



2023–2024 School Year
Division Office, Fort Macleod

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Date: April 22, 2024

Time: 9:00 am

Venue: Division Office, GR Davis Administration Building, Fort Macleod

Trustees: Lori Hodges, Lacey Poytress, Brad Toone, Greg Long, Carla Gimber and Kathy Charchun

Senior Admin: Darryl Seguin, Jeff Perry, Chad Kuzyk and Richard Feller

Mission	Livingstone Range School Division inspires excellence through meaningful relationships, innovation, and collaboration.
Vision	Every student, every day.
Core Values	Student-Centered • Leadership • Integrity • Wellness • Place-Based

Call to Order

9:00-9:01	A.	Call to Order	<i>Chair</i>
9:01-9:03	A.1	Acknowledgement of Land	<i>G. Long</i>
9:03-9:05	A.2	O Canada	

Consent Agenda

9:05-9:10	B.	Consent Agenda	<i>Chair</i>
	B.1	Approval of Minutes If there are no errors or omissions in the minutes of the March 25, 2024 Regular Board Meeting of the Livingstone Range School Division, it is recommended that the minutes be approved by the Board and signed by the Chair.	
	B.2	Business Arising from the Minutes	
	B.3	Board Annual Work List 2023-24	
	B.4	Chair Report	
	B.5	Superintendent Monthly Report	
	B.6	Associate Superintendent Monthly Report	
	B.7	Committee Reports	
	B.8	Professional Learning	

Every student, every day.

B.9 Granum Solution Update

B.10 Graduation Attendance

Recommendation:

That the April 22, 2024 Consent Agenda be approved by the Board of Trustees as (presented or amended).

Moved by: _____

Emergent Changes to the Agenda

9:10-9:12 C. **Emergent Changes to the Agenda**

Chair

Recommendation:

That the April 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda be approved by the Board of Trustees as (presented or amended).

Moved by: _____

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

9:12-9:15 D. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees declare if they have any conflicts of interest relating to agenda items from the April 22, 2024 Board Meeting and if so should declare them.

Declared: _____

Action Items

E. Action Items

9:15-9:35 E.1 **4-Day School Week**

(enclosure E.1)

K. Bond

Karly Bond, Coordinator of Communications, Culture, & Engagement, will review the LRSD 4-Day School Week: Developing Project Scope & Engagement Objectives Plan with the Board of Trustees.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees approve the 4-Day School Week: Developing Project Scope & Engagement Objective Plan as (presented or amended).

Moved by: _____

In response to the Notice of Motion by Trustee Gimber from the March 27, 2024 Board Meeting.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees approve the Chair of the Regional School Council Committee alternate every year.

Moved by: _____

Background:

The use of cell phones among students has become ubiquitous, impacting their learning environment, social interactions, and mental health. Numerous studies from both Canada and the USA have shown the detrimental effects of excessive cell phone use on students' academic performance and mental well-being. A study by the Canadian Paediatric Society found that prolonged screen time, including cell phone use, is associated with decreased cognitive function, poor sleep quality, and increased risk of anxiety and depression among adolescents. Similarly, research conducted by the American Psychological Association has linked excessive cell phone use to decreased attention span, lower academic achievement, and heightened stress levels in students.

Rationale:

As governors and guardians of our students' well-being, it is imperative for the Livingstone Range School Board to take proactive measures to address this issue. By implementing a policy banning cell phones for students during school hours, we aim to create a conducive learning environment that fosters academic excellence, social engagement, and mental health resilience. By removing the distraction of cell phones, students can focus more on their studies, participate actively in classroom discussions, and develop stronger interpersonal skills through face-to-face interactions with their peers.

Supporting Data:

- A study conducted in Canadian schools found that students who were not allowed to use cell phones during school hours demonstrated higher academic performance and reported lower levels of stress compared to their peers who had unrestricted access to cell phones.
- In the USA, schools that have implemented similar policies reported significant improvements in student behavior, reduced incidents of cyberbullying, and increased student engagement in extracurricular activities.

