

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MEDICINE HAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76 HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM IN THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mr. Terry Riley, Ms. Deborah Forbes, Mr. Rick Massini, Mrs. Catherine Wilson Fraser

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Mrs. Carolyn Freeman

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Dr. Grant Henderson, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Sherri Fedor, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Lyle Cunningham, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Kristine Fuerst, Chair, Telethon Committee

CHAIR: Mr. Terry Riley

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Angie Lesko

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addition under:

- VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION
7. CHHS Field Trip to Italy and Spain

77. Ms. Forbes **THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 and Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 and Tuesday, February 3, 2015.

78. Mr. Massini **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 and Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 and Tuesday, February 3, 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Copy of letter dated January 14, 2015 from Lorna Rosen, Deputy Minister, to Dr. Grant Henderson, Superintendent, re: modular classroom approval
2. Copy of letter dated January 26, 2015 from Board Chair to Hon. Heather Klimchuk, Minister of Human Services, re: Mental Health Initiatives

3. Copy of Board's response to the Education Act and Regulatory Review, dated January 29, 2015
4. Copy of thank you card from Sarah Regier, re: donation for French Immersion
5. Thank you card from Abigail Lunge re: Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

IV. RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Susan Nelson

The Board would like to congratulate Susan Nelson, teacher at Elm Street School, for having her inclusive education teaching materials recognized and used by Alberta Education. Alberta Education has linked Mrs. Nelson's toolbox as "Alberta Examples" to the inclusive education video series.

2. Alberta Milk

The Board would like to congratulate Webster Niblock School for their participation in *Club Moo*. Alberta Milk recognized Webster Niblock for reaching the 20-year participation milestone in Club Moo, an elementary school milk program.

3. Musical – Crescent Heights High School

Congratulations to the students and director, Ms. Jennifer Davies, for entertaining the community with another outstanding drama/musical performance. The production of *All Shook Up* was outstanding with students from all grades showcasing a tremendous talent.

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. Telethon

Kristine Fuerst, Chair of the Medicine Hat Public Schools Education Foundation Telethon Committee, was in attendance to inform the Board of the events scheduled for the 21st Annual Telethon on Sunday, March 8th from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the CHHS Wahl-Harker Performing Arts Centre. "*Great Things Are Happening in SD76*" is the theme of this year's Telethon.

The telethon will feature segments on a number of programs and activities taking place in the District, as well as interviews with Ken Sauer and Larry Henderson.

2. Inclusive Education in Action

Fundamental to *Inspiring Education* are the 3 outcomes: engaged thinker, ethical citizen and entrepreneurial spirit. Albertans have identified that in order to achieve these outcomes, education needs to be learner centered, have a shared responsibility for results, to have engaged communities, provide equitable access in an inclusive system, and be responsible and flexible.

An overview of the work in Medicine Hat School District No. 76 was highlighted as it continues on the journey of building an inclusive mindset as envisioned in *Inspiring Education*. The District has many resources in place to support Inclusive Education, including the Mental Health Capacity Building projects focusing on prevention and promotion, flipped classrooms, learning coach capacity building sessions with schools and continued work with service providers to ensure a common language and focus. Leadership meetings are also taking place, as well as SIVA training for district staff.

In addition, the District has offered 9 classroom makeovers, focusing on environment and learning tools.

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. CHHS Field Trip Request to Ireland

Mr. Todd Samuelson and Mr. Ray Neary, teachers at Crescent Heights High School, had requested permission for students on the Rugby Team at Crescent Heights High School to travel to Ireland on March 23-31, 2016.

Dr. Henderson indicated that this group is considering alternate dates for this trip and recommended that this item be tabled.

79. Mr. Massini

THAT this item be tabled to a future meeting.

CARRIED

2. MHHS Field Trip to London, England

At the November 26, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees a request was presented by Medicine Hat High School for an out-of-country field trip. The trip was approved, in principle, subject to various conditions. All conditions set out by the Board have now been met.

80. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board of Trustees give final approval for the Medicine Hat High School field trip to London, England for the period April 2 - 10, 2015.

CARRIED

3. CHHS Field Trip to England

At the October 21, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees a request was presented by Crescent Heights High School for an out-of-country field trip. The trip was approved, in principle, subject to various conditions. All conditions set out by the Board have now been met.

