

BOARD OF TRUSTEES KEY MESSAGES

Following are the Key Messages from the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, December 17, 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** all presentations can be viewed on the <u>Board of Trustees December 17</u> <u>Regular Board Meeting YouTube video</u>. (Presentations begin at 5:09)
 - a. **Career Practitioner Support –** Lettie Croskery, Career Practitioner presented to the Board of Trustees. The goals for LRSD Career Services are that families are aware of the wide range of career services offered, understand Alberta graduation requirements, a plan to meet the required courses and averages and that the graduates leave LRSD with the confidence to pursue their career goals (and are eligible for continued support). High school students can take advantage of individualized career planning and unique exploration opportunities. Some of theses opportunities include, but are not limited to, post-secondary visits, campus tours, job/volunteer fairs, trade exploration days, RhPAP skills days, discovery Days, Youth Summits and Dual Credit programming. For more information please visit our LRSD Career Services webpage at <u>LRSD Career Services</u>
 - b. Off Campus Programming Rob Charchun and Eliza Grose, Off Campus Coordinators gave an Off Campus Update to the Board of Trustees. Rob Charchun works with Nanton, Claresholm, and Fort Macleod Schools. Eliza Grose works with Pincher Creek, Lundbreck, and Crowsnest Pass Schools. They support our Work Experience, RAP (Registered Apprenticeship Program) and Green Certificate Program students throughout the Division. They have many placements that include seniors residence, retail stores, museums, hospitality venues, welding, millwright, automotive, mechanics, equine, cow/calf, feedlot, swine, poultry, dairy and crop. LRSD is very grateful for the community involvement and connections that help our Off Campus Programming continue to thrive. Rob Charchun and Eliza Grose are very committed to allowing students to earn high school credits while gaining valuable hands-on experience that will help them in careers after graduation.

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- c. International Student Program Chad Kuzyk, Associate Superintendent, Programs & Innovation, presented on the LRSD International Student Programming throughout our division. Quality education, safe, caring homestay families and schools located in communities which are situated in one of the most beautiful parts of the province make Livingstone Range School Division a perfect place to study, learn and grow. Currently LRSD has 60 students attending our international program from 13 different countries within 6 of our high schools. The 2024-2025 goals for this program are to increase full time enrollment, diversify language markets, recruit more host families (especially in the west area) and create a Student Ambassador program at each of the schools along with student mentorship. Livingstone Range School Division welcomes Homestay families to host International Students for a short or long-term stay. For more information visit our International Student Program website.
- 2) Board Advocacy With the recent information from the transportation department the Board became more aware of concerns arising from the implementation of the distance changes contained in the new transportation regulations. The Board of Trustees directed the Advocacy Committee to write a letter to the Minister of Education and cc our MLA, ASBA, and Board Chairs.
- **3)** 2025 Board of Trustee Election The Board of Trustees approved Mr. Jeff Perry, Associate Superintendent, Business Services the Returning Officer and Nikki Lytwyn, Executive Assistant the Substitute Retuning Officer for the October 20, 2025 School Board Trustee Election. Nominations for trustee elections can be received as of January 1st, 2025 until noon on September 22, 2025.

The <u>Local Authorities Election Act</u>, states in section 21(1) that a person may be nominated as a candidate in any election under this Act if on nomination day the person

- (a) is eligible to vote in that election,
- (b) has been a resident of the local jurisdiction and the ward, if any, for 6 consecutive months immediately preceding nomination day, and
- (c) is not otherwise inclinible or discuslified
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DISCLAIMER: It is the candidate's responsibility to read and understand the legislation, or to seek appropriate legal or accounting advice from professionals as required. The candidate is responsible for ensuring that his or her campaign complies with all provincial laws.

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4) Quarterly Financial Report – The Board of Trustees approved the Quarterly Financial Report as presented by the Audit Committee Chair, Lori Hodges and Jordan Gunderson, Director of Finance. As of November 30, 2024, end of the 1st quarter, there is a decrease in the financial position of \$133,222 from the prior year. For more information please see our <u>Board of Trustees December 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting YouTube video</u>. (Audit Report begins at 1:48:10)