

Medicine Hat Public School Division

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COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Members:	Doug Ashmore	Cassandra Silver
	Lyle Cunningham – n/a	Mark Davidson
	Carolyn Freeman	Boris Grisonich
	Tracy Hensel	Jerry Labossiere
	Aaron Myradon	Jason Peters – n/a
	Jan Petersen	Corey Sadlemyer
	Cheryl Scholly	Sharon Stolz – n/a
	Richelle Thomas	

Date and Time: Monday, December 2, 2019 1:30 to 3:30**Location:** Par 3 Upstairs Boardroom – 90 Gehring Road**CALL TO ORDER****1. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION****Teachers' Voice Update**

The past teachers' voice meeting had a lot of conversations that were connected to the budget. The next teachers' voice meeting will focus directly on the budget for the purpose of gathering feedback on what programming the schools want to protect.

Family Voice

The goal of the family voice is to increase communication between school communities and the Board of Trustees. Trustees will seek questions and/or ideas for consideration such as budget and Division priorities. Outcomes will then be shared with administrators, coordinating committee and at the subsequent council of school council meetings.

Budget Update

The letter from Board Chair, Massini was enclosed and discussed. The new government budget will have a significant impact on schools. Our school Division has a \$2.4M shortfall this year that will be covered by reserve funds, however, next year the shortfall will be \$3.8M. The Board plans to seek feedback in order to focus on the priorities of our staff and families.

Wellness Updates

Tracy Hensel provided an update. Desirea Agar, Alberta Health Services, has been working with our Division on the rethinking recess initiative along with the health champions (for students) and the wellness champions (for staff).

Desirea has also started attending the Division Council of School Council meetings.

It was suggested to provide an update to the Board of Trustees on the Wellness initiatives planned or currently underway within our schools.

2. POLICY & PROCEDURE REVISIONS

Mark Davidson discussed revisions to the social media procedures that were shared with the Committee.

- AP 530 P 004: Social Media Guidelines-Division,
- AP 530 P 005: Social Media Guidelines-Schools,
- AP 530 P 006: Social Media Guidelines-School Councils and

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- AP 530 P 008: Advertising in and Through Schools

The definition of social media will be added to 530 P 004 to be consistent with 530 P 005 and 530 P 006. In 530 P 004 under procedures #4.4, the last sentence was requested to be rephrased to include "Division or the Board."

There were no further updates recommended to the social media procedures.

Discussion ensued regarding potential guidelines for requests to advertise on digital school signs. Mark will bring this to the Board's attention for consideration.

Jerry Labossiere discussed the revisions to the following Board policies. Most updates were made because of changes outlined in the Education Act.

- Policy 206: Regular Board Meetings
- Policy 206.1: Public Participation at Board Meetings
- Policy 206.2: Meetings of Committee of the Whole
- Policy 206.3: Special Board Meetings
- Policy 206.4: Minutes of Board Meetings (replaces 206 P 001: Minutes of Meetings rescind)

The guidelines #11 in policy 206 to be updated to mirror 206.3 guidelines #10. For the remaining policies there were no further updates recommended.

- Policy 208: Board Committee and Policy 208.1: Audit Committee

Policy 208 was revised and 208.1 was newly drafted to include the addition of two members of the general public to Audit Committees as per the Education Act. No further updates recommended.

- AP 602 P 001: School Admission

Tracy Hensel provided the committee with the updates to this procedure. The change was made to align with the Education Act and #4 and #5 were removed as programming / testing is all handled by administrators at the schools.

3. ATA

The ATA Local is promoting a blood drive competition on March 3 and 4, 2020. Each school and central office is encouraged to submit a team.

4. OTHER

ATA and executive would like to survey staff and the school community to gain clarity on school and system priorities for budget consideration.

Ideas were discussed on the consideration of language and social barriers, the most effective ways of sharing information and how to stay positive.

The Division plans to gather this information through teachers' voice, family voice, meeting with support staff and potentially sharing a survey with community and staff.

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Future Meeting Dates:

February 3, 2020

March 30, 2020

May 25, 2020