



LCSD Board Highlights

November 22, 2021

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Audit Report

Secretary-Treasurer Tessa Hetu presented the audit report completed by Ross and Sylvestre. She explained how an increase in property insurance, bus contractors' insurance, the carbon tax, and other changes has resulted in additional costs to the division.

The board approved the 2020-21 Financial Audit Statement.

Lakeland Catholic's Annual Education Results Report presented

Superintendent Pamela Guilbault presented the division's Annual Education Results Report (AERR) to the board during their meeting on Monday, November 22.

This was the first year for the Assurance Framework Model implemented by Alberta Education. The division's results for the 2020-21 school year are a combination of the province's required assurance measures and the supplementary measures, which were used in the previous Accountability Pillar method. This serves to assist school authorities as they transition to the Assurance Framework Model.

During the 2020-21 school year, Lakeland Catholic engaged stakeholders through online surveys, virtual community stakeholder engagements, town hall meetings, student/board engagements, school council engagement, and dedicated virtual planning workshops.

When it came to student demographics, during the 2020-21 school year, there were 2,456 students enrolled in Lakeland Catholic Schools. Over 450 were First Nation, Métis, or Inuit students, while 1,158 were French Immersion or French Second Language students, and 219 were English as a Second Language or English Language Learning students.

Pamela explained how during the last school year, Lakeland Catholic's flexibility was critical for success. She noted, the pandemic taught the division much, and they are continuing to utilize what was learned including staff digital literacy development, online professional learning opportunities and collaboration, stakeholder engagement, virtual delivery of meetings and parent-teacher interviews, among others.

Students did experience some learning loss as a result of disruptions due to pivots from in-person to online learning last year.

"We understand that, and now we are taking deliberate and targeted measures to make up for that learning loss," Pamela told the board.

In the four domains of the Alberta Education Assurance Measures - Student Growth and Achievement, Teaching and Learning, Learning Supports and Governance - Lakeland Catholic showed high success and exceeded the province in all areas with one exception.



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Pamela explained how parental involvement was limited in school settings due to the pandemic, which is why this was one area that didn't share the same success as others.

In terms of supplementary measures, Lakeland Catholic's results fell in the high or very high categories, exceeding provincial measures.

The division's high school completion rate (three year) was maintained at a high rate, the dropout rate of .5 per cent has also been maintained and is an excellent overall achievement.

"Lakeland Catholic students are well positioned to be ready for responsible, independent, faith-formed participation in society," Pamela said.

No new data was reported for the Provincial Achievement Tests or Diploma Exams due to no January or June exams being written. As a result, the levels in these areas remain the same as the previous year.

The overall satisfaction of how the division is managed and governed is high. Just shy of 80 per cent of the overall results show satisfaction with parental involvement in the decisions about their child's education, while Schollie measures show 98 per cent of parents are satisfied that school councils influence decisions made at their child(ren)'s school, and 93 per cent of parents are satisfied that their input is valued and respected by the school and the division.

Board approves bus purchase loan

The board approved Assumption Jr/Sr High's request for a five-year loan for up to \$97,200. These funds will be used to purchase a new bus.

The school currently has two buses. They are looking to replace the 2006 bus which was described by school principal Leanne MacDonald as needing repairs and becoming "expensive and not fiscally responsible."

The new bus, which comes at a cost of \$108,000, will be paid for partially through the division loan, fundraising efforts, school funds, and Parent Advisory Council dollars.

The bus features 24 seats and a storage compartment for equipment.

Division planning school council engagement session

According to Deputy Superintendent Chantel Axani, the division is planning a virtual school council engagement session on December 9 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m..



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Superintendent's Report

Pamela gave an overview of the Superintendent's Report for November, which included items such as Bus Safety Week, Notre Dame Elementary School's social justice project which benefited the local food bank, details regarding two LCSD staff members receiving provincial recognition, and the announcement of the division's Mental Health Matters Campaign, which is funded through a grant provided by Imperial.

Click [here](#) to view the full report.