

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD April 23, 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,
Regrets: Morag Asquith

Trustee Allison Purcell called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

1. Move to In-Camera

Trustee Andrea Andreachuk moved:
“that the Board move to In-Camera.”

*Move to In-Camera
7253/24*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Genny Steed arrived at 1:05 p.m.

Trustee Christine Light moved to come out of the in-camera meeting at 2:19 p.m. with a short recess.

Reconvene Meeting

Allison Purcell reconvened the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

A territorial acknowledgement was read and congratulations were shared to Sturgess Big Bull from Galbraith Elementary for receiving the ASBA Honouring Spirit Award.

*Territorial
Acknowledgement*

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:
“that the Board move to in-camera at 2:37 p.m.”

*Move to in-camera
7254/24*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Christine Light moved to come out of the in-camera meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting

Consent Agenda

3. Consent Agenda

Committee Reports:

- 3.1 Division School Council
- 3.2 School Boundary Alignment Committee
- 3.3 Policy Advisory Committee
- 3.4 Spirit of 51 Committee

Trustee Christine Light requested to move item 3.3 Policy Advisory Committee to 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:

- None

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“to approve the agenda, as presented.”

*Approval of Agenda
7255/24*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Approval of Minutes for March 26, 2024

*Approval of Minutes
from March 26, 2024
7256/24*

Trustee Andrea Andreachuk moved:

“The minutes of the regular meeting of March 26, 2024 be approved as presented and signed by the chair”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 Donations and Support

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

Donations and Support

8.3 Acknowledgement of Excellence

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

*Acknowledgement of
Excellence*

8.4 Education Week

A memo outlining how the Division celebrated Education Week was included in the agenda.

Education Week

8.5 Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events was included in the agenda. Items to be added:

Calendar of Events

- Public Budget Presentation May 21st at 1:00 p.m.
- May 7th Board Budget Committee
- May 14th Committee of the Whole.
- PSBAA Spring Convention May 30th
- ICE Scholarship Deadline May 6th

9 Presentations

Presentations

None

Action Items

10 Action items

10.1 Approval of international Trip- LCI

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

“That the Lethbridge Collegiate Institute trip to New Zealand 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.”

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

*Approval of
International Trip- LCI
7257/24*

CARRIED

10.2 Approval of international Trip- Chinook

Trustee Kristina Larkin moved:

“That the Chinook High School trip to Iceland 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.”

*Approval of
International Trip-
Chinook
7258/24*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 Policy Review

Craig Whitehead Moved:

“That we would table Policy 601.2.1 and 600.2 until it can be reviewed with the Board and Consultant David Steele.”

For: Craig Whitehead,

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

*Table Policy Review
7259/24*

DEFEATED

Public Forum:

Amber Murray spoke in concern over the summary of Town Hall Feedback and issue of including the term ideology under the Governance section. As well as concern over the Division’s preparedness for the Alberta governments legislated policies regarding transgender children in the fall and the safety of all students if there are further student walk-outs or protests.

Policy 601.2.1 School Year:

- Amend the names of breaks listed to “Christmas/ Winter Break”, “Easter/Spring Break” and “Family Day Break.”
- Amend item 2.7 to “provide for two half days for Parent Teacher Interviews in the fall and one half day for Parent Teacher Interviews in the spring”

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“That the Board adopt the revisions to Policy 601.2.1 School Year as amended.”

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

Against: Genny Steed

*Amend Policy 601.2.1
7260/24*

CARRIED

- Andrea Andreachuk requested an additional amendment to item 1 to include the addition of 475 hours for Kindergarten.

Trustee Andrea Andreachuk moved:

“That the Board adopt the revisions to Policy 601.2.1 School Year as amended.”

*Amend Policy 601.2.1
7261/24*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Policy 600.2 School-Based Decision Making:

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“That the Board adopt the revisions to policy 600.2 School-Based Decision Making as presented.”

*Policy 600.2
7262/24*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 CUPE Local 2843 Memorandum of Agreement

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“That the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Trustees of Lethbridge School Division and the Canadian Union of Public Employees No. 2843 dated the 11th of April, 2024 be approved.”

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

Against: Allison Purcell

*CUPE 2843 MOA
7263/24*

CARRIED

10.5 Committee Review

Kristina Larkin moved

“That each Board Committee Chair & Liaison complete the provided Committee Assessment Form and submit to the Board Chair before June 6th.

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

Against: Craig Whitehead

*Committee Review
7264/24*

Trustee Tyler Demers moved:

“To extend the meeting past 6:00 p.m.”

*Extend the Meeting
7265/24*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 Division Highlights

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Allison- Tech team and lakeview hands on computer learning.

Appreciation of work experience students leading that session and for the opportunity of students teaching students, Earth Club going into Agnes Davidson, Education Week Celebrations,

Christine- Celebration of a staff member at Galbraith through the ATA Education week nominations, Apple Deliveries, Rugby Games.

Andrea- Assisting the ATA in their presentation of recognition of teachers nominated for Education Week, Apple Deliveries. Thank you to Garrett Simmons for his work supporting Education Week.

Kristina- Delivering Apples for Education Week,

Tyler- Apple Deliveries

Genny- Lakeview Tech Team hands on learning opportunity to take apart and put back together old computers

*Board Chair Report
Art's Alive and Well in
Lethbridge Schools*

12 Board Chair Report

12.1 Art's Alive and Well in Lethbridge Schools

A memo outlining the upcoming events Virtually Installed and Art's Alive and Well in Schools was included in the agenda.

*Welcome Back
Breakfast*

12.2 Welcome Back Breakfast

Direction was given to proceed with planning a pancake breakfast event the same as August 2023.

*Community
Conversations*

12.3 Community Conversations

Wednesday May 15 at 9-10am Redwood Franks Café.

*Policy Advisory
Committee Report*

12.4 Policy Advisory Committee

Highlight that policy 502.1 Welcome Caring and Safe Learning Environments was directed to the Policy Consultant for review and consideration.

*Correspondence Sent
Public Forum Response
to Nicole Williams*

13 Correspondence Sent

13.1 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 Amber Murray*

13.2 Public Forum Response to Amber Murray

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

14 Adjournment

Trustee Christine Light moved:

"To move to in-camera at 6:11p.m."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Move to in-camera
7265/24*

Reconvene Meeting

Trustee Kristina Larkin moved to return to the regular meeting at 7:09pm"

*Adjournment
7266/24*

Trustee Christine Light moved:

"To adjourn the meeting at 7:09pm"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Allison Purcell,
Chair

Christine Lee,
Associate Superintendent
Business and Operations