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TRUSTEE report to school councils:

January 24, 2023

1. Associate Superintendent Reports

Christine Lee, Associate Superintendent, Business and Operations, Morag Asquith, Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services and Mike Nightingale, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, delivered their respective reports for the Board. To read the reports, see Page 10 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 is provided in the form of a report each month.

3. Donations and Support

Lethbridge School Division is fortunate to be in a community that strongly supports programs and services for students. The Division is appreciative of the difference the support makes to the lives of children. These partnerships and support further the efforts of helping children come to school ready to learn, providing opportunities for engagement, and facilitating student growth and well-being. Listed below and attached are the donations and support received by the Division.

- Russ Stewart of Promax Agronomy Services Ltd donated \$1,000 of PC gift cards for the Galbraith Breakfast/Snack program
- Nicholas Sheran received \$150 from Rubaiyat Khan, \$500 from Laura and Jack DeHeer and \$200 from Janice Jackson towards their Breakfast/Nutrition Program.

4. Town Hall

Lethbridge School Division is hosting the annual [Town Hall Meeting](#) in person on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. The meeting will be hosted at **Victoria Park High School** in the gymnasium.

The purpose of the meeting is to seek feedback to assist the Division and Board of Trustees as they explore Division priorities. The feedback will frame consideration of the 2022/2023 Education Plan and budget.

The questions Trustees are seeking feedback on is as follows:

We are all partners in education who collectively support student learning.

Question 1: “In what ways are we successfully supporting students to help them grow as learners?”

Question 2: “Where do you see room for improvement in supporting students as learners?”

Trustees decided how they wish to engage with the stakeholders during the Town Hall.

Choices included being assigned to a table for each question, being assigned to a cluster of tables to circulate, circulating without clusters assigned to individual trustees, or a different engagement strategy the trustees envision. Trustees wished to be assigned to the cluster of tables for the evening. The Board received the briefing as information and will apprise administration as to the role they would like to assume.

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5. Board Strategic Planning

Trustees will be engaged in strategic planning March 2-3, 2023. Superintendent Cheryl Gilmore provided a review of a tentative agenda for Board feedback.

The Board provided any feedback and direction regarding the draft Strategic Planning agenda that was provided at the meeting.

6. International Trip, Chinook High School

Kevin Schenk from Chinook High School requested approval to take approximately 36 Grade 9-12 students on an International Trip to The British Isles from April 19-30, 2024. Information regarding the educational benefits of the trip, proposed itinerary, and risk checklists were attached. The estimated cost per student is \$4,800 in Canadian Funds, fully paid by the student. Donations can be collected by the student to offset the cost of the trip.

The Chinook High School trip to the British Isles in April 2024 was 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.

7. Policy Review

Division policies are reviewed on a continuous basis to ensure they reflect the position of the Board. The Policy Advisory Committee has representation from the Board, Division School Council, each of the employee groups, and Division and school administration.

The Board adopted the revisions to the policies as presented by the Policy Advisory Committee:

Policy 500.1 - Student Rights and Responsibilities - Amendment - all in favour

Policy 502.3 - Suspensions and Expulsions - The Board unanimously passed a motion to send the policy back to the Policy Advisory Committee for further review. (Trustee Genny Steed was absent from the vote).

Policy 605.1 - Inclusive Learning Supports - The Board unanimously passed a motion to send the policy back to the Policy Advisory Committee and to Trish Syme (the Co-ordinator of Learning), to provide the Board with the exact picture moving forward.

Policy 207.1 - Lethbridge School Division Ward Boundary Review - The Board passed a motion to discuss the document at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

The policies can be found on Page 43 of the [AGENDA](#).

8. First Quarter Financial Report

The 2022/2023 First Quarter Financial Report for the Division was provided for review. Director of Finance, Avice DeKolver, was in attendance to respond to any questions Trustees had. The Board approved the 2022-2023 First Quarter Financial Report as presented. The report can be found on Page 51 of the [AGENDA](#).

9. Community Conversations

Community Conversations are time for parents, staff, students and the community to come together to have discussion with trustees. It is a time that has no formal agenda, they are held monthly and the locations are in a variety of locations/times across the city. Community Conversations are a great time for trustees to hear from those attending about great ideas, share successes, bring forward issues and concerns.

Upcoming dates for Community Conversations are as follows:

- Thursday, Jan. 26 6:30-8 p.m. at BGC Youth Centre – 227 12B St. **(CANCELLED)**
- Tuesday, Feb. 14 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Virtually on Teams – watch the website/Facebook for the link
- Tuesday, March 7 1:30-3 p.m. Lethbridge Fish and Game Association - 946 9 Ave. S. #922

The Board accepted this as information and will share the details with their respective schools as able. It was further recommended the information is shared publicly on the Division website and other social media channels.

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10. Committee Reports

Reports were delivered for the Wellness Committee, Division School Council, Division School Council and the Policy Advisory Committee.

The reports can be found starting on Page 86 of the [AGENDA](#).

11. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal

Lethbridge-West MLA Shannon Phillips attended the meeting to present a Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal to Trustee Kristina Larkin. For more on the presentation, please click on this link: [MEDAL](#).

Regular Meeting video: [LIVESTREAM](#)

**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, February 28, 2:30 p.m.
Public Forum begins at 5 p.m.**



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