



1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Introductions

Land acknowledgement provided by Kira.

In attendance: Tracey Wong, Aaron Becking, Jamie Bach, Janine Primrose, Kathleen Halldorson, Kira Kinahan, Allison Purcell, Lindsey Graham, Cynthia Young, Shannon Trechka, Linsey Mabie, Pauline Hall, Jody Henschel.

2. Additions to Agenda

None.

3. Approval of Agenda

Cynthia motioned to approve, Lindsey seconded. All in favour; carried.

4. Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2024

Minutes approved with the following changes:

- Title of document “Minutes,” not “Agenda”
- Attendance names listed
- Spelling of Janine & Linsey’s names

Kira motioned to approve, Janine seconded. All in favour; carried.

5. Business Arising From the Minutes

None.

6. Division School Council – Cynthia Young

- School councils need to decide whether to take membership with ASCA. Need membership to go to ASCA conference or vote. Last year WCHS had membership but did not attend the conference or send a vote. ASCA has a good website, parent engagement resources, sessions on bylaws, operating procedures, etc. Division covers the cost of membership. Can decide at any point in the year to join.
 - Assign someone to use the membership? Why have we not used it in the past?
 - ASCA is the only available organization that supports school councils.
 - A lot of resources are available on ASCA’s website without paying for membership.
 - What does ASCA represent? Look at the website, learn about it.
 - Cynthia proposed to purchase an ASCA membership. Janine seconded. All in favour, carried.
- Requests for Town Hall topics.
- ASCE grant of \$500, we need to think about how to spend it.

7. Trustee Report – Allison Purcell

- Met yesterday.
- The Board works with the City of Lethbridge and the other school boards in a joint committee. The City has recommended that the committee disband. Allison is presenting with other school boards tomorrow to recommend that the committee continue working together. A letter has been sent to City Council.
- Parent & Community Advisory Panel: to bring parents together to discuss diversity & inclusion topics.
 - DIPT has met the past two years – working groups around topics such as IPPs. Looking at continuing this work.
 - Approved. Division staff working on what that will look like.
- Teacher voluntary retirement: they have to declare by December if they want to retire in June. Helps with staff planning.
- West Lethbridge elementary boundary changes: special Board meeting next Tuesday to vote on the changes.
- December 9, 1924 was the date the first two women were elected to the Lethbridge School Board. Celebration of 100 years to be December 10th.
- Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner. Board won an award for Truth & Reconciliation. An award was also given to Southland Trailer. When Southland spoke they mentioned the future trades facility coming at WCHS.
- September meeting – motion passed requesting information from the Superintendent for grade configuration, regarding moving Grade 6 to middle school and Grade 9 to high school. Currently at the stage of finding information.
- November 27, 2024 is Try a Trade day.

8. Town Hall Topics – Tracy – brainstorm ideas

- School council suggestions wanted. Town Hall meeting is Feb. 4, 2025.
- Topics include what is going well, areas to work on. Focus is Division-wide.
 - Equitable access by students to specialized programming offered at different schools in the city. Are the schools serving everyone as best they can, or are they limited by capacity, zoning, funding, etc.?
- Email Tracy with any suggestions by Next Friday. Board will discuss at its November meeting.

9. School Report

- Video released by Division featuring WCHS' Agri-Gardening program & community garden. Year-round program with aeroponics indoors.
- **Learning Sessions**
 - November 27 – Supporting Teenagers to be Their Best Selves – WCHS support team
 - January 22 – Off-Campus Education
 - March 26 – High School Pathways – right before course selection.

- **Wellness Evenings**
 - November – Christmas décor
 - Cooking
 - Open gym in winter
- **Churchill Courier – Feedback**
 - Make sure it's accurate
 - Consider changing date to Friday
- **Grad**
 - June 26, 2025 at VisitLethbridge.com Arena. About 260 Grade 12 grads this year.
 - 10am convocation, evening event at 6:30pm
 - 65 students attended the first meeting.
 - Grad hoodies are chosen. Order forms coming out by next Monday. Hopefully they will be here by Christmas.
 - Grad photos Nov. 12-15.
 - Parent night for grad in March.

10. Adjournment 8:43pm

11. Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 27, 2024