

Livingstone Range School Division #68

Board of Trustees Key Messages



Following are the Board of Trustees Key Messages from the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

1) Presentations:

- a. **Home Education** – Jacqueline Kark, Home Education Principal, presented Alternate Education within the Livingstone Range School Division. Alternate Education includes 1) Home Education 2) Teacher Directed Programs and 3) Shared Responsibility Programs. The type of program is determined by who is responsible for development, teaching/facilitation and assessment of the program, rather than where the program is actually delivered. Mrs. Kark reviewed: what is Home Education, Teacher Directed Programs and Shared Responsibility Programs; who and why do families choose these programs; Alternate Education goals; successes; challenges and the vision for the future. Mrs. Kark has made a significant improvement to Alternate Education in Livingstone Range School Division Alternate Education and we look forward to continued progress in the 2019-2020 school year.
- b. **Alberta Student Leadership Conference** – Nick Housenga and Amy Craig, students from F.P. Walshe, presented a review of the Alberta Student Leadership Conference (ASLC) that they attended on May 26-28, 2019. The conference was held at the Chinook High School in Lethbridge, AB. There was approximately 750 students in attendance. There were many event speakers including Julie & Lowell Taylor, Scott Backovich and Chris Koch. One of the key points taken from Scott Backovich's presentation was that "8 seconds can change one's life". The entire conference gave them great ideas and inspiration to take back to their school to assist them in becoming better leaders. The students were grateful for the opportunity to attend and felt it was one of the best leadership experiences they have had.

- 2) **Electoral Ward Boundary Review** – The Board of Trustees approved the Second, Third and Final Reading of Bylaw No. 2019-01. Subject to the Minister's approval of Bylaw No. 2019-01, the Board hereby resolves the number of trustees to be elected for each ward is as follows: a). WARD 1 – 3 TRUSTEES, b). WARD 2 – 2 TRUSTEES, c). WARD 3 – 2 TRUSTEES. As set out in the *School Act*, this bylaw shall take effect on the date of the next general election for the Board, which is set to occur in October 2021. The board expressed thanks to all stakeholders for their input and participation in the Ward Review process. The attached is a summary of the Ward Review Process.
- 3) **2019-2020 Budget** – The Board of Trustees approved the 2019-2020 Budget for the Livingstone Range School Division No. 68, which is to be submitted to Alberta Education. Mr. Jeff Perry, Associate Superintendent of Business Services reviewed the budget with the board prior to approval.

Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 Electoral Ward Boundary Review Synopsis

1994-95	Alberta provincial government amalgamates school boards; Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 formed from Willow Creek SD (3 trustees), Pincher Creek SD (2 trustees), and Crowsnest Consolidated SD (2 trustees)
2007	Livingstone Range School Division Board of Trustees adjusted boundaries to align with school attendance: Ward 1 (Nanton, Stavely, Claresholm, Granum) - 2 trustees Ward 2 (Crowsnest Pass, Lundbreck) - 2 trustees Ward 3 (Pincher Creek, Fort Macleod) - 3 trustees
22-Jan-2018	Trustee Clara Yagos moved to approve the Electoral Ward Boundary Review Proposal prepared by Alberta School Board Association (ASBA)
Jan 2018	ASBA Consultant Jim Gibbons engaged to facilitate Electoral Ward Boundary Review process and provide a final report to the Board by December 2018
Sept 2018	The Board originally considered 5 options for electoral ward boundaries: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retain the status quo (3 wards and 7 trustees) 2. Add 1 or more trustees 3. Reduce the number of trustees 4. Include 1 trustee per ward (ie: 7 wards/7 trustees) 5. In any of the above, more closely align ward boundaries with school attendance boundaries
Fall 2018	Public consultation meetings were held in 6 communities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lundbreck ● Pincher Creek ● Fort Macleod ● Nanton ● Crowsnest Pass ● Claresholm <p>Survey questions were asked about the 5 options. An online survey was available for those who could not attend the public meetings. The survey was posted on school and Division websites after each community meeting until the end of Nov. 2018.</p>
Dec 19, 2018	ASBA Consultant Jim Gibbons submitted his final report to the Board
Jan-Feb 2019	The Board reviewed the report and discussed the community consultation responses, online surveys, and demographic forecasts. The Board determined additional help was required to facilitate the decision-making process on any electoral ward boundary changes.

<p>Mar 2019</p>	<p>The Board engaged an external facilitator to assist in choosing the best option for any changes to existing electoral ward boundaries. After nearly two full days of discussion and dialogue, the Board carefully considered all original options as well as new options influenced by suggestions from stakeholders before arriving at a direction to be brought forward at the April Board meeting.</p> <p>New options considered include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 7 trustees with no boundaries/wards 2. 7 trustees and align ward boundaries 3. 7 trustees; ward boundaries stay the same; number of trustees per ward is adjusted to align with more equitable representation (by number of schools) <p>Filters the Board considered during final decision-making:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · What is best for students? · Is the decision long sighted? · Did we consider stakeholder input? · Is it manageable for trustees and allow them to serve effectively?
<p>Apr 10 2019</p>	<p>The Board announced their decision to: align electoral boundaries with school attendance boundaries and to allocate the number of trustees beginning with the fall election of 2021 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ward 1—3 Trustees ● Ward 2—2 Trustees ● Ward 3—2 Trustees
<p>May 8 2019</p>	<p>Regular Board Meeting The Board of Trustees approved the First Reading of by-law 2019-01 (the structure outlined on April 10 2019). The motion carried.</p>
<p>June 12 2019</p>	<p>Regular Board Meeting The Board of Trustees approved the Second Reading of by-law 2019-01. The motion carried.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees approved the Third and Final Reading of by-law 2019-01. The motion carried.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees expressed their sincere appreciation to all of the stakeholders for their input and involvement in the Ward Review process.</p>