Livingstone Range School Division #\$8

Board of Trustees Key Messages



Following are the Board of Trustees Key Messages from the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

- Hutterite Colony Schools Presentation Wes Wescott, Colony Schools Principal. presented an update on the Hutterite Colony Schools within our division to the Board of Trustees. His presentation included the colony schools vision, mission, background information, German school information, strategic planning and special notes.
- 2) Off Campus/RAP/Work Experience Presentation John Taylor, Off Campus Coordinator, West and Rob Charchun, Off Campus Coordinator, North presented to the Board an update of Off Campus Programs, Green Certificate Programs, RAP Apprenticeship Programs and Work Experience Programs available throughout the division.
- 3) Electoral Ward Boundary Review The Board of Trustees approved to direct administration to move forward with Alberta Education to explore the necessary process to align the electoral boundaries with school attendance boundaries and to allocate the number of trustees beginning with the fall election of 2021 as follows: Ward 1-3 Trustees, Ward 2-2 Trustees and Ward 3-2 Trustees

Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 Electoral Ward Boundary Review Synopsis

1994-95	Alberta provincial government amalgamates school boards; Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 formed from Willow Creek SD (3 trustees), Pincher Creek SD (2 trustees), and Crowsnest Consolidated SD (2 trustees)
2007	Livingstone Range School Division Board of Trustees adjusted boundaries to align with school attendance: Ward 1 (Nanton, Stavely, Claresholm, Granum) - 2 trustees Ward 2 (Crowsnest Pass, Lundbreck) - 2 trustees Ward 3 (Pincher Creek, Fort Macleod) - 3 trustees
22-Jan-2018	Trustee Clara Yagos moved to approve the Electoral Ward Boundary Review Proposal prepared by Alberta School Board Association (ASBA)
Jan 2018	ASBA Consultant Jim Gibbons engaged to facilitate Electoral Ward Boundary Review process and provide a final report to the Board by December 2018
Sept 2018	The Board originally considered 5 options for electoral ward boundaries: 1. Retain the status quo (3 wards and 7 trustees) 2. Add 1 or more trustees 3. Reduce the number of trustees 4. Include 1 trustee per ward (ie: 7 wards/7 trustees) 5. In any of the above, more closely align ward boundaries with school attendance boundaries
Fall 2018	Public consultation meetings were held in 6 communities. Lundbreck Pincher Creek Fort Macleod Nanton Crowsnest Pass Claresholm Survey questions were asked about the 5 options. An online survey was available for those who could not attend the public meetings. The survey was posted on school and Division websites after each community meeting until the end of Nov. 2018.
Dec 19, 2018	ASBA Consultant Jim Gibbons submitted his final report to the Board
Jan-Feb 2019	The Board reviewed the report and discussed the community consultation responses, online surveys, and demographic forecasts. The Board determined additional help was required to facilitate the decision-making process on any electoral ward boundary changes.

Mar 2019	The Board engaged an external facilitator to assist in choosing the best option for any changes to existing electoral ward boundaries. After nearly two full days of discussion and dialogue, the Board carefully considered all original options as well as new options influenced by suggestions from stakeholders before arriving at a direction to be brought forward at the April Board meeting. New options considered include:
	1. 7 trustees with no boundaries/wards
	2. 7 trustees and align ward boundaries
	3. 7 trustees; ward boundaries stay the same; number of trustees per ward is adjusted to align with more equitable representation (by number of schools)
Apr 10 2019	The Board announced their decision to: align electoral boundaries with school attendance boundaries and to allocate the number of trustees beginning with the fall election of 2021 as follows:
	 Ward 1—3 Trustees Ward 2—2 Trustees
	Ward 3—2 Trustees