81. Ms. Forbes

THAT the Board of Trustees give final approval for the Crescent Heights High School field trip to England for the period March 31 to April 11, 2015.

CARRIED

4. CHHS Field Trip to California

At the October 21, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees a request was presented by Crescent Heights High School for an out-of-country field trip. The trip was approved, in principle, subject to various conditions. All conditions set out by the Board have now been met.

82. Mr. Massini

THAT the Board of Trustees give final approval for the Crescent Heights High School field trip to California for the period April 1 - 9, 2015.

CARRIED

5. ASBA Policy Review

The ASBA has asked Boards to submit proposed amendments to the bylaws, to be included in the April Budget & Bylaws Bulletin.

The ASBA has also asked Boards to submit proposed policy positions that will be considered at the Spring General Meeting in June.

The Board was asked to consider whether they wish to submit their previous position with regards to teacher bargaining.

83. Ms. Forbes

THAT the Board resubmit the proposal related to teacher bargaining.

CARRIED

6. District Awards

a) Process for Selection of Friends of Education Award

The Friends of Education Award nominations close on March 31, 2015. The Board must appoint two trustees to have their names placed on an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the nominations and make a recommendation to the Board.

84. Mr. Massini

THAT the Board appoint Mrs. Wilson Fraser and Ms. Deborah Forbes to sit on the Friends of Education Award Ad Hoc Committee to consider nominations and make a recommendation to the Board.

CARRIED

b) Process for Selection of Honoured Educator

The Honoured Educator Award nominations close on March 31, 2015. The Board must appoint two trustees to have their names placed on an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the nominations and make a recommendation to the Board.

85. Mr. Massini

THAT the Board appoint Mrs. Wilson Fraser and Ms. Deborah Forbes to sit on the Honoured Educator Award Ad Hoc Committee to consider nominations and make a recommendation to the Board.

CARRIED

7. CHHS Field Trip to Italy and Spain

At the April 19, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees a request was presented by Crescent Heights High School for an out-of-country field trip. The trip was approved, in principle, subject to various conditions. All conditions set out by the Board have now been met.

86. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board of Trustees give final approval for the Crescent Heights High School field trip to Italy and Spain for the period March 30 to April 9, 2015.

CARRIED

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. District Council of School Councils

Minutes of the District Council of School Councils meeting held on January 14, 2015 were attached for information.

87. Ms. Forbes

THAT the minutes be accepted for information.

CARRIED

2. Medicine Hat Public Schools' Education Foundation

Minutes of the Medicine Hat Public Schools' Education Foundation meeting held on January 28, 2015 were attached.

88. Mr. Massini

THAT the minutes be accepted for information.

CARRIED

3. Coordinating Committee

Minutes of the Coordinating Committee meeting held on February 2, 2015 were attached for information.

89. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the minutes be accepted for information.

CARRIED

VIII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. School Visit Reports

As part of the Board's goal of "Putting the Public Back into Public Education" trustees are visiting schools. This is a chance to share the governance perceptions from trustees in this goal.

Mr. Riley attended the CHHS *All Shook Up* performance.

Mrs. Wilson Fraser attended the CHHS *All Shook Up* performance, as well as the River Heights School Valentine's Day luncheon.

Mr. Massini attended the Ross Glen School Parent Council Meeting, the Buck Institute Session around problem based learning and the Innovations Day at Webster Niblock School.

2. Medicine Hat Public Schools' Education Foundation Telethon

The Medicine Hat Public Schools' Education Foundation Telethon is scheduled for Sunday, March 8, 2015 at Crescent Heights High School from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

3. ECMap Final Report

A final report has been released by the Early Child Development Mapping Project report providing an overview of the work done and recommendations for improving early childhood development outcomes in the province. The report can be accessed on the ECMap website at www.ecmap.ca.

4. Board Leadership Southeast Alberta Workshop

The Medicine Hat Chamber of Commerce is hosting a session on Board Leadership Southeast Alberta for interested individuals. The session will be held on March 21, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Esplanade Arts and Heritage Centre.

IX. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

90. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 6:58 p.m.

X. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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

91. Mr. Massini

THAT Property Item #2015-01 be approved, as discussed.

CARRIED

XII. ADJOURNMENT

92. Mr. Massini

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER