

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD VIA ZOOM MEETING ON **TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020** AT 4:35 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Rick Massini, Catherine Wilson, Deborah Forbes, Carolyn Freeman, Celina Symmonds

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mark Davidson, Superintendent of Schools
Lyle Cunningham, Deputy Superintendent
Tracy Hensel, Associate Superintendent
Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer
Corey Sadlemyer, Assistant Superintendent
Jason Peters, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Claire Petersen, Division Psychologist
Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator

CHAIR: Rick Massini

RECORDING SECRETARY: Angie Lesko

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

76. C. Wilson

THAT the Board move to Committee of the Whole to discuss certain confidential matters.

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 4:35 p.m.

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

IV. TREATY 7 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy and the people of Treaty 7 Region in Southern Alberta. We honour and acknowledge the homeland of the Métis people. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

77. C. Wilson

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VI. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 and the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

78. D. Forbes

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 and the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Family School Liaison Workers

Claire Petersen provided an overview of the work the Family School Liaison Workers are doing in our schools and how their roles have shifted during the pandemic.

The FSLWs are helping to bridge a connection between school and family, as well as connecting families to outside agencies such as the Food Bank and other provincial and local resources to assist with struggles with income, layoffs and mental health.

They are also providing one-on-one counselling supports to students and using google platforms to enable students to join skill building sessions and spend time with their peers.

The FSLWs are working with parents and teachers to create healthy online learning communities and helping families to develop schedules to keep kids active. They are also creating resources such as mini counselling kits, birdhouse making kits, drumming kits, and journals and finding ways to engage with families virtually through activities such as Lego building challenges and yoga.

The Division webpage is updated regularly and provides family resources, social stories, tips for talking to kids about COVID, and information regarding provincial/federal resources, etc.

5:48 p.m. C. Petersen left the meeting

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you card from MHPSD Student

Mason Muncey - Lillian Wright Memorial Scholarship

IX. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Division School Council Mini Conference

A brief discussion took place regarding the mini school council conference facilitated by Alberta School Council Association.

X. RETURN TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

79. C. Wilson

THAT the Board return to Committee of the Whole to discuss certain confidential matters.

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 5:54 p.m.

XI. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

XII. ACTION ARISING OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

80. C. Wilson

THAT the Board accept the recommendations for the 2020 Honoured Educator Awards, as presented.

CARRIED

81. C. Freeman

THAT the Board accept the recommendation for the 2020 Friends of Education Award, as presented.

CARRIED

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

82. C. Freeman

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER