

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD VIA ZOOM ON **TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021** AT 3:02 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
Jason Peters, Assistant Superintendent
Corey Sadlemyer, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Claire Petersen, Division Psychologist
Mary Tulip, Family School Liaison Worker
Nick Paquin, Family School Liaison Worker
Britni Chambers, Family School Liaison Worker
Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Angie Lesko

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

86. C. Freeman

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 3:02 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

87. C. Freeman

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, April 27, 2021** and **Tuesday, May 11, 2021** and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, April 27, 2021** and **Tuesday, May 11, 2021**.

88. D. Forbes

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 and Tuesday, May 11, 2021 and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 and Tuesday, May 11, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Family School Liaison Workers

MHPSD believes in fostering a culture of wellness that acknowledges that learning happens best when the physical and emotional needs of the learner are met. As part of our comprehensive school health framework, the role of the Family School Liaison Worker was developed in 2018 to meet the needs of students and families.

Through the collaborative response model and the continuum of supports, FSLWs become the link that connects school, home, and community to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive approach to student wellness. This model allows for greater flow of information as well as collaboration between the school-based team, the school linked team, and community supports in order to wrap around our students. The result is a flexible, responsive, and evolving system of support that assists students in reaching their full potential as learners.

The FSLWs provide one-to-one and group support for students and promote student empowerment to facilitate positive change. They also advocate for students and facilitate staff professional development and provide a sense of

reassurance during difficult times by offering skilled support through periods of crisis. By nurturing positive and productive relationships, FSLWs support student learning and success using a strengths-based approach.

Superintendent Davidson noted that the work that the FSLWs have done to build out the social emotional side has had a significant impact on students and families in our system and a major impact on learning.

6:16 p.m. FSLW team left the meeting

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You Card

The Board received a thank you card from Mrs. Valerie Brown on behalf of the ATA Local No. 1 for the travel mugs that were gifted to all Division employees.

IX. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Budget 2021-22 Spring Release

As per the Education Act the Board is presented with a budget proposal in May for the upcoming school year. The Spring Release is built on best estimates available at the time. An update will be provided in the fall on actual student numbers.

Mr. Labossiere provided an overview of the spring budget and noted that the figures reflect a projected operating deficit of \$757,000 for 2021-22. The budget is based on a projected enrolment of 7,285 which is an increase of 198 students from the current year.

The budget plan was presented to the Board for consideration and approval.

89. R. Massini

THAT the Board approve the 2021-22 spring budget, as presented.

CARRIED

2. Education Plan

The 2021-22 Education Plan (EP) was shared for review. This is our school division's first EP in Alberta's new assurance model. Mr. Sadlemyer

shared highlights along with an overview of the new plan structure and how it fits into the overall assurance process.

The process included the gathering of feedback from students, parents, school administrators and staff. Common themes were determined and goals were developed along with outcomes, strategies and performance measures that will be used to determine if targets are being met.

90. C. Freeman

THAT the Board approve the 2021-22 Education Plan, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Locally Developed Course Authorization

- a) The Board was asked to authorize the acquired locally developed high school courses, as follows:

Calgary School Division:

- 1) Academic Achievement through English Language Development 15-3; 15-5; 25-3; 25-5; 35-3; 35-5 expires August 2025
- 2) ESL Expository English 15-5; 25-5 expires in August 2024
- 3) ESL Introduction Mathematics 15-5 expires in August 2024
- 4) ESL Introduction to Science 15-5; 25-5 expires in August 2023
- 5) ESL Introduction to Canadian Studies 15-5; 25-5 expires in August 2023
- 6) Film & Media Art 15-3; 15-5; 25-3; 25-5; 35-3; 35-5 expires in August 2025

Edmonton School Division:

- 1) Improvisational Theatre 15-3; 15-5; 25-3; 25-5; 35-3; 35-5 expires in August 2024
- 2) Theatre Performance 15-5; 25-5; 35-5 expires in August 2024

- b) The Board was asked to reauthorize the following locally developed high school courses for four years:

Pembina Hills School Division

- 1) Forensic Science Studies 35-5 expires August 2025

Edmonton School Division

- 1) Forensic Studies 25-3; 35-3 expires August 2025

Calgary School Division

- 1) Musical Theatre 15-5; 25-5; 35-5 expires August 2025

91. D. Forbes

THAT the Board authorize the acquired locally developed high school courses and reauthorize the locally developed courses, as presented.

CARRIED

X. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Division Council of School Councils

Minutes of the May 13, 2021 Division Council of School Councils meeting were attached for information.

2. Coordinating Committee

Minutes of the May 17, 2021 Coordinating Committee meeting were attached for information.

XI. RETURN TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

92. R. Massini

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 7:09 p.m.

XII. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 7:23 p.m.

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

93. D. Forbes

THAT the Alberta Health Services Contact Tracing Team be recognized as the recipient of the 2020-2021 Friends of Education award for facilitating an excellent partnership with MHPSD throughout the COVID pandemic.

CARRIED

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

94. C. Freeman

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER