



Division School Council Meeting **AGENDA**

June 12, 2023

6:30 pm

Education Centre Board Room / Microsoft TEAMS

Presentation @ 6:30 – 7:00 pm –Career Exploration – Off-campus and Dual Credit

The following topics will be briefly highlighted to bring awareness to career exploration opportunities at the secondary level: MyBluePrint (career exploration program available to students); dual credit with University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge College; Off-Campus Work Experience and RAP (registered apprenticeship program).

Thank you, Andrew, for the informative presentation!

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of the Agenda
Cynthia Young approved the agenda and Tisha Elford Seconded the motion.
4. Approval of the Minutes of May 1, 2023
Kaylee Low approved the minutes and Cynthia Young seconded the motion.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Lethbridge School Division Annual Reports
 - School Council Annual Report [Microsoft Word - 1002.4.1.rtf \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](#)
 - School Council Balance Sheet [Microsoft Word - 1002.4.2.rtf \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](#)
 - School Council Disbursement [Microsoft Word - 1002.4.3.rtf \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](#)

These reports aren't officially due until September 30th but please try to have them complete by the end of June if you are able.
6. Trustee Report
 - Board Budget Debate occurred May 29th and the 2023-2024 budget was approved.
 - Regular Board Meeting- Use of technology in schools development of ad hoc committee.
 - ARAO procedure timeline of development for procedures was reviewed.
 - Celebrated Indigenous Grad and look forward to upcoming High School Graduations
 - Community Conversations-no meeting in June but look forward to meeting again in September
7. Alberta School Councils Association
 - Keep an eye out for an email on your School Council Division regarding access to the ASCA members only section of the website.

- Division is sending school council email for succession planning.
- Carrie and Shelly will be working over the summer on a plan to support school councils in the fall.

8. Superintendent's Report

8.1 Gender identify, Gender Expression and Sexual Orientation in Our Schools. [SOGI Document \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](https://lethsd.ab.ca). Information Session.

-Cheryl Gilmore reviewed the creation and feedback process that occurred for policy 502.2 in 2015 and changes that have been made since then. The presentation slides can be viewed [here](#).

-Avenues for feedback include school councils, public forum to the Board and Community Conversations. The Board is committing to meeting to discuss next steps due to community feedback.

-Please collect your thoughts and sent them to the Board Chair Allison Purcell and Vice Chair Genny Steed. Allison.purcell@lethsd.ab.ca and genny.steed@lethsd.ab.ca

A break was called from 8:05-8:16pm

8.2 Anti-Oppression/ Anti-Racism Procedure. Representatives from the Administrator AR/AO Procedures Committee will be seeking feedback from parents.

-Andy Tyslau and Megan Cummins engaged the group in an activity.

-Any additional feedback can be emailed to andy.tyslau@lethsd.ab.ca

9. Committee Representative Reports

- Policy Advisory Committee- Shelley Roest

- Policies Reviewed:

- 501.3 School Attendance Areas:
- 504.8 Involvement in Authorized Agencies:
- 501.1 Attendance at School:
- 404.6 Co-Curricular and Extra-curricular Honoraria:
- 607.3 Instructional Resources and Materials:
- 504.9 Response to Crisis or Emergency Situations:
- 204.10 Board Meeting Agendas:
- First 6 policies sent to the Board for amendment.
- 204.10 Board Meeting Agendas is out to stakeholders for feedback

- Wellness Committee- Edna Asem

- Nutrition & Healthy Food Options

- Last year, \$250,000 was received from the Alberta Government to support nutrition in the division. An additional \$50,000 will be received this year to support schools. Nutrition programs range from snack programs to daily breakfast programs depending on the school and need.
- Following the last meeting, Morag met with cafeteria providers to identify cost pressures and brainstorm around healthy cafeteria options. As a result, fruit and vegie delivery was double each month to the major high schools, to be used in foods or baking that can increase healthy options.

- Feedback from schools also included a desire to explore cultural food options in the future.
 - Munchies agreed to sell no more than 355ml cans of soda and to remove the large ones.
 - Digital Wellness Program
 - The digital wellness team began work in late February. The team has been connecting with schools and staff around optimal and healthy technology use.
 - The team has been providing micro sessions for some students. These sessions are organized to address specific incidents. For example, one-on-one conversations about screen time, digital etiquette, autonomy and personal decision-making.
 - May 24th was digital wellness day. The digital wellness team provided teachers with resources to help them build digital well-being into their lesson plans.
 - The teams' future plans include- parent engagement sessions, wellness information bites for parents to build digital awareness.
 - Think Outside Update
 - The think outside program has concluded as a success. It has inspired and equipped our teachers to get outside during a challenging time. Teachers are now incorporating more outdoor learning and Indigenous Ways of Knowing into their classes.
 - Student Forum/DIPT Update
 - The Student Forum took place on February 1st to hear student voice related to wellness at school. After the forum, administrators use the data to determine 3 priorities to be included within their school Assurance Plans. Students who participated will be brought back together to discuss what has and is being done with their feedback.
 - On June 14, the Diversity and Inclusion parent table event will bring together parents to reflect on the Student Forum data and receive parent feedback.
 - Upcoming Events & Initiatives
 - Run for Reconciliation- Joel Tailfeathers shared an upcoming event for Fall 2023 which will piggyback off the Terry Fox Run and Napi's Run. The goal is to have all schools tracking mileage to run across Canada from September 18-29, 2023. More details to come.
 - Joel Tailfeathers is working on a weeklong lesson plan with middle schools centring around lacrosse within physical education classes, with the incorporation of Indigenous Ways of Knowing for the 2023-24 school year.
- Community Engagement- Shelley Roest/ Cynthia Young
ICE Scholarship selection and judging has occurred. Presentation will be at the Board Meeting June 27th.

10. School Council Roundtable Sharing.

Alberta School Engagement Grant- if you have not spent it yet you need to spend it within the next 2 weeks.

No meeting in September but we will return to this discussion on October 2nd.

11. Adjournment

8:50PM

Division School Council 2023-2024 Meeting Dates:

- First Monday of each month.
- First meeting is Monday, October 2

2022-23 Division School Council Representatives

Chair	Shelley Roest
Vice Chair	Carrie Boschman
Recording Secretary	Kristin Solowoniuk
Policy Advisory Committee	Jamie Walburger and alternate Shelley Roest
Poverty Intervention Committee	Jamie Walburger and alternate Lindsay O'Brien
Division Wellness Committee	Edna Asem and alternate Sara Bond
Community Engagement Committee	Shelley Roest, Cynthia Young- ALL parents welcome.