

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 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mr. Rick Massini, Mrs. Catherine Wilson Fraser, Ms. Deborah Forbes, Mrs. Carolyn Freeman, Mr. Terry Riley (via teleconference)

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. Mark Davidson, Superintendent
Mr. Lyle Cunningham, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Tracy Hensel, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Heather McCaig, Teacher, CHHS
Miss Raylee Burnett, Student, CHHS
Miss Aliana Zeigler, Student, CHHS
Mr. Aiden Burnett, Student, CHHS
Mr. Wayne Zeigler, Parent, CHHS
Ms. Nadia Delanoy, Director of Programs and Instruction

CHAIR: Mr. Rick Massini

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Angie Lesko

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions under:

- Recognitions and Accomplishments
2. *"Chinook and Winter"* by Rhonda Hunter
3. Wrestling

120. Mrs. Freeman **THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Special Board meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 and the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 and April 4, 2017.

121. Ms. Forbes **THAT** the Minutes of the Special Board meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 and the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 and April 4, 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you card from Jordan Dewever re: Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

IV. RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Shane Goldie, Student at Crescent Heights High School

Shane Goldie, student at Crescent Heights High School, has been selected to participate in this year's MLA for a Day which will be held May 7-9, 2017 at the Alberta Legislature in Edmonton.

2. "Chinook and Winter" by Rhonda Hunter

Congratulations to Rhonda Hunter on the recent publication of her book entitled "*Chinook and Winter*".

3. Wrestling

The MHHS Wrestling team was commended for their great success and for promoting wrestling at a number of the District elementary schools.

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. Crescent Heights High School Presentation: Trip to New York City

Crescent Heights High School students travelled to New York City on April 2, 2017 to April 6, 2017.

Ms. McCaig and her students were present to share the educational highlights of their trip.

2. District Focus Update

Ms. Delanoy provided an update on District assessment work and the three year journey to outcome based assessment. She indicated that moving to an outcome based focus will assist the District in terms of articulating engagement and academic progression. The District is exploring the Power Teacher Pro platform and how it can be optimized at a District and school level and is also doing Portfolio piloting.

The outcome based focus helps students to understand and see evidence of what is to be learned and what the learning process may look

like. Additionally students and teachers have a common language around learning, outcomes, toolkits, etc. Outcomes are visible in the classroom, on projects, assessment and instructional processes.

The District will continue working with schools in the areas of instructional development, best practice and assessment.

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Crescent Heights High School Final Approval Request: Field Trip to Chicago

At the October 11, 2016 Regular Board 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.

122. Mr. Riley

THAT the Board of Trustees give final approval for the Crescent Heights High School field trip to Chicago for the period May 17, 2017 to May 22, 2017.

CARRIED

2. Policy / Procedures: April 3, 2017 Coordinating Committee Meeting

The Coordinating Committee has recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the following Policies:

- a) **Policy 210.1 Delegation of Authority Regarding Special Education Placement**
This policy is newly drafted.

123. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT Policy 210.1 Delegation of Authority Regarding Special Education Placement be approved as presented.

CARRIED

- b) **Policy 510 Selection Assignment and Evaluation of Professional Staff**
This policy has been updated at the Board's request (track changes).

- c) **Policy 545 Transfer of Professional Staff**
This policy has been updated at the request of the Board. Policy 210 was reviewed prior to the approval of Policy 545.

Administrative Procedure 516 P 001 – Filling Administrative Appointments was approved by the Coordinating Committee and was included for reference.

Discussion ensued regarding Policy 510 and Policy 545 and Administrative Procedure 516 P 001 and the following motions were presented:

124. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT a trustee be appointed to the selection committee for principals and that the Board direct the Superintendent to adjust policies to include a trustee in the hiring of principals.

125. Mrs. Freeman

THAT Policy 516 be sent to the Coordinating Committee for review to create better alignment with the new revisions to the administrative procedure.

Further discussion ensued and the following privileged motion was presented:

126. Mr. Riley

THAT discussion on the remaining two policies and the administrative procedure and the related motions be postponed to the next Closed Conference meeting.

CARRIED

3. Student Voice Conference

Trustee Massini asked the Board to approve up to \$500 to cover District participation in the *Student Voice Conference* in Red Deer this June. PSBAA will cover all costs other than transportation.

127. Ms. Forbes

THAT the Board approve up to \$500 to cover District participation in the *Student Voice Conference* in Red Deer in June 2017.

CARRIED

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. National School Boards Association Conference

On March 25 to 27, 2017, Mr. Massini, Mrs. Wilson Fraser and Mr. Davidson attended the NSBA Annual Conference in Denver.

Mr. Massini stated that he attended some sessions that were extremely valuable. One session stressed the importance of highly effective communication.

He indicated that he will meet with Mrs. Wilson Fraser to look at how the Board might improve in this area. Information gathered at that meeting will be brought back to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Massini also suggested that the Board should come up with a more effective method of addressing trustee assessment and Board evaluation. Mr. Massini and Mrs. Freeman will meet to discuss this matter and will bring information back to the Board for review.

2. Coordinating Committee

Minutes of the Coordinating Committee meeting held on April 3, 2017 were attached.

128. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Coordinating Committee minutes be accepted for information.

CARRIED

3. Public School Board Council

A report was provided from those who attended the PSBC meeting on April 12, 2017.

VIII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. School Visit Reports

As part of the Board's goal of "*Putting the Public Back into Public Education*" Trustees reported on their activities since the previous meeting.

Mrs. Freeman attended the Elm Street School Learning Exchange, as well as the District Learning Exchange at Higdon Hall and the District Council of School Councils meeting.

Mrs. Wilson Fraser attended School Council meetings at CHHS and Medicine Hat Christian School.

Ms. Forbes attended the Elm Street School Learning Exchange, as well as the District Learning Exchange at Higdon Hall and the School Council meeting at Crestwood School.

Mr. Riley attended the School Council meeting at Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre.

Mr. Massini attended a student presentation at CHHS, as well as a planning meeting for the grand opening of Dr. Ken Sauer School.

2. Report on Policy 622 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity: Consultation

Mrs. Freeman has gathered feedback for the School Councils regarding Policy 622. A District Council of School Councils meeting was held on Monday, April 3, 2017 to discuss the feedback and any proposed changes to Policy 622.

A report submitted by Mrs. Freeman indicated that overall the general consensus is that Policy 622 is welcoming and ensures the safety and confidentiality of students.

129. Ms. Forbes

THAT the report be received for information.

CARRIED

IX. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

130. 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 8:17 p.m.

X. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 8:58 p.m.

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

131. Ms. Forbes

THAT the Board authorize the Secretary Treasurer to proceed with Property Matter #2017-01, as discussed.

CARRIED

132. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board proceed with Property Matter #2017-02, as discussed.

CARRIED

133. Mr. Riley

THAT the Board approve Personnel Matter # 2017-04, as discussed.

CARRIED

XII. ADJOURNMENT

134. Mr. Wilson Fraser

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER