

Lethbridge Christian School Society

History

In 1981, a small group of parents and teachers with a vision started Chinook Christian Academy. This small, private Christian school operated until May, 1993, when it and Victory Christian School joined to form what is today Lethbridge Christian School (LCS).

In 2001, LCS became an Alternative Program within Lethbridge School District #51 and one of a very few schools with Alternate status in the Province of Alberta. LCS is unique also in that while the teachers and administration are employees of School District #51, the facilities and bussing system are owned and maintained by the Lethbridge Christian School Society (comprised of the elected board of LCS parents, staff, and other committed individuals).

Lethbridge Christian School Society is a registered charity within the Province of Alberta and abides by the provincial standards for maintaining records and disbursement of official receipts for income tax purposes. Lethbridge Christian School Society is also registered as a Corporation with the Alberta Corporate Registry.

Educational Philosophy

The educational philosophy of LCS is based on a God-centered view of man and truth as presented in the Bible. The authority for such an education comes both from God's command that children be taught to love God and place Him first in their lives, and from the fact that parents are responsible for the total education and training of their children. At the parent's request, the Christian School, along with the Church, becomes a partner in giving this education. From this conviction stems certain aims and objectives:

1. The spiritual and moral growth of the student;
2. The student's personal and social development;
3. The academic growth of the student; and
4. Student's home and family working together with the school.

All LCS Society employees are expected to embrace and encourage this educational philosophy with all students at LCS.

The Board of Directors of LCS Society and its Relationship to its Employees

The LCS Society owns, maintains and operates the grounds, building and bus fleet, with an elected Board of Directors overseeing its operation. The Board of Directors oversee several areas including:

- Society membership
- Setting of User Fees and Bus Fees
- Policy setting for the Society
- Setting of level of pay for its employees
- Keeping accurate records of accounts payable and receivables
- Hiring and Firing of Employees

- Maintenance and cleaning of school building and grounds
- Maintenance and upkeep of Bus Fleet
- Keeping a Minute Book of all Board Meetings and Society Meetings
- Ensuring Bookkeeping Records are Audited Yearly
- Keeping Good Relations with the Administration and Staff
- Fund Raising for the Society
- Promotion of the School
- Maintaining proper Insurance Policies.
- Ensuring all Carrier requirements from Alberta Transportation are met

The Board has several employees: Daytime Caretaker, Evening Caretaker, full and part-time School Bus Drivers, School Bus Maintenance Supervisor, Building Maintenance and Bookkeeper. The Board consists of several members: Chairman of the Board, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Board Member in Charge of Bussing, Board Member in Charge of Facilities, Secretary. The school Principal attends Board Meetings in the role of Advisor. The Principal acts as a liaison between District #51 and the Society and is not a voting member. Society issues must be addressed by the Board of Directors, and not by the Administration.

The Bus Drivers and Bus Maintenance Supervisor report to the Board Member in Charge of Bussing. The Maintenance/Caretaker staff report to the Board Member in Charge of Facilities. The Bookkeeper reports to the Treasurer. The Chairman of the Board of Directors is an elected representative of the LCS Society and acts as “employer” to all employees and contract employees. As well, each board member is responsible to the Chairman of the Board of Directors.