



MEDICINE HAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76

REGULAR MEETING

A G E N D A

Tuesday, November 25, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on **Tuesday, October 21, 2014**, Regular Board meeting held on **Tuesday, October 21, 2014**, Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, October 21, 2014** and **Tuesday, November 4, 2014**, and Special Meeting held on **Tuesday, November 4, 2014**.

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III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you cards from District students re: Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

Jessica Schmitt
Melanie Fischer
Bretonnie Gillis
John Berger
Sally Zhou
Alyssa Fu

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2. Thank you card from District students re: Woollven Family Scholarship

Kate Olechowski
Jayden Smith

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3. Thank you card from Jordan Flaig re: Harry Fefferman Scholarship

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4. Copy of letter dated October 20, 2014, from Gordon Dirks, Minister of Education, to Mr. Terry Riley, Board Chair, re: faith-based alternative programs

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5. Copy of letter dated October 23, 2014, to Mayor Ted Clugston from Terry Riley, Chair, re: meeting

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6. Copy of letter dated October 22, 2014, to Premier Prentice from Terry Riley, Chair, re: thank you for school in Ranchlands

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7. Copy of letters dated October 22, 2014, to Minister of Education and Minister of Infrastructure from Terry Riley, Chair, re: thank you for attending the Grand Opening of the Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre

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8. Copy of letter dated October 24, 2014 to Mr. Terry Riley, Chair, from Minister Bhullar, Infrastructure, re: thank you

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9. Copy of letter dated November 6, 2014 from City of Medicine Hat Council, re: meeting

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IV. RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. McMan REAL Program

Blue Sky Music made a donation to McMan REAL Program with which they purchased 4 keyboards. A piano/keyboard teacher will be going into the school each week to give the students a lesson. The students are very excited about this new program and opportunity.

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2. **Young Mom's Program**

Students in the Young Mom's Program have been volunteering their time reading to students at Webster Niblock School.

Connaught School has donated boxes of books to the Young Mom's Program for their children. Students each picked 10 books to take home to read to their own children and to create a library in their home.

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3. **ATA Inductees**

Congratulations to all teachers inducted to the Alberta Teachers' Association Local No. 1 on November 3, 2014. We are very pleased to have these teachers in our District.

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4. **Remembrance Day Ceremonies**

Many of the schools held Remembrance Day ceremonies. We would like to extend our appreciation to the staff for helping the students recognize the importance of this day.

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5. **WE Day**

A special thank you is extended to our staff for their commitment and support of WE Day on November 3rd. The students had an incredible experience due to this commitment.

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6. **United Way Donation to Elm Street School**

The District expresses its appreciation to the United Way for the donation of \$20,000 for the greenhouse repair at Elm Street School.

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7. **Rangeland Football**

Congratulations to Medicine Hat High School and Crescent Heights High School for competing in the Rangeland Football league finals this year. Medicine Hat High School ended up winning a very good game. It is a celebration of the commitment of staff and students.

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8. **Sports Involvement**

Congratulations are extended to the many students and staff who were involved in the sports programs this fall. These activities help students set goals, gain an understanding of teamwork and gain confidence. Thanks to all those involved!

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9. **7 Habits**

Congratulations to one staff member, Maria Thompson, 5 students from Crestwood School and one student from Medicine Hat High School who recently attended a book tour for the release of the 2nd Edition of the "Leader in Me". The staff and students were highlighted at the event and clearly their depth of understanding and capacity to live the 7 Habits was very evident. Thank you for representing our District so well.

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V. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Japanese Exchange**

Mr. Glen Mori, teacher at Medicine Hat High School, will make a presentation to the Board on the highlights of the Japanese Exchange trip in July.

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2. **Early Learning Update**

Medicine Hat School District No. 76 has increased the number of Early Learning Programs and is moving toward the goal of having one in each of our elementary schools. Early learning is a foundational piece in achieving the vision of an educated Albertan in 2030 as engaged thinkers and ethical citizens with an entrepreneurial spirit.

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3. **Achievement Test/Diploma Exams 2013-2014 Results**

The Achievement Test and Diploma Exam results are reviewed each year.

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4. **Curriculum Redesign Update**

The District continues its participation in the curriculum prototyping project with the Calgary Board of Education Consortium. An update will be provided regarding curriculum redesign in Alberta and the work with the consortium.

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VI. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

1. **Annual Education Results Report and Education Plan**

The District has been provided flexibility in the submission of the District's results and annual plan.

It is recommended that the Board approve the Annual Education Results Report and Three-Year Education Plan, subject to the Audited Financial Statement being approved by the Board.

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2. Audited Financial Statement

An external audit is required on an annual basis. The Board's appointed auditors, JMH & Co., have completed their audit of the financial results for the year ending August 31, 2014.

The enclosed Audited Financial Statements are hereby presented to the Board for their review and adoption as the official financial results for the year ending August 31, 2014.

It is recommended that the Board officially approve the enclosed Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2014.

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3. Budget 2014-2015 – Fall Update

As is required by Alberta Education, a fall update to the Budget is presented to the Board. This update is intended to reflect any changes from the Spring Budget including changes to student enrollments, grants and other pertinent information.

It should be noted that the Budget reflects a balanced budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

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4. Committee Appointments

Mr. Terry Riley, Board Chair, will present recommended appointments to the Board Standing Committees.

It is recommended that the Board approve Committee appointments as per the Chair's recommendation.

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5. Letter of Appreciation

Dr. Ken Sauer and Dr. Larry Henderson were founding members of the Medicine Hat Public School's Education Foundation. Additionally, they have contributed countless hours while serving on many committees for the District Foundation.

It is recommended that the Board approve letters of appreciation, along with a token of our appreciation, to be sent from the Board Chair to Dr. Sauer and Dr. Henderson expressing our appreciation for their contribution to the Medicine Hat Public School's Education Foundation.

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VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. School Visit Reports

As part of the Board's goal of "Putting the Public Back into Public Education" trustees were visiting one school each year for the next three years. This is a chance to share the governance perceptions from trustees in this goal.

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2. Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 6 Meeting

The ASBA Zone 6 General Meeting was held on November 12, 2014. An update will be provided at the meeting.

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3. Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Conference

The ASBA Conference and FGM was held on November 16-18, 2014. An overview will be shared at the meeting.

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4. National School Boards Association (NSBA) Conference

The annual NSBA conference will be held on March 21-23, 2015 in Nashville, Tennessee. The Conference Schedule is available on the website - <http://www.nsba.org/conference> . Registration is now open and accommodations can be arranged only after registration is completed.

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5. Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Congress

The annual CSBA Congress will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on July 2 to 4, 2015. The CSBA Congress is a chance to meet and share with other trustees from across the country. As further information becomes available, conference details will be posted on the CSBA website www.cdnsba.org.

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6. Drama/Musical Presentations

a) Crescent Heights High School

Crescent Heights High School has planned two musical/drama productions this school year.

Get Smart - a Comedy Play Theatre Arts Class Production will run from November 25-28, 2014.

All Shook Up - a Musical School Wide Production will run from February 4-13, 2015.

b) Medicine Hat High School

Medicine Hat High School has planned four musical/drama productions this school year.

Big Fish (Musical) – December 11-14 and 16-19

SKETCHlock on February 27

Pilot Lights Theatre Festival – April 21-23, 2015

William Shakespeare's Land of the Dead – June 4-6, 2015

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VIII. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It is recommended that the Board move to Committee of the Whole to discuss certain confidential matters.

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IX. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT