

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD IN THE **BOARD ROOM** IN THE **SCHOOL DIVISION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE** ON **TUESDAY**
MARCH 26, 2024 AT 3:13 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Catherine Wilson, Pat Grisonich Deborah Forbes, Rick Massini,
Yvonne Sissons

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mark Davidson, Superintendent of Schools
Leanne Dulle, Secretary Treasurer
Tracy Hensel, Associate Superintendent: Student Services
Corey Sadlemyer, Associate Superintendent: Learning

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Jason Peters, Associate Superintendent: Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Krasilowez, Communications Manager
Cody Edwards, Director of Student Programming
Carla Carrier, Director of Student Learning
Sonak Saha, Student Delegate, MHHS
Aryanna Rowinski, Student Delegate, MHHS
Madison Zilke, Student Delegate, MHHS
Andrea Perez, Student Delegate, MHHS
Mike Canadine, Teacher and Off-Campus Coordinator, CHHS
Darren Klein, Teacher and Off-Campus Coordinator, MHHS
Kelly Pitman, Off-Campus Education Consultant
Darrell Willier, First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Coordinator
Shirley Boomer, First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Support Worker
Courtney Lagasse, First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Support Worker
Melanie Cardinal, First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Support Worker

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Marley Steinwandt

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:13 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

65. D. Forbes **THAT** the Board move to Committee of the Whole to discuss certain confidential matters.

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 3:13 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. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT DELEGATES

The Board of Trustees welcomes Medicine Hat High School student delegates: Sonak Saha, Aryanna Rowinski, Madison Zilke, Andrea Perez.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

66. P. Grisonich

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole meetings held on held on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024, and Tuesday, March 12, 2024.**

67. Y. Sissons

THAT the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole meetings held on held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, and Tuesday, March 12, 2024, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Congratulations to Division Students

Medicine Hat Public School Division is incredibly proud of Medicine Hat High School students Malak Ali and Fatema Riaz. Malak scored 100% on the Physics 30 Diploma Exam and Fatema scored 100% on the Biology 30 Diploma Exam.

Both students and their families were present to receive recognition of this accomplishment.

2. MHPSD Careers Team

Our team of off campus coordinator and work experience teachers will share with the board the work that is being done to support career education and opportunities across the grades in MHPSD.

Associate Superintendent Sadlemyer shared statistics highlighting that most students graduating from our high schools will not attend university. The work of this team is

focused on introducing kids, parents and teachers to career pathways available to our students.

Introducing students to potential careers in Grade 7 and earlier will help them explore and understand opportunities available. Students in Grade 9 will have time following their final exams to complete prerequisites required for the Work Experience program. Grade 10 students can pursue different pathways to introduce themselves to the trades and potential careers.

The team has been working to establish connections with post-secondary institutions and local businesses to provide opportunities and hands on training for students. Starting in Grade 10, students can enroll in the Registered Apprentices Program (RAP) and start accumulating hours towards becoming a Journeyman. Dual Credit programs allow students in high school to access to over 70 post-secondary courses at no fee. The courses award high school and post-secondary credits while exposing students to programs of interest to them.

7:06 p.m. M. Canadine, D. Klein and K. Pitman left the meeting.

Suspended: 7:06 p.m.

Resumed: 7:12 p.m.

7:12 p.m. D. Willier, S. Boomer, C. Lagasse and M. Cardinal joined the meeting.

3. First Nation Métis and Inuit Team

The First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Team presented and highlighted a range of programs offered to MHPSD students, schools, and families. This includes the inaugural Kiskihkeyimowin week-long cultural event hosted at the Medicine Hat College. The FNMI team continues to share what they have learned and the successes observed with the broader educational community at multiple conferences. Together, we can advance Truth and Reconciliation through staff and student understanding of Indigenous perspectives and the application of foundational knowledge.

The FNMI team includes Darryl, Shirley, Courtney and Melanie who work with our schools directly. Since introduction of this program in 2018 the number of students identifying as FNMI has nearly doubled. The ratio of FNMI students graduating at both high schools has also increased drastically from last year. Students wanted representation of their culture during graduation ceremonies and a student suggested a beaded tassel or chord. Chords are made with glass beads by a group of elder women in the community, taking approximately 5 hours to make each one.

The team has made 36 classroom presentations that are based in curriculum and response from students is positive. In addition to presentations made in classrooms and conferences, the team hosted Emma Morrison, Miss Canada as a guest speaker at some of our schools. Kiskihkeyimowin, following its success last year, is scheduled for May 6-10 at Medicine Hat College with students in Grade 4 and 10 taking part.

Darryl shared his appreciation for the support that his team has received to make this program as successful as it is.

The Board expressed their admiration for this team and the amazing work they have done. Following this team's presentation at the Canadian School Board Association Conference in Banff members of the Board received glowing feedback from their peers. They appreciate the work being done in our schools to support students and their families.

7:55 p.m. D. Willier, S. Boomer, C. Lagasse and M. Cardinal left the meeting.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You Cards from Division Students

Felicity Davies-Kelly sent correspondence expressing appreciation for being awarded the Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship.

X. RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week

Medicine Hat public School Division is proud to recognize our substitute staff for Substitute Teacher Appreciation week March 11-15, 2024.

2. 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 Tanisha Preston who teaches at Southview School as our 2024 nominee for the Edwin Parr Award. Congratulations!

XI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Capital Plan

The Three-Year Capital Plan for 2025-2028 was presented to the Board for approval.

68. R. Massini

THAT the Board approve the Three-Year Capital Plan for 2025-2028, as presented.

CARRIED

The motion is carried with Trustee Grisonich, Massini, Sissons and Wilson voting in favour and Trustee Forbes voting against.

XII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Division Council of School Council

The Division Council of School Council held their meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2024. The meeting minutes are enclosed for information.

XIII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. School Art Exhibition

Here are the dates for the School Art Exhibition and Awards Ceremony:

- School Art Exhibition: March 23 - June 8, 2024, at the Esplanade
- School Art 2024 Reception and Awards Ceremony: May 12, 2024, 1:30 p.m. at the Esplanade

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

69. D. Forbes

THAT the Board approve Personnel Item #2024-01, as presented.

CARRIED

XV. ADJOURNMENT

70. P. Grisonich

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER