

FP WALSH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

February 24, 2021- Starts at 7pm

Use this link for the meeting <https://meet.google.com/tpv-rkhh-ici>

Presenter	Topic	Duration
<p style="text-align: center;">Vice-Chair Niesje Vanden Dool</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Introductions, Additions or changes to agenda</p> <p>Attendance: Chad Jensen, Mary Krizan, Mitchell Duram, Niesje Rippin, Erin & Todd Bisschop, Yvonne Medema, Lori Hodges, Carolyn Gurney, Lindsay Grant</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5mins</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Principal Chad Jensen</p>	<p>Updates on professional development at the school, assessment procedures and learning support services - the status of School Vision discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of Kindness Week activities - Parent-Teacher Interviews all day on Thursday, March 4 (8:40-3:30) & Wednesday, March 17 (4:00-7:00) - Division PD Days on March 18 & 19 - Pancake breakfast on March 17 in Block 1 classes - Extra Curricular activities will start next week re Basketball skills: 45 minute sessions; scheduling to be announced - Provincial budget set to come out tomorrow 	<p style="text-align: center;">30 mins</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspections have taken place by AHS, with small recommendations - Social media platforms & digital newsletters are going out on a regular basis - Student leadership is documenting special events (I.e. taking photos of Pink Shirt day) Suggestion <input type="checkbox"/> provide copies of photos to Macleod Gazette <p>Topic Discussion re Staff PD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Vision development - Thought Exchange activities being done with students, staff, parents, community - Focus to prioritize goals to develop throughout the next 3-year phase - Assessment: all staff are included in the “Learning Support” department; defined roles remain, however all staff take on active support roles - Staff meeting discussion are centered around small group discussions so teachers can share their best practices and ideas among each other - Question <input type="checkbox"/> Where do the ideas gathered in the surveys and Thought Exchanges go from here? 	
<p>LRSD Board Chair Lori Hodges</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">School Division Update</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BOARD OF TRUSTESS KEY MESSAGES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Following are the Key Messages from the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.</p> <p>1) Transportation Recruitment Plan Update – Transportation Secretary, Kristi Edwards presented a Transportation Recruitment plan update to the Board of Trustees. The Transportation Department along side our Coordinator of Communications have worked very hard on recruiting 32 new bus drivers to our Division. The different platforms such as mail ads, newspaper inserts, radio and social</p>	<p>15 mins</p>

media ads was a huge success. Always dreamed of a corner office with a view?
Become a Livingstone Range School Bus Driver. Recruitment is still on going, for more information please visit

<https://www.lrsd.ca/careers/bus-drivers>

2) LRSD Pursuits Presentation –

Tara Tanner, Division Principal of At-Home Learning & Home Education and Chad Kuzyk, Associate Superintendent, Curriculum and Innovation presented to the Board of Trustees regarding LRSD Pursuits. LRSD Pursuits provides a framework to enable the division to offer innovative, flexible learning opportunities to students through virtual and experiential learning opportunities. We are able to use the scale of the whole division to provide opportunities for students that would otherwise not be possible given our small school context. This framework includes Home Education, Summer School 2021, Tutoring, Place Based Programming Preemployment Centre, International Language Centre and Virtual School. For further information on any of these opportunities please contact our LRSD Pursuits Principal Tara Tanner at 403-625-3356 or see our webpage at

<https://www.lrsd.ca/services/lrsd-pursuit>.

3) 2021-22 & 2022-23 School Calendars –

The Board of Trustees approved the 2021-2022 and draft 2022-2023 School Year calendars as presented. The calendars can be viewed on our website at

<https://www.lrsd.ca/our-division/calendar>.

4) Future School Calendar Options –

After hearing interest from the Livingstone Range School Division recent calendar engagement survey, the board of trustees moved to:

1. explore the option of moving to full day Fridays to better support staff, students, and families with results being presented no later than the September 2021 board meeting.
2. explore the option of moving students to a four day school week running Monday to Thursday to better support students and staff mental health with results presented no later than the September 2021 board meeting.

<p>Teacher/Secretary Michelle MacMillan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Teacher Update</p> <p><u>*Career News</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Post secondary update: Second round offers are now out for most institutions. So far we have 31 applications submitted, BC is a very popular destination this year. Students are being encouraged to check their applications and accept offers in a timely manner to avoid disappointment. ● Scholarships: Website has been updated, unfortunately there has been a large number of organizations closed in the last year and many scholarships have disappeared. All of the grade 11 students have been sent the link for the ULeth grade 1 merit scholarship. Grade 12 students are being sent links for any awards associated with their career/programs/hobbies etc. ● Career Exploration: 18 virtual career and post secondary presentations listed in the school calendar for March. Career Transition is hoping that EPIC (Exploring Potential Industries and Careers) will be able to move forward as an in person event in April. We have an exciting collaboration with the University of Calgary who has coordinated career presentations for grade 9 classes that feature current students attending U of C, MRU and ULeth. <p><u>*Leadership Update</u></p> <p>This week is "Kindness Week" at Walshe. To celebrate, Leaders hosted a school-wide digital assembly and food drive. They plastered the school with kind messages, and wore pink on Pink Shirt Day to show that Walshe will not tolerate bullying. Students are encouraged (as always) to be kind, and names of students who demonstrate kindness are being entered into our digital drawbox. One lucky student will be winning an iPad (but don't tell the students; it's a secret)!</p>	<p>10 mins</p>
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	<p>We are planning a dress-up day for March, and starting to think about ideas for Easter.</p> <p><u>*Extra-Curricular Update:</u></p> <p>We are giving basketball a go. There will be no games. It will be individual skills. (Shooting, dribbling, movement etc.) No 1 v 1, 2 v 2 etc. Strictly individual skills.</p> <p>The times will be 45 min. of playtime with 15 min. of cleaning in between each practice. E.g. 3:45-4:30, 4:45-5:30, 5:45-6:30. It will be cohorted.</p> <p>Sandham will be getting numbers from students tomorrow and then specific schedules would be out as soon as we know numbers.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Additions to Agenda, Questions from Parents</p> <p>Question – Will there be any kind of parent meeting in regards to graduation this year?</p> <p>Response – Nony Orr & Chris Baxter are grad advisors this year, however Chad will touch base with them regarding parent communication.</p>	15 mins

Next Meeting Dates – March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16. Watch FP Walshe website, Facebook Pages, and Walshe Leadership Instagram page.