

## MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD March 26, 2024.

In Attendance:

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

Administrators: Mike Nightingale, Christine Lee, Robbie Charlebois, Morag Asquith

Trustee Allison Purcell called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

1. Move to In-Camera

Trustee Tyler Demers moved:  
“that the Board move to In-Camera.”

*Move to In-Camera  
7243/24*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Genny Steed arrived at 1:05 p.m.

Trustee Christine Light moved to come out of the in-camera meeting at 2:28 p.m with a short recess.

*Reconvene Meeting*

Allison Purcell reconvened the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

A territorial acknowledgement was read.

*Territorial  
Acknowledgement*

3. Consent Agenda

Committee Reports:

- 3.1 Working Conditions Committee
- 3.2 Division School Council
- 3.3 Policy Advisory Committee
- 3.4 Poverty Intervention Committee
- 3.5 Facilities Committee
- 3.6 Community Engagement Committee
- 3.7 Spirit of 51 Committee

*Consent Agenda*

Trustee Genny steed requested to move item 3.5 Facilities Committee to item 13.3 under the regular agenda. As there were no objections, the consent agenda was approved as amended.

4. Approval of Agenda

Additions to the Agenda:

- 10.5 Public School Boards

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:  
“to approve the agenda, as amended.”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Approval of Agenda  
7244/24*

5. Approval of Minutes for February 27, 2024

Trustee Andrea Andreachuk moved:

“The minutes of the regular meeting of February 27, 2024 be approved as presented and signed by the chair”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Approval of Minutes  
from February 27,  
2024  
7245/24*

Approval of Minutes for March 19, 2024

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“The minutes of the special meeting of March 19, 2024 be approved as presented and signed by the chair”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Approval of Minutes  
from March 19, 2024  
7246/24*

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

*Business Arising from  
the Minutes*

7. Associate Superintendent Reports

7.1 Business and Operations

Associate Superintendent Christine Lee provided a written report.

*Associate  
Superintendent  
Reports  
Business and  
Operations*

7.2 Instructional Services

Associate Superintendent Morag Asquith provided a written report.

*Instructional Services*

7.3 Human Resources

Associate Superintendent Robbie Charlebois provided a written report.

*Human Resources*

8. Superintendents Report

8.1 Board Priorities Report

Board Priorities were included in the agenda.

*Superintendents  
Report  
Board Priority Report*

8.2 Acknowledgement of Excellence

Acknowledgements of excellence and reports showcasing the accomplishments of Galbraith Elementary, Nicholas Sheran Elementary and G.S. Lakie Middle School are included in the agenda.

*Acknowledgement of  
Excellence*

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| <p>8.3 <u>Calendar of Events</u><br/> Calendar of Events was included in the agenda. Items to be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 11&amp;12 PSBAA meeting in Edmonton.</li> </ul>   | <p><i>Calendar of Events</i></p>  |
| <p>8.4 <u>Donations and Support</u><br/> A memo outlining the generous donations to schools has been included in the agenda.</p>   | <p><i>Donations and Support</i></p>                                     |
| <p>8.5 <u>Survey Request for Information</u><br/> A memo outlining the response to the motion from January 23, 2024 requesting information on survey development was included in the agenda</p>  | <p><i>Survey Request for Information</i></p>                            |
| <p>9. <u>Presentations</u></p>   | <p><i>Presentations</i></p>   |
| <p>9.1 <u>Edwin Parr Nominee</u><br/> The Board welcomed and congratulated Mahaliah Peddle, the 2024 Edwin Parr Nominee for Lethbridge School Division.</p>  | <p><i>Edwin Parr Nominee</i></p>  |
| <p>9.2 <u>Provincial Champions</u><br/> The Board congratulated provincial gold champions from the LCI Mixed Curling Team and ICSS Girls Basketball Team.</p>  | <p><i>Provincial Champions</i></p>                                      |
| <p>9.3 <u>Public Member Presentation to the Board</u><br/> Tiffany Hill presented on the urgent need for modernization at LCI.</p>   | <p><i>Public Member Presentation to the Board</i></p>                   |
| <p>9.4 <u>Artificial Intelligence</u><br/> Director of Technology, Jesse Sadlowski presented on the impact of artificial intelligence in schools.</p>  | <p><i>Artificial Intelligence</i></p>                                   |
| <p>10. <u>Action items</u></p>   | <p><i>Action Items</i></p>  |
| <p>10.1 <u>Approval of international Trip- Winston Churchill</u><br/><br/> Trustee Christine Light moved:<br/> “That the Winston Churchill High School trip to New York in April 2025 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.”</p> | <p><i>Approval of International Trip- Winston Churchill 7246/24</i></p> |

