



MEDICINE HAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76

REGULAR MEETING

A G E N D A

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 – 7:15 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on **Tuesday, January 19, 2016** and Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, January 19, 2016** and **Tuesday, February 2, 2016**.

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III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you card from Reagan Weeks

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2. Copy of letter dated January 21, 2016 from David Eggen, Minister of Education to Mr. Terry Riley, Board Chair, re: Solar panels

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3. Copy of Letter dated February 1, 2016 from Dr. Denise Henning, President and CEO, Medicine Hat College to Terry Riley, Board Chair, re: Pathways Gala

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4. **Copy of Letter dated January 28, 2016 from David Eggen, Minister of Education to Mr. Terry Riley, re: Public Education Collective Bargaining Act**

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IV. RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. **French Facilitator for South Eastern Alberta – Emma Piayda**

In November, the grade 12 French Immersion students take the intensive written and oral DELF B2 exam. The DELF, in short, is the Diploma in French Studies. It is a certification of French – language abilities for non-native speakers of French administered by the International Centre for French Studies for France's Ministry of Education. DELF certificates are valid for life. This certification indicates a fluency that our federal government looks for when they are hiring (often job posting will ask for a B2 certification), or exemptions from classes at universities, etc. In other words, it is great to have on a resume or university application.

Eight of our students who took the exam passed. This is a huge accomplishment and one that the stakeholders felt should be recognized by the Board. It is the first time students in Medicine Hat have taken the B2 and for 8 to be successful is significant. The names of the recipients of the B2 DELP are as follows:

Zachary Pfeiffer
Stephanie Onoferychuck
Christopher Sheardown
Hung Nguyen

Chelsea Hanson
Sophie Filion
Sydnee Bell-Hamm
Cordel Karwandy

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2. **Crescent Heights High School Musical Performance**

Congratulations to the CHHS students and director, Ms. Jennifer Davies, for entertaining the community with another outstanding drama/musical performance. The production of *The Addams Family* was outstanding and showcased the tremendous talents of our students.

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3. **Medicine Hat High School Musical Performance**

Congratulations to the MHHS students and director, Mr. Richard Grafton, for the outstanding performance of the musical comedy *The Wedding Singer*. The production highlighted the outstanding talent of our students.

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V. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Inclusion in Medicine Hat School District**

Fundamental to Inspiring Education are the 3 outcomes: engaged thinkers, ethical citizens and entrepreneurial spirit. Albertans have identified that in order to achieve these outcomes, education needs to be learner centered, have a shared responsibility for results, to have engaged communities, provide equitable access in an inclusive system,

and be responsible and flexible. An overview of the work in Medicine Hat School District will be highlighted as it continues on the journey of building an inclusive mindset as envisioned in Inspiring Education.

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VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. CHHS Field Trip Request to New York City

Ms. Heather McCaig, teacher at Crescent Heights High School, is requesting permission for students from Crescent Heights High School to travel to New York City on April 12, 2017 to April 20, 2017. A Field Trip request form is attached.

It is recommended that the Board approve, in principle, a field trip for students from Crescent Heights High School to travel to New York City for the period April 12, 2017 to April 20, 2017 subject to the following conditions:

- a] that the Secretary-Treasurer's Department give initial approval to the destination and that the submitted itinerary be approved;
- b] that the District's Student Waiver Forms be signed by all parents;
- c] that there be no cost to the Board, other than the cost of substitute teachers for approved supervising teachers traveling on the Field Trip;
- d] that any adults participating in the trip who are not designated supervisors be informed and sign a release that the Board does not accept any responsibility (liability or otherwise) as a result of their participation;
- e] that all students and designated chaperones are required to obtain the School District Travel Insurance (medical, trip cancellation/interruption and baggage).
- f] that criminal record checks be obtained for parent supervisors (non-district personnel);
- g] that the Principal/Teacher responsible continue to monitor and keep track of the travel advisories and ensure that students and parents are aware that the trip could be cancelled;
- h] that the Principal/Teacher comply with all criteria set out in Policy 770 and the International Travel Guidelines;
- i] that a letter be signed by each parent granting permission for their child to travel out-of-the-country with another specifically named adult;
- j] that each student be in possession of a passport, valid for at least six months beyond the expected return date;
- k] that each parent be given a copy of the letter from the Superintendent, re: measles immunization.

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2. CHHS Field Trip Request to New York City

At the January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees a request was presented by Crescent Heights High School for an out-of-country field trip. The trip was approved, in principle, subject to various conditions. All conditions set out by the Board have now been met.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees give final approval for the Crescent Heights High School field trip to New York City for the period March 29 – April 5, 2016.

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3. **District Awards**

a) **Process for Selection of Friends of Education Award**

The Friends of Education Award nominations close on March 31, 2016. The Board must appoint two trustees to have their names placed on an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the nominations and make a recommendation to the Board.

b) **Process for Selection of Honoured Educator**

The Honoured Educator Award nominations close on March 31, 2016. The Board must appoint two trustees to have their names placed on an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the nominations and make a recommendation to the Board.

It is recommended that the Board appoint two trustees to be part of both Ad Hoc Committees, Friends of Education Award and Honoured Educator Award, to consider the nominations and make a recommendation to the Board.

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4. **Change to March Meeting Date**

The Board will be asked to consider moving the March 15, 2016 Board meeting to March 22, 2016.

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VII. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

1. **Medicine Hat Public Schools' Education Foundation**

Minutes of the Medicine Hat Public Schools' Education Foundation meeting held on January 27, 2016 are attached. Mr. Massini will speak to these Minutes.

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2. **Coordinating Committee**

Minutes of the Coordinating Committee meeting held on February 2, 2016 are attached for information. Mrs. Wilson Fraser will speak to these Minutes.

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VIII. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

1. **School Visit Reports**

As part of the Board's goal of "Putting the Public Back into Public Education" trustees were visiting one school each year for the next three years. This is a chance to share the governance perceptions from trustees in this goal.

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IX. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It is recommended that the Board move to Committee of the Whole to discuss certain confidential matters.

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X. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT