MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD VIA ZOOM ON **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021** AT 3:00 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: Joanne Stockman, Director of Early Learning
Gregory Ferris, Vice Principal, Alternative Programming
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

51. 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 3:03 p.m.

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 5:32 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

52. D. Forbes

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VI. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021** and **Tuesday, February 9, 2021** the Committee of the Whole meeting held on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021** and **Tuesday, February 9, 2021.**

53. R. Massini

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 and Tuesday, February 9, 2021 the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 and Tuesday, February 9, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Early Childhood Services

Mrs. Stockman provided an overview of the Early Childhood Services programs that the Division offers to support child development and engagement.

Building a solid foundation in the early years is critical to influence lifelong learning and development. MHPSD offers a variety of programs (ELP, Community Early Learning, Kindergarten and Play & Learn) and settings to provide early learning support, such as language enriched play based environments and programming designed to enhance language, social, physical, intellectual, creative, cultural and emotional development.

The Division also provides parent programming for parents and caregivers, to help them better understand their child's development, as well as programming to support and encourage community involvement.

2. Pathways Program Presentation

The Pathways Program is a tier 4 support for students who present with complex and diverse behavioural and social-emotional learning needs. The goal of the program is to foster resiliency and build empowered active citizens through strength-based, holistic and individualized programming. The program is intervention focused with the goal being that students will work towards gaining the necessary skills to be successful in an inclusive setting and may transition back to their community school.

Mr. Ferris presented an overview of the program structure and the consultation, collaboration and transition process and its connection with the Division's Collaborative Response Model.

He also noted that the Pathways team view the program as an opportunity - not a consequence - for students and our community. Their vision for the program is to have it be recognized as a collaborative learning community that accepts diversity, fosters hope and creates an opportunity for growth.

6:25 p.m. Mrs. Stockman and Mr. Ferris left the meeting

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you cards from MHPSD Students Awarded Scholarships

Thelma Berkeley Robinson Memorial Scholarship

Zaira Miller-Shackleton	Ethan McClain
Emily Haukeness	Ashley Nowakowski
Janine Jonker	Alexis Blomander
Delrae Vetter	Michelle Pinder
Munro Maxwell	Julia Forsyth
Parker Maxwell	Reed McMow
Dylan MacPhail	Gage Smith

Grant Henderson Scholarship

Julia Forsyth

Lillian Wright Memorial Scholarship

Ellie Cartwright

Peter Van Eerde Memorial Scholarship

MacKenzie Hanson

IX. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Policy 530: Technology and Social Media Use

Policy 530 has been updated. It was recommended that the Board approve the changes to the policy as presented.

54. R. Massini

THAT the Board approve *Policy 530: Technology and Social Media Use*, as presented.

CARRIED

2. 2021-2022 Division Calendar

The final drafts of the 2021-2022 Division Calendar were presented for Board consideration and approval.

It was noted that Draft A was presented to the Board, school staff and parents through the consultation process. As a result of that feedback and conversations with MHCBE and Prairie Rose school divisions, Mr. Cunningham presented a Draft B for Board consideration.

Discussion ensued and it was recommended that the Board approve Draft B as the 2021-2022 calendar.

55. C. Symmonds

THAT the Board approve Draft B of the 2021-2022 Division Calendar, as presented.

CARRIED

X. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Coordinating Committee

Minutes of the January 25, 2021 Coordinating Committee meeting were attached for information.

XI. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Updated Administrative Procedures

The following administrative procedures were presented for information:

522 P 001 – Honoured Educator Award
902 P 001 – Friends of Education Award
420 P 001 – Short Term Investment Guidelines

2. Letter to the Minister of Health

The Board has sent a letter to Minister Shandro advocating for teachers and school workers in the province to be vaccinated prior to the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

3. Letter to the Premier

The Board has sent a letter to Premier Kenney expressing concern over the management and security of the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

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

No action arising.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

56. C. Symmonds

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY TREASURER