

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD BY ZOOM ON **TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022** AT 3:00 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Catherine Wilson, Pat Grisonich, Deborah Forbes, Rick Massini, Yvonne Sissons

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Charlie Fox, Elder from Kainai Nation
Darrell Willier, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Coordinator
Gregory Ferris, Vice-Principal of Alternative Learning
Michelle Gilbert, Alternative Learning Consultant
Agnieszka Desjardins, Alternative Learning Consultant
Terri Tabor, Alternative Learning Educational Assistant
Tara Krasko, Alternative Learning Occupational Therapist
Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Marley Steinwandt

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

48. R. Massini

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 3:01 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

49. D. Forbes

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VI. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on **Tuesday, December 14, 2021**, and **Tuesday, January 11, 2022**, and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, December 14, 2021**, and **Tuesday, January 11, 2022**.

50. R. Massini

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, and Tuesday, January 11, 2022, and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, and Tuesday, January 11, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VII. PRESENTATION

1. Elder, Charlie Fox

Elder, Charlie Fox from Kainai was in attendance and provided thoughts and answer questions, from an Elder perspective, on the Division Calendar.

Elder Charlie Fox shared insights surrounding the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. He noted that taking the day as a holiday from school does not facilitate engagement in education or reconciliation. Having conversations and raising awareness of our history is much more beneficial.

The board appreciates Elder Charlie Fox sharing his stories and helping guide their decision making.

6:48 p.m. Charlie Fox left the meeting.

2. Alternative Programming Team

The Alternative Learning Team provides supports to meet the personalized learning needs of students and supports with the professional learning of staff in the areas of behaviour, complex communication and specialized programming. The work of the team

continues to evolve to meet the needs of students, staff, and families within our division.

The team provided an overview of the layers of service, professional development opportunities provided to staff, how support is being implemented within an inclusive setting and our reflective process that allows us to continue to provide high levels of support that are evidence and research based.

Since creation four years ago, the model has evolved. The team now focuses on three areas: Behaviour Emotional Support / Social-Emotional Learning, Complex Communication Supports and Specialized Programming Supports. Currently offering 8 different learning opportunities for professional development, training can be customized to meet the specific needs of the school. This year the team has received 22 referrals and has spent between 7-10 days providing support at 9 different schools in the division.

6:15 p.m. G. Ferris, M. Gilbert, A. Desjardins, T. Tabor and T. Krasko left the meeting.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You Cards from MHPSD Students

Several thank you cards have been received from MHPSD students that have been awarded various scholarships.

Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

Madeleine Heese	Jorja Risk
Ashton Scholly	MacKenzie
Noah Scholly	Hailey Kreuger
Jamie Robson	Riley Streifel
Kai Noon	Macey Marshall
Parker Maxwell	Joshua Lovis
Josie Hoffarth	Jay Maudsley
Koby Eskestrand	Emma Mourton
Debasri Jena	

Peter Van Eerde Memorial Scholarship

Alden Tymensen

IX. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Quarter System Review

Teachers, staff and students from various disciplines have been asked for their input to assist the Board with their decision as to whether or not to continue with the quarter system for the 2022-2023 school year.

Following a review of the survey data, as well as small-group sessions with teachers from both high schools and all subjects, it is recommended that Medicine Hat Public School Division return to the semester system for the 2022-2023 school year.

It was recommended to allow individual schools the ability to make well informed decisions to institute a hybrid system incorporating both the quarter and semester model.

51. P. Grisonich

THAT the board approve the return to the semester system, with the flexibility to incorporate the quarter system for the 2022-2023 school year.

CARRIED

2. Hub School Logo

The Hub School is proposing a new logo and is seeking Board approval. As per Policy 210.2 – Team Names, Logos, Colours and Mascots it is recommended that the Board approve the Hub School's logo as presented with future revisions.

The Hub School is now serving 200 students across the province and next year will see the inclusion of grade 10-12 students. The division is looking for approval of the concept with the knowledge that a final logo will be brought to the board for approval at a later date.

52. R. Massini

THAT the board approve the conceptual Hub School logo, as presented.

CARRIED

X. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Alberta School Boards' Association: Zone 6 General Meeting

The ASBA Zone 6 general meeting was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. An update was provided to the Board.

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

No action arising.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

53. P. Grisonich

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER