



LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION

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TRUSTEE report to school councils: March 22, 2022

1. Associate Superintendent Reports

Christine Lee, Associate Superintendent, Business and Operations; Mike Nightingale, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources and Morag Asquith, Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services, delivered their respective reports for the Board. To read the reports in full, see Page 8 of the [AGENDA](#).

2. Board Priorities Report

The Division Office Leadership Team is committed to keeping the Board informed regarding progress in Board priority areas. The priority areas as identified by the Board at their spring retreat are attached. The Education Centre Leadership Team is currently working on the development of strategies to address the priorities. An update on progress will be provided in the form of a report each month starting in the October Board meeting.

3. COVID Highlights

The Board reviewed the current COVID context.

4. Edwin Parr Nominee

The Lethbridge School Division nominee for the 2022 Edwin Parr Award is Ashley Zrim, a Grade 1 teacher at Senator Buchanan Elementary School.

5. Provincial Champions

Provincial champions were invited to attend the Board meeting.

LCI Wrestlers:

Payton Shields took gold in the female 61-kilogram division, while Tamryn Bly earned gold in the female 47-kilogram division.

On the male side, Nolan Gobel was golden in the 120-plus kilogram division, while Solomon Prenevost (68 kg) and Ethan Boehme (56 kg) took bronze in their respective categories.

Ryder Lowry earned a fourth-place finish (90 kg), while Jager Sommerfeldt (59 kg) and Tyler Saruwatari (98 kg) were both fifth in their divisions.

Rawley Selk (62 kg) and Briggs Butler (72 kg) earned sixth-place finishes.

Pat Selk and Riley Ellis Toddington coached the LCI wrestlers.

Chinook High School's Reese Ferguson also won silver in the female 57-kilogram division.

LCI curlers:

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LCI's mixed Curling team earned gold at the 2022 Alberta Schools Athletics Association Curling Provincials. Team members: Rhett Whittmire, Raquel Snideman, Bradley Pike, and Paige Snideman. The coaches were Cory Hoffner and Dave Fletcher.

6. Intervention for Literacy and Numeracy (BOOST)/ Curriculum Update

Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Karen Rancier, along with Lead Teachers Bev Smith (Literacy), Michaela Demers (Numeracy) and BOOST teacher Julian Hazell provided a review of the provincially funded literacy and numeracy intervention program for grades 2-3. She also provided a brief update regarding the status of curriculum implementation as announced by the province and plans to support teachers with new curriculum implementation.

7. Policy Review

Policies reviewed:

400.1.1 - Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression - Amended

401.8.3 - Employee Assistance and Wellness Programs - Amended

404.6 Cocurricular Grants and Honoraria – Amended

The policies can be found on Page 41 of the [AGENDA](#).

8. Board Budget Belief Statements

During its 2022 Strategic Planning, the Board reviewed the Budget Belief Statements that will serve as a guide as the 2022-2023 budget is developed.

The Board adopted the Budget Belief Statements for 2022/2023 as presented.

The Board Belief Statements can be found on Page 49 of the [AGENDA](#).

9. 2023/2025 Capital Plan

The Executive Summary to the 2022/2023 to 2024/2025 Capital Plan for the Division is provided for review. The 133-page detailed Three-Year Capital Plan will be located on the Division website.

The Board accepted the 2023/2025 Capital Plan as presented.

The plan can be found on Page 51 of the [AGENDA](#).

10. Victoria Park Upgrade Project

The Board approved that administration may proceed with the Victoria Park Upgrade project on a phased-in approach provided the project is approved for Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR) funding from the Alberta Government. The Board further authorizes administration to supplement the project with Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal Funding as required based on available funding.

11. Full day all week Kindergarten

The Board will form a committee to work on writing a resolution to bring back to the Board and if they agree, to present at the ASBA Fall General Meeting for provincial government funding support for full day all week Kindergarten.

12. Curriculum Advocacy

The Board will write a letter to Minister Adriana LaGrange with a cc to all Board Chairs expressing dissatisfaction with the timelines and roll out of the curriculum.

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13. Welcome Back Event

The Board will host a come-and-go pancake breakfast with a virtual greeting from the Board to be shared at staff meetings.

14. Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA)

Trustees discussed attendance at the PSBAA Spring General Assembly in Red Deer, June 2-4, 2022. It was recommended that we send as many Trustees as would like to go to the PSBAA Spring General Assembly from June 2-4, 2022, with the intent of looking at further membership in the fall. This will come out of personal professional development funds.

15. Letter to Minister LaGrange re: Fuel Prices

Trustees received information on the rising costs of fuel and recommended that the Board Chair write a letter on behalf of the Lethbridge School Division to Minister LaGrange requesting that Alberta Education reimplement the fuel price contingency fund to support school divisions with the fluctuating costs of fuel.

16. Community Conversations

Trustees will host the next event on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 from 8:30 to 10:00 am at the YMCA which provides a play area for children.

17. Structure of Board Meetings

The Board determined that members of the public would be welcome to attend in-person and Microsoft Teams will also be available.

18. ASBA Spring General Meeting

Board Chair Allison Purcell highlighted what Trustees can anticipate for meetings and learning sessions at the ASBA Spring General Meeting being held June 6-7, 2022, in Red Deer.

19. Board Funding Support to School Councils

Currently, the Board provides funds to support one parent's registration cost at each school to attend the Alberta School Council Association Annual (ASCA) General Meeting held each spring.

The Board pays for each School Council membership fee to Alberta School Council Association.

Additionally, the Board allocates \$250.00 annually to each School Council for the purpose of supporting additional costs incurred by a parent attending the ASCA AGM, or to support learning of the School Council (e.g. book a School Council learning session with ASCA or another organization). The \$250.00 can continue to target School Council learning or be used in other ways for events that target parent engagement.

20. Board Reports

Reports were delivered for the Policy Advisory Committee, Division School Council, Facilities Committee and the Poverty Intervention Committee. The reports begin on Page 73 of the [AGENDA](#).

REGULAR MEETING VIDEO: [LIVESTREAM](#)
Next Meeting Date is Tuesday, April 26 @ 2:30 p.m.
Public Forum @ 5 p.m.

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