

J.T. FOSTER SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
January 13/ 2025

Attendance:

Jillian Spencer, Jason Macdonald, Jeff Anderson(online), Cindy Jones(Pineo), Sophie Laviolette, Carla Gimber, Lorie Loree, Jodie Sieben, Leanne Brinston , Shanon Creason, Devina Comstock, Robyn Todd, Rhonda Anderson, Joscelyn Stangowitz, Jill Wild

Student Leadership Attendance:

none

Opening: Sophie called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

Approval of Minutes: Leanne made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Lori seconded the motion.

Healthy Hunger::

- AB Daley has decided to do their hot lunch program internally, instead of through Healthy Hunger. They are saving lots of money this way.
- There was discussion about providing hot lunches for JT Foster, decided to start small and see how it goes.
- Lori and Devina will pick up 8 pizzas on a Friday. Jodie will help. It'll be first come, first serve until sold out. They will update us with a start date.

Treasurer's Report:

As of Oct.31/2024:

Community account has \$23.29
Common share account has \$8.02
High interest account has \$4,295.28
Casino account has \$14,460.76

- Casino should be Oct/Nov/Dec 2025
- Sophie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Cindy seconded the motion.
- Online banking: Sophie makes a motion to have access to online banking. Leanne seconded the motion.

Principal's report:

- There are some painted grad ceiling tiles in storage. It will be posted on Facebook to see if anyone wants them with a deadline to pick up. If not, they will be disposed of.

- There was discussion regarding Admin Procedure 110- School Councils. It describes the procedures of a school council. There were no questions or concerns.
- There was also discussion regarding Admin Procedure 205- Controversial Issues in The Classroom. There were no questions or concerns. Both procedures can be found on the LRSD website under Our Division+: Administrative Procedures
- Littering in the students parking lot is a problem. The Town is going to provide more garbage cans. Hopefully this will help

- *Athletics: How to improve:*

- Getting coaches signed up first, then teams.
- Possibility of older players playing down or restructuring how teams are made
- Trying to coordinate practice dates with other sports
- Coaches need to be provided with exceptions ahead of time so they know what to expect and the time commitment involved
- There are currently too many sports forms. Can it be reduced to one blanket form?

The discussion was tabled for more discussion next meeting.

Trustee's Report:

Carla Gimber

- The Division has put cameras in the school buses. \$567 fine for not stopping
- School board nominees no longer need criminal check. Only about 50% of school councils require it
- Personal mobile device has passed second and third reading. No changes
- 2025 Board of trustees election is coming up next fall
- 4 Day School Week: Information will be provided to the board by Jan.28. Parents can watch it online. The board is voting on it Feb.28.
- The board and school admin are still working on decanting for the new school construction. There have been some set backs, but other options are possibly available.

*see attachment below

Closing: Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm

Next Meeting: Feb.10 at 6pm



BOARD OF TRUSTEES KEY MESSAGES

Following are the Key Messages from the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024. Each month the Board Key Messages are shared at School Council Meetings. See your school's website for information about upcoming meetings and agendas.

1) Presentations

- a. **Transportation** - Mr. Rick Visser, Transportation Coordinator and Michelle Hedley, Administrative Assistant, Transportation presented to the Board of Trustees regarding transportation throughout the Livingstone Range School Division. During the 2024-2025 school start up LRSD implemented the new distance qualifications set by Alberta Education. The new qualifications indicated that 563 new bus students qualified for busing. Three additional routes, route redesigns and changes to ride times were required to accommodate these new riders. Our transportation department has been diligently following the LRSD divisional policies and guidelines aligned with Alberta Education's requirements to manage the challenges that the new changes created. With the addition of the in town bus stops, drive by violations have increased. Driving by a school bus that has its red lights flashing and stop sign activated is a serious offense and can have deadly consequences. In Alberta, the penalty for failing to stop for a school bus is a \$567 fine and possibly six demerit points. Please remember to stop your vehicle and don't proceed until the lights are off.
LRSD is currently looking for more bus drivers, to apply please email (hello@lrsd.ab.ca), mail (LRSD Transportation Department, PO Box 1810, Fort MacLeod, AB T0L 0Z0) or for more information, contact Rick Visser 403-625-3356.
- b. **Alberta Education Assurance Measures Results** – The Learning Services Team (Lisa Furukawa, Leanne Feller and Richard Feller) presented the LRSD Alberta Education Assurance Measures Results to the Board of Trustees. Results from the perception survey and standardized tests show improvement over the past year. Perception data includes measures in the areas of Student Learning Engagement, Citizenship, Supports and Services, and Parental Involvement. Standardized test results include data gathered from High School Completion Rates and Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) and Diploma Exams (DIP Results). Local measures also

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include data from the EYE-DATA, Literacy/Numeracy Screening and STAR Reading & Math.. The Learning Services Team also presented information on Data Dashboards which will allow teachers and administrators to have increased access to data to inform their teaching practice and positively impact student learning.

