Purcell, Genny Steed, Andrea Andreachuk, Tyler Demers

DEFEATED

10.5 Review and Revision of Board Policies

Trustee Genny Steed moved:

"That board seek further information to develop strategy for a review and revision of our policies as a whole, including obtaining financial quotes for the cost of obtaining outside consultation to the process."

*Review and Revision of
Board Policies
7184/23*

For: Craig Whitehead, Andrea Andreachuk, Christine Light, Allison Purcell, Tyler Demers, Genny Steed

Against: Kristina Larkin

*PSBAA Allocation
7185/23*

CARRIED

10.6 PSBAA Allocation

Trustee Allison Purcell moved:

"to table the motion "to fund PSBAA PL the same as ASBA PL" until the November Board Meeting"

Division Highlights

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Division Highlights

Allison- Coalbanks Spanish Culture event, Poverty Intervention Committee, Spirit of 51, Division School Council.

Christine- Toured and attend school councils, Ecole Agnes Davidson Taste of the Nations.

Andrea- Senator Buchanan Terry Fox Day and shared her own cancer journey, North Side Indigenous Bingo Night, Dr. Plaxton and Senator Buchanan Council nights, LCI Truth and Reconciliation event,

Kristina- Galbraith school council.

Craig- GS Lakie Flag Raising, School Council.

Public Forum

Genny- Lethbridge Christian Parent Council, highlight the uniqueness of that school and the opportunity to have them as part of our division.

Public Forum:

1. Aiden Fletcher, a Chinook High School Football player spoke against the decision to cancel the season and the impact it has had on players and students.

The chair called a recess at 5:08pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 5:14pm

*Board Chair Report
Community
Conversations*

2. Mel Fletcher- spoke against the decision to cancel the Chinook High School football season as it relates to his own family and the impact of social media and the trauma consultant, that he believes played a large role in the decision making process.

12. Board Chair Report

12.1.1 Community Conversations

A memo with upcoming community conversations dates and locations was included in the agenda.

*RFI Public Forums and
Presentations
7186/23*

12.2 Request for Information Public Forums and Presentations

Superintendent Mike Nightingale provided a list of policies and practices from other school boards in the agenda.

Trustee Allison Purcell moved:

“That this information go forward to the Policy Advisory Committee for their next meeting, for them to proceed on reviewing Public Forum and Presentation policies and continue on with their regular process to review that policy with the information that has been provided.”

For: Kristina Larkin, Christine Light, Andrea Andreachuk,
Allison Purcell, Genny Steed, Tyler Demers
Against: Craig Whitehead

*Play and Learn
Program*

CARRIED

*Division School Council
Trustee Attendance*

12.3 Play and Learn Program

Superintendent Mike Nightingale provided an update on the play and learn program in the agenda.

*Fish and Game
Association Support
Letter*

12.4 Division School Council Trustee Attendance

Superintendent Mike Nightingale provided an oral update from the discussion at Division School Council on October 2nd.

*Technology in Schools
Ad Hoc Committee*

12.5 Fish and Game Hut Association Support Letter

The draft letter in support of the Fish and Game Association purchase of the Hut included in the agenda was approved for distribution.

*Request for
Information-
Enrollment*

12.6 Technology in Schools Ad Hoc Committee

A memo outlining the progress with the Technology in Schools Ad Hoc Committee was included in the agenda.

*Facilities Committee
Report*

12.7 Request for Information- Enrollment

A memo requesting current and historical enrollment and capacity numbers has been included in the agenda.

PSBAA Report

12.8 Facilities Committee Report

Associate Superintendent Christine Lee reviewed the Vape Detector pilot project information that was included in the Facilities Committee memo.

*Extend the Meeting
7187/23*

12.9 PSBAA Report

Craig Whitehead gave an overview of the PSBAA conference he attended including his discussion with the Minister of Education and professional development sessions he attended.

*Correspondence
Received
Streets Alive Letter*

Trustee Allison Purcell moved:

“That the board extend the meeting past 6:00pm”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Correspondence Sent
Public Forum Response
to Viviana Lártiga
Castillo*

13 Correspondence Received

13.1 Streets Alive Letter

*Move to In-Camera
7188/23*

14. Correspondence Sent

14.1 Public Forum Response to Viviana Lártiga Castillo

Meeting Reconvened

13 Adjournment

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“to move into in-camera at 6:02 P.M.”

*Adjournment
7189/23*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Christine Light reconvened the meeting at 6:34 P.M.”

Trustee Allison Purcell moved:

“To adjourn the meeting at 6:34P.M.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Allison Purcell,
Chair

Christine Lee,
Associate Superintendent
Business and Operations