

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD October 22, 2024.

In Attendance:

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. Move to In-Camera

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

*Move to In-Camera
7259/24*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Christine Light moved to reconvene the public meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

A territorial acknowledgement was read.

*Territorial
Acknowledgement*

3. Consent Agenda

Committee Reports:

Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Facilities Committee – Moved to 13.2
- 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

Trustee Genny Steed, requested to move item 3.1 Facilities Committee from the Consent Agenda to Information Item 13.2. As there were no objections, the Consent Agenda was accepted as amended.

4. Approval of Agenda

Additions to the Agenda:

*Approval of Agenda
7260/24*

Trustee Andrea Andreachuk moved:
“that the Board approve the agenda, as amended.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Approval of Minutes for September 24, 2024

Trustee Craig whitehead moved:

*Approval of Minutes
from September 24,
2024*

"The minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2024 be approved by the Board and signed by the chair."

7261/24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Approval of Minutes for October 9, 2024, Special Board Meeting

Trustee Tyler Demers moved:

"The minutes of the meeting of October 9, 2024, be approved as amended by the Board and signed by the chair."

*Approval of Minutes
from October 9, 2024
7262/24*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

*Business Arising from
the Minutes*

8. Associate Superintendent Reports

8.1 Business and Operations

Associate Superintendent Christine Lee provided a written report.

*Associate
Superintendent
Reports
Business and
Operations*

8.2 Instructional Services

Associate Superintendent Morag Asquith provided a written report.

Instructional Services

8.3 Human Resources

Associate Superintendent Robbie Charlebois provided a written report.

Human Resources

9. Superintendents Report

9.1 Board Priorities Report

Board Priorities were included in the agenda.

*Superintendents
Report
Board Priority Report*

9.2 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 Ecole Agnes Davidson and Victoria Park High School are included in the agenda.

*Acknowledgement of
Excellence*

8.4 Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events was included in the agenda.

Calendar of Events

10. Board Chair Report

*Board Chair Report
Response to Discussion
Joint City
7263/24*

10.1 Response Discussion to Public Presentation

10.2 Joint City/ School Boards Committee

*Joint City/School
Boards Committee
7264/24*

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

“That an updated letter be sent to city council stating that the school board is recommending item No. 5 be defeated and further to that, the Board recommends item No. 16 be amended to include the school boards.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Action Items

*Action Items
Inclusive Education
Advisory Council
7265/24*

11.1 Inclusive Education Advisory Council

Trustee Allison Purcell moved:

“It is recommended that the Division create an Inclusive Education Parent and Community Advisory Panel that allows for ongoing opportunities to discuss inclusive education in Lethbridge School Division.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Craig Whitehead called the question.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Reducing Barriers to Trusteeship

*Reducing Barriers to
Trusteeship
7266/24*

Trustee Allison Purcell moved:

“That the Trustee health benefits will be paid at a rate of 100% as per all employees within the Division, beginning in the next school year (2025/26)”

For: Allison Purcell, Genny Steed

Against: Craig Whitehead, Andrea Andreachuk, Christine Light, Tyler Demers

DEFEATED

11.3 Voluntary Retirement

*Voluntary Retirement
7267/24*

Trustee Andrea Andreachuk moved:

“That the Board extend the Voluntary Retirement opportunity for the 2024-25 school year 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, 2025. These employees will be offered a temporary contract effective February 1, 2025 – June 26, 2025 (or the end date as per the appropriate employee calendar)."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Division Highlights

Allison- Chamber of Commerce evening, kudos to Indigenous Education Team. Thanks to Erin Hurkett, Report Card, request for change/parent engagement, shout out to G. S. Lakie student, Rae Marie First Charger has exhibit at Galt Museum

Division Highlights

Christine- Have an incredible division staff team, thank Trustees for continued advocacy

Andrea- Signing the Treaty with Joel Tailfeathers, Banquet/Spirit of 51 Award. MMH, Galbraith, Wilson-got to be in my son's class

Craig- Annual General PSB Meeting, listened to Deputy Minister of Education, free booklet's from PSBA.

Genny- work done in classrooms, 1st reporting period, P/T Interviews, lots accomplished already. DSC – love the enthusiasm of parents who represent our schools

Tyler – Volleyball coming to an end, was at LCI, was looking not to bad for its age

13. Information Items

13.1 West Lethbridge Boundary Changes

- Christine Lee, shared results of survey, meeting September 24, 2024, boundary adjustments for 2025-2026 School Year
- Summary report of Boundary Survey Results will be posted on the Community Engagement website
- October 29th West Lethbridge Boundary Changes Special Board Meeting

*West Lethbridge
Boundary Changes
7268/24*

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:

"That the board extend the meeting past 6:00 p.m."

*Extend the Board
Meeting*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 Consent Agenda – Facilities Report

13.3 Lethbridge Historical Society

- Allison shared information on the first time 2 women were elected to the Lethbridge school Board, December 9, 1924- Susie Bawden and Mary McClanahan
- Met with Belinda Crowson and discussed hosting something and inviting the Board to December 10, city council meeting 12 p.m., have a gathering in city counselling area and invite the admin from Fleetwood Bawden along with some Leadership students to celebrate.
- Or do this prior to our Board meeting on December 17th
- All were in favor of Allison pursuing this event

12 Correspondence Received- none

14. Correspondence Sent - none

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved,
“That the Board move to In-Camera at 6:09”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Andrea Andreachuk moved,
“That the Board move out of In-Camera at 7:40 pm”

15. Adjournment

Christine Light moved:
“That the meeting adjourn at 7:40 pm”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Christine Light,
Chair

Christine Lee,
Associate Superintendent
Business and Operations

