

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD VIA ZOOM ON **TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021** AT 3:01 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: Lisa Mueller, Optimal Learning Consultant
Marnie Heintz, Optimal Learning Consultant
Michelle Frey, Optimal Learning Consultant
Kendra Boyd, Optimal Learning Consultant
Blair Lukas, Optimal Learning Consultant
Stacey Miner, Optimal Learning Consultant
Darrell Willier, FNMI Coordinator
Shirley Boomer, FNMI Support Worker
Morgan Muir, FNMI Support Worker
Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Angie Lesko

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

59. 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 3:01 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

Addition under:

X. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

2. Alberta School Councils Association Conference

60. R. Massini

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

VI. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on **Tuesday, February 23, 2021** and **Tuesday, March 9, 2021** the Committee of the Whole meeting held on **Tuesday, February 23, 2021** and **Tuesday, March 9, 2021**.

61. D. Forbes

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 and Tuesday, March 9, 2021 the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 and Tuesday, March 9, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Optimal Learning Coaches

Jason Peters and the OLC team provided an overview of the type of work that is happening within the Division. As a response to previous presentations and requests from the Board, the team shared examples of different points of entry as the Division continues to build and support Cultures of Learning within our schools.

They also shared a series of videos reflecting on the positive impact that the OLC team is having on instructional practice and student learning through connection, inquiry based learning, collaboration and reflection.

6:22 p.m. OLC team left the meeting

2. **First Nations, Métis, and Inuit (FNMI) Presentation**

Darrell Willier, Shirley Boomer, Morgan Muir provided an update on supports provided to our First Nations, Métis and Inuit students and families along with the work being done to support Foundational Knowledge for all staff and students.

The team serves all schools, sharing various presentations to enhance the awareness and understanding of FNMI culture, while building student comprehension of traditional values, stories, and ways of life to foster a culture of diversity and inclusion.

6:58 pm FNMI team left the meeting

VIII. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **Thank you cards from MHPSD Students Awarded Scholarships**

Alexandra/ St. Theresa Academy Homecoming

Emily Warwick

Kennedy Galloway

The Hub Fish Scholarship

Kennedy Galloway

Woollven Family Scholarship

Ytzel Velarde

Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

Nyla Knodel

Kelley Schafer

Shalayna Stonjeck

Broyce Widdis

Mason Archibald

Tianna Watt

IX. **RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. **Edwin Parr Nominee**

Medicine Hat Public School Division is fortunate to have an outstanding group of first year teachers. In recognition of our outstanding teachers we recognize our Edwin Parr nominee. This nomination is for a first-year teacher who is demonstrating outstanding instructional practice and modeling outstanding professionalism.

Our Division has selected **Sarah Morter** who teaches at the Hub School as our 2021 nominee for the Edwin Parr Award. Congratulations Sarah!

X. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Alberta School Board Association Zone 6 General Meeting

The ASBA Zone 6 general meeting was held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. An update was enclosed for information.

2. Alberta School Councils Association Conference

The ASCA Conference and AGM is being held virtually on April 23, 24 and 25, 2021 and registration is available until April 16, 2021.

Discussion ensued and the Board expressed their wish to provide the opportunity for two School Council members from each school to attend the conference on Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24, 2021. The Board will cover the \$95 registration fee for two members from each school. The school would cover the cost for any additional members who wish to attend.

62. D. Forbes

THAT the Board cover the \$95 registration fee for two school council members from each school to attend the ASCA Conference on April 23 and 24, 2021.

CARRIED

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

63. R. Massini

THAT the Board approve Personnel Item 2021-01, as presented.

CARRIED

64. C. Freeman

THAT the Board approve Personnel Item 2021-02, as presented.

CARRIED

65. R. Massini

THAT the Board nominate Arlene Hrynyk for the PSBA Dick Baker Award.

CARRIED

XII. ADJOURNMENT

66. C. Symmonds

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER