

RECORD OF THE **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH WEBSTER NIBLOCK PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND STAFF HELD IN THE HUB AT THE MEDICINE HAT HIGH SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, AT 6:30 PM.**

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Catherine Wilson, Pat Grisonich, Gwendoline Dirk and Megan Hilgendorf

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Tracy Hensel, Superintendent of Schools
Cal Hauserman, Facilitator
Leanne Dulle, Secretary Treasurer
Cody Edwards, Associate Superintendent: Student Services
Jason Peters, Associate Superintendent: Human Resources
Carla Carrier, Executive Director of Learning
Dean Brown, Division Principal of Learning and Partnerships
Joanne Stockman, Director of Learner Supports and Services
Claire Petersen, Director of Psychology Services
Blair Lukacs, Herald School Principal
Tylene Neary, Inclusive Education Coach
Tara Johnson, Medicine Hat High School Principal
Chelsea Hallick, Herald School Vice Principal
Diane Cartier, Connaught School Principal
Mike Kukurudza, Crescent Heights High School Principal
Erin Sand, Optimal Learning Coach
Nathan Gale, HUB/Pathways School Principal
Nicole Hall, River Heights School Vice Principal
Tricia Unreiner, George Davison School Principal
Tricia McPhail, George Davison School Vice Principal
Anthony Donner, HUB/Pathways School Vice Principal
Katrina Corbett, Southview School Principal
Warren Buckler, Alexandra Middle School Principal
Lee Krasilowez, Communications Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: 70 parents and community members, 9 Webster Niblock staff members

CHAIR: Mrs. Tracy Hensel

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

II. WELCOME

Mrs. Tracy Hensel introduced the Board of Trustees and welcomed all parents, community members and staff members.

III. PRESENTATION FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Mrs. Tracy Hensel explained the decision-making process behind the possibility of closing two schools in our division, which included the following:

- capital planning and value scoping process
- enrolment trends
- capital and operating cost savings
- declining birth rates in our city
- educational benefits of school amalgamation

IV. FACILITATED DISCUSSION PROCESS

Cal Hauserman presented the group with the following questions:

1. What are some considerations you would like the School Division to think about when deciding on possible school amalgamation?
2. What might be some possible opportunities for students if schools are amalgamated?
3. What might be some possible challenges for students if schools are amalgamated?
4. What might be some supports students and families may need to make a smooth transition to a new school if amalgamation takes place?

Parents, community members, and school staff were divided into small table groups. Each group had an MHPSD facilitator who recorded responses to each question. The information gathered will be shared with the Board of Trustees.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR