



LCSD Board Highlights

August 24, 2022

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New chair and vice chair

The LCSD Board of Trustees appointed a new chair and vice chair during the organizational meeting on August 24.

Mary Anne Penner has stepped into the role of chairperson, while Vicky Lefebvre will take over as vice chair.

New Cree courses

Students will have the opportunity to learn more about Cree language and culture following the approval of a pilot and dual-credit course.

“We are thrilled to announce that after securing \$50,000 in grant funding through the Alberta Dual Credit Start Up Funding For Schools program, our division will soon begin offering Cree 101,” explained Superintendent Pamela Guilbault. “This course will be available to students attending École Notre Dame High School, Assumption Jr/Sr High School, and Light of Christ Catholic School starting the second semester of the 2022-23 school year.”

The dual-credit course is for students who have completed a 20 level of English Language Arts. Students will receive five high school credits for completing the course, as well as three post-secondary credits. The aim of the course is to prepare students to continue their studies in Cree at a post-secondary level.

In addition to approving the implementation of Cree 101, the board gave the green light to piloting Cree Language and Culture.

The course, which is piloted through Alberta Education’s Cree Language and Culture program, will be provided in partnership with the Lac La Biche Native Friendship Centre.

“Students in Grades 4-9 will learn first-hand from an experienced Cree language instructor,” expressed Guilbault, adding the instructor will be supervised by a certified teacher.

“This program was created as a response to parental and student requests to learn the language, and our division is proud to be able to offer it to those at our Lac La Biche school.”



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LCSD to continue offering free busing

Busing will continue to be offered to all Lakeland Catholic students at no cost for the 2022-23 school year.

"Lakeland Catholic strives to ensure all students have the ability to get to and from school safely," said Mary Anne Penner, board chair. "By offering transportation at no cost, our division is making sure our students are able to access the excellent programming we offer in our schools, no matter where they live."

Curriculum update and literacy intervention

Guilbault shared a curriculum update with the board, noting the school division will be piloting the French Immersion Language Arts and Learning for students in Kindergarten through Grade 3.

Literacy and numeracy intervention continues to be a priority for Lakeland Catholic. Guilbault noted the division intends to continue what was started last year, with the addition of a lead literacy coordinator.

"The coordinator will work with the staff in our schools to provide support and ensure we are successful in our literacy and numeracy intervention strategies," she said.