- c. **Mental Health/Counselling** - Holly Stewart, Registered Psychologist, LRSD Clinical Team Lead presented to the Board of Trustees regarding the Family School Liaison Counsellor Program (FSLC) in the division. The overarching goal of the FSLC program is to effect positive change in the lives of students and their families. They strive to optimize their learning, development, and overall well-being through the work they do in our schools. Achieving this goal using these three type of services” 1) direct counselling support, 2) consultation, collaboration, and advocacy, and 3) preventative and proactive programming. The FSLC Team has a diverse team that includes 12 individual FSLCs and 3 Mental Health Therapists. The FSLC interventions often focus on mental health education, emphasize coping with stress, anxiety and emotional regulation. Another key focus area is peer relationships. FSLCs help students learn how to form and maintain positive relationships and support them in character development and self-esteem building. Unfortunately, a significant focus of their work is crisis response, including conducting various types of risk assessments and safety planning. In the 2023-2024 school year the FSLC team supported 531 students and require consent from a student’s legal guardian. The top concerns brought forward by students/parents included social relationships, anxiety, and trauma, followed closely by ADHD and self-harm behaviours.

LRSD is very grateful that the Mental Health In Schools Pilot Program grant was extended until the end of this year. This funding allowed LRSD to hire two Mental Health Therapists (MHTs) to support students and their caregivers within our division. Additionally, in October of 2023 LRSD was able to implement the Integrated Student Support Program (ISSP) at WAD elementary. This is possible thanks to the Calgary Police Youth Foundation who had selected Fort MacLeod as an area of need. Through this funding, WAD was allocated a full-time MHT on staff to support students and families. LRSD has recently learned that this program is expanding and as such, two more of our communities have been identified as potential recipients of this programming:.

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- 2) **Election By-Law 2024-2** – The Board of Trustees passed first reading of by-law 2024-2 that would require all nominees to provide a criminal record check with their election nomination packages for the October 2025 School Board Election.
- 3) **Board Policy 24** – The Board of Trustees approved the second, third and final reading of the newly developed Board Policy 24 – Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools. To see full Board Policy, please click <https://www.lrsd.ca/download/466343>
- 4) **Audited Financial Statement: Period Ended Aug. 31, 2024** – The Board of Trustees approved the Audited Financial Statements for Livingstone Range School Division for the period ended August 31, 2024. The Livingstone Range School Division Audited Financial Statements (AFS) for the 2023-2024 school year included such highlights as the self-supporting financial position of PEAKS Campus and divisional expenditures were higher than revenues resulting in a deficit of \$188,224 which is lower than the anticipated deficit of \$454,500. The AFS were presented to the Board of Trustees by Jordan Gunderson, Director of Finance at a Board Meeting on November 26, 2024. For the full report please click [2023-2024 Audited Financial Report](#) or visit our LRSD financial website page at <https://www.lrsd.ca/our-division/departments/finance>
- 5) **Annual Education Results Report** - The Board of Trustees approved the 2023-2024 Annual Education Results Report for the Livingstone Range School Division. The AERR provides accountability to stakeholders related to the Government of Alberta's Assurance Framework, which includes student growth and achievement, teaching and leading, learning supports, governance, and local and societal context. The report also includes financial budgets and expenditures for the previous year, strategic goals and outcomes, stakeholder engagement summaries, and Alberta Education Assurance Measures data. Year-over-year positive growth is the story of the Livingstone Range School Division 2023-2024 Annual Education Results Report (AERR). The Measurable Results Assessment (MRA) shows 4% improvement compared to 2023, and up to 9% improvement over 2022 scores. Additionally, standardized test results have risen 4.5-9.8% since 2022. To see the full report, please visit our website at <https://www.lrsd.ca/download/474820> or visit our AERR & 3 Year Plan website page at <https://www.lrsd.ca/our-division/aerr-3-year-plan>

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