Community Impact:

Banning cellphones in schools not only benefits students but also positively impacts the broader community. Parents can have peace of mind knowing that their children are fully engaged in their studies without the distraction of constant notifications and social media updates. Furthermore, by promoting healthier screen habits among students, we contribute to the overall well-being of our community, fostering a generation of young individuals who are better equipped to navigate the challenges of the digital age.

Conclusion:

In light of the overwhelming evidence highlighting the negative impact of cell phone use on students' mental health and academic performance, the Livingstone Range School Board proposes the implementation of a policy banning cell phones for students during school hours. By prioritizing the well-being and academic success of our students, we take a proactive stance in shaping a healthier and more productive learning environment for all stakeholders involved.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees develop a policy limiting cell phone use in the classroom.

Moved by: _____

10:45-11:00 E.4 Board Organizational Meeting

B. Toone

Background:

Board organizational meetings occur in the fall. However, this timing presents challenges as board members have a longer amount of time to get assigned to their respective committees, school assignments and becoming acquainted with their roles and responsibilities. This delay in assignment and orientation can hinder the board's effectiveness in addressing important issues and making informed decisions in a timely manner.

Rationale:

1. Preparation Time: Moving the organizational meeting to June will provide committee members with ample time to prepare for their new assignments during the summer months. This extended preparation period will enable them to familiarize themselves with their roles and responsibilities, ensuring a smoother transition into their positions.
2. Efficient Start: By holding the organizational meeting in June, board members can "hit the ground running" in the fall. With their roles clearly defined and preparations already underway, they can immediately begin addressing important issues and making informed decisions at the start of the new school year. This ensures that crucial matters are not delayed due to the time required for orientation and acclimation.
3. Alignment with Academic Calendar: Shifting the organizational meeting to June better aligns with the academic calendar. This allows for a more cohesive approach to planning

and decision-making, as board members can strategize and coordinate initiatives in conjunction with the upcoming school year. rather than adjusting plans after the school year has commenced.

Conclusion:

Changing the date of the organizational meeting to June in non-election years offers numerous benefits, including enhanced preparation time for committee members, the ability for board members to start the new school year with efficiency, and better alignment with the academic calendar. This motion aims to optimize the effectiveness and performance of the Livingstone Range School Board for the benefit of the entire school community.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees approve the relocation of the organizational meeting to June on non-election years.

Moved by: _____

Discussion/Information Items

F. Discussion/Information Items

11:00-11:20 F.1 **Livingstone Range School Division Funding Profile** (enclosure F.1) J. Gunderson

Mr. Jordan Gunderson, Director of Finance will provide the Board with a School Division Funding update.

11:20-11:35 F.2 **Occupational Health and Safety** (enclosure F.2) L. Stocker

Ms. Laura Stocker, Health and Safety Coordinator will provide the Board with a Health and Safety update for the Division.

11:35-11:50 F.3 **Livingstone Leaders** (enclosure F.3) A. Fisher

Teacher Advisor- Alysa Fisher will present to the Board of Trustees regarding Livingstone Leaders - Every Student Can Make a Difference Every Day. Reflecting on the year and sharing their successes, challenges, growth and looking towards the future and how they want to do more.

11:50-11:55 F.4 **Nanton Update** B. Toone

The Nanton School Advisory Chair will update the Board of Trustees on the Nanton Schools.

Key Messages

11:55-11:57 G. **Key Messages from Today's Meeting**

1) Presentation(s)

Potential Press Release Items

11:57-12:00 H. Press Release Items from Today's Meeting
1)

In-Camera

I. In-Camera

12:00-4:00 I.1 Land, Labour, Legal and ASBA Budget

That the Board of Trustees go in-camera at _____ hours.

Moved by: _____

That the Board of Trustees revert the meeting back to the regular board meeting at
____ hours.

Moved by: _____

Adjournment

4:00 J. Adjournment

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees vote in favour of the meeting being adjourned at
_____ hours.

Moved by: _____