



LCSD Board Highlights

December 15, 2021

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Stakeholder Engagement Session

On December 9, Lakeland Catholic held its first Stakeholder Virtual Engagement Session of the 2021/22 school year. During Wednesday's Regular Board Meeting, Deputy Superintendent Chantel Axani provided an overview of the session.

Over 30 people were present including board members, senior administration, school-based administration, and parents.

Four main topics were discussed among smaller groups, with each subject including three essential questions. The final round of discussion was an opportunity for stakeholders to provide possible talking points for future engagement sessions.

The main topics included: LCSD offers faith-filled, caring, welcoming, and safe environments, Lakeland Catholic students are successful, LCSD schools are diverse and inclusive, and Lakeland Catholic Schools are well governed.

Axani explained stakeholders also discussed areas of celebration, or what LCSD is doing well, and next steps the division should consider.

During the session, parents expressed how their children are excited about what they are learning in school.

"That just speaks volumes, when kids want to go to school and they're happy," trustee Vicky Lefebvre told the board.

In terms of topics for future stakeholder engagement, parents wished to see more discussion surrounding mental health/wellness initiatives for students and staff, how schools can collaborate to provide programming for students, sports programs such as hockey and volleyball, and how the division can continue to engage parents, seek feedback, and gain more parental involvement on School Councils and Parent Advisory Councils.

Overall, Axani said, the event was successful.

Board Chair Diane Bauer suggested including other stakeholders such as media and Parish priests, while trustee Denise Tercier recommended being more clear the sessions are open to everyone.

Goal Three of LCSD's Three Year Education Plan

Superintendent Pamela Guilbault shared a review of Goal Three of the division's Three Year Education Plan, which is Equity and Inclusion. Breaking the plan down into several presentations is new this year. Guilbault explained how the aim this was to provide the board with information on each of the goals prior to the larger presentation at the end of the school year.



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"We always do a big push of our Education Plan at the end of the year and it can be a lot of information," Guilbault said.

In January, there will be a presentation on the overall Three Year Plan.

There are three different outcomes surrounding this goal including staff having the ability to meet the needs of all students through excellent instruction.

Guilbault explained how this encompasses their ability to continuously improve their teaching through learning opportunities, staff collaboration, and joint instructional planning.

Collaborative response, Guilbault said, is "the way we do our operational business to support our students at Lakeland Catholic," and is a framework where staff come together to have targeted conversations regarding the needs of students, whether it's regarding inclusive education needs, academic needs, social and emotional needs, or spiritual needs.

In addition, the division is having targeted professional learning around priorities of literacy, numeracy, and collaborative response.

Guilbault also outlined the wellness committees that have been created, with representatives at each school, and the creation of the mental wellness campaign committee.

Lakeland Catholic is also focusing on creating a high leadership capacity, and is working on building leadership skills at all levels.

Resources and how Lakeland Catholic can ensure all students and staff have the proper technology needed to do the work required now and in the future is also important, Guilbault noted. Communication, budgets, and stakeholder relationships were also topics touched on.

Guilbault noted the discussion during the meeting was a brief overview of Goal Three, with a much larger and more in-depth presentation to follow in the new year.

An update on COVID-19

Axani provided an update regarding COVID-19. As of the board meeting, no schools in Bonnyville, Lac La Biche, or Waskatenau were in alert status, and only two schools in Cold Lake were in 2-4 case alert status.

Rapid tests are now available for staff. The division had applied for the provincial program to ease the stress and anxiety caused by COVID-19.

The tests must be completed on-site and the program will run from January to March 2022.



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Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pamela Guilbault provided an overview of the Superintendent's Report for November (click [here](#) to view the report) and the Division Highlights (click [here](#)).

Guilbault thanked Mary Anne and Kasey Penner for their generous donation of \$8,000 to Lakeland Catholic Schools. The funding was used to purchase resources for the division's ongoing literacy project.