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Trustee Allison Purcell called for a short recess at 4:56 p.m.  
Trustee Allison Purcell called the meeting back to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Public Forum:**

*Public Forum*

1. Amber Murray- Concern around town hall summary, page 28, “monitor ideological influences in schools” and its conflicting messaging around the choice of wording around gender identity.
2. Nicole Williams- Continued her remarks from the point that she ran out of time for at the February 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 Public Forum. Her remarks included supporting Premier Smith’s February 9th announcement on pending policy changes to Gender Identity and Gender Expression in Alberta Schools, as well as parent choice in opting into and her difficulty in obtaining, resources approved by the ATA.

**10.2 Second Quarter Financial Report**

Trustee Genny Steed moved:

“that the Board approve the 2023-2024 Second Quarter Financial Report as presented.”

*Second Quarter  
Financial Report  
7247/24*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.3 Budget Belief Statements for Preparation of 2024-2025 budget**

- Amend statement 5 to read “the board believes that investment in early learning is foundational to student success.”
- Amend formatting to add a bullet to statement number 4.

Trustee Kristina Larkin moved:

“That the Board approve the Board of Trustees Belief Statements for preparation of the 2024-2025 Budget as amended.”

*Budget Belief  
Statements  
7248/24*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“To extend the meeting past 6:00pm”

*Extend the meeting  
7249/24*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.4 2025-2027 Capital Plan**

Trustee Craig Whithead moved:

“that the Board accept the 2025-2027 Capital Plan as presented.”

Trustee Allison Purcell moved:

“to amend the motion to move modernization priority number 4 to number 2”

For: Andrea Andreachuk, Genny Steed and Allison Purcell

Against: Tyler Demers, Craig Whitehead, Kristina Larkin,  
Christine Light

**DEFEATED**

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

**CARRIED**

*2025-2027 Capital  
Plan  
7250/24*

**10.5 Public School Boards Association Items**

*Public School Boards  
Association*

Craig Whithead is unable to attend the April 11th and 12th PSBAA meeting, Allison Purcell will attend in his place. Craig would like to remind trustees to please submit their reports to him as soon as possible.

*Division Highlights*

**12. Division Highlights**

**Allison-** Spirit of 51, ATA induction

**Christine-** Chinook ICE Showcase, Science and Heritage Fair at Agnes Davidson

**Andrea-** Spirit of 51, ATA induction, Reading at Plaxton, High School Musical at SJF

**Craig-** Attended zone games.

**Kristina-** Student Clubs, GSA, enjoyed connecting with students about how to make school environment better for all. Student powwow.

Genny Steed left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

**13. Board Chair Report**

*Board Chair Report  
Community  
Conversations*

**13.1 Community Conversations**

Petals Paws and Beans Coffee shop April 22, 6-7pm.  
More details will be posted online.

**13.2 Galbraith Elementary School Design Funding**

*Galbraith Elementary  
School Design Funding*

A memo regarding the approval to move to the design phase for the Galbraith Elementary School Modernization was included in the agenda.

*Facilities Committee*

**13.3 Facilities Committee**

Trustee Genny Steed requested to pull the facilities committee from the consent agenda. Allison Purcell encouraged all trustees to advocate for local contractors understanding the risk of only being provided 30% of plans.

*Correspondence  
Received*

**14 Correspondence Received**

None.

*Correspondence Sent  
Public Forum Response  
to Nicole Williams*

**15 Correspondence Sent**

**15.1 Public Forum Response to Nicole Williams**

A copy of the Public Forum Response letter to Nicole Williams was included in the agenda.

*Public Forum Response  
to Viviana Lartiga*

**15.2 Public Forum Response to Viviana Lartiga**

A copy of the Public Forum Response letter to Viviana Lartiga was included in the agenda.

*Public Forum Response  
to Amber Murray*

**15.3 Public Forum Response to Amber Murray**

A copy of the Public Forum Response letter to Amber Murray was included in the agenda.

**16 Adjournment**

*Move to in-camera  
7251/24*

Trustee Allison Purcell moved:

“To move to in-camera at 7:09p.m.”

*Reconvene Meeting*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved to return to the regular meeting at 7:29pm”

*Adjournment  
7252/24*

Trustee Allison Purcell moved:

“To adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Allison Purcell,  
Chair

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Christine Lee,  
Associate Superintendent  
Business and Operations