

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MEDICINE HAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76 HELD IN THE TEMPORARY BOARD ROOM IN MEDICINE HAT HIGH SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016 AT 7:15 P.M.

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mrs. Sherri Fedor, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Boris Grisonich, Acting Associate Superintendent
Mr. Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer

OFFICIALS ABSENT Mr. Lyle Cunningham, Acting Superintendent of Schools

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Lori Frelick, Project Facilitator, HUGS/My Place
Mrs. Jackie Sehn, Director of Student Services

CHAIR: Mr. Terry Riley

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Rita Olsen

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addition under:

Items for Action

4. Change in February Meeting

52. Mrs. Wilson Fraser **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, December 15, 2015 and Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

53. Ms. Forbes **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 and Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you card from Cameron Simmonds re: Waseem Bhatti Memorial Scholarship

IV. PRESENTATIONS

1. Mental Health Capacity Building Projects

Information was shared regarding the focus of the HUG and MYPlace projects over the past year. Some highlights included self-care sessions for the District staff, which included Laugh Yoga and a juice and

smoothie in-service. In June HUG and MyPlace sponsored *Park after Dark* showing *An American Tail*. Many programs ran over the summer with great success at no cost to families.

Fresh Starts to Schools 2015 was a first time project with a focus to provide complimentary items and information to families on how to connect with community supports. Additionally, students had an opportunity to access free haircuts.

Other highlights included World Suicide Prevention Day, Mental Illness Awareness Week, November Family Night, Tri-District Capacity Building, Southeast Regional Guidance Council presentation, January Family Night, and Ways to Wellness.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. CHHS Field Trip Request to New York City

At the May 19, 2015 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.

THAT the Board of Trustees give final approval for the Crescent Heights High School field trip to New York City for the period March 6 - March 10, 2016.

CARRIED

2. CHHS Field Trip Request to New York City

Ms. Jennifer Davies, teacher at Crescent Heights High School, is requesting permission for students from Crescent Heights High School to travel to New York City on March 29 – April 5, 2016. A Field Trip request form was attached.

It was recommended that the Board approve, in principle, a field trip for students from Crescent Heights High School to travel to New York City for the period March 29 – April 5, 2016, subject to the following conditions:

- a] that the Secretary-Treasurer's Department give initial approval to the destination and that the submitted itinerary be approved;
- b] that the District's Student Waiver Forms be signed by all parents;
- c] that there be no cost to the Board, other than the cost of substitute teachers for approved supervising teachers traveling on the Field Trip;
- d] that any adults participating in the trip who are not designated supervisors be informed and sign a

release that the Board does not accept any responsibility (liability or otherwise) as a result of their participation;

- e] that all students and designated chaperones are required to obtain the School District Travel Insurance (medical, trip cancellation/interruption and baggage).
- f] that criminal record checks be obtained for parent supervisors (non-district personnel);
- g] that the Principal/Teacher responsible continue to monitor and keep track of the travel advisories and ensure that students and parents are aware that the trip could be cancelled;
- h] that the Principal/Teacher comply with all criteria set out in Policy 743 and the International Travel Guidelines;
- i] that a letter be signed by each parent granting permission for their child to travel out-of-the-country with another specifically named adult;
- j] that each student be in possession of a passport, valid for at least six months beyond the expected return date;
- k] that each parent be given a copy of the letter from the Superintendent, re: measles immunization.

55. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board approve, in principle, a field trip for students from Crescent Heights Hat High School to travel to New York City for the period March 29 – April 5, 2016, subject to the conditions specified.

CARRIED

3. Edwin Parr Interviews

The Board is responsible for selecting an Edwin Parr nominee to represent Medicine Hat School District No. 76 at the Zone 6 selection process.

Consideration was given to interviews being done by staff rather than the Board.

56. Mr. Massini

THAT the Board give the responsibility for selecting an Edwin Parr nominee to a selection committee made up of senior administrators rather than the trustees.

DEFEATED

57. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the Board establish a meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 starting at 3:00 to 4:45 p.m. and resuming at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of selecting the representative for Medicine Hat School District No. 76.

CARRIED

4. Change in February Meeting

The Board was asked to consider an alternate Board meeting date for February due to the fact that the Regular scheduled Board meeting is during Teachers' Convention Week.

58. Mr. Massini

THAT the February 16, 2016 meeting be moved to February 23, 2016.

CARRIED

VI. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Board/Administrators' Planning Session

The Board/Administrators' Planning Session is scheduled for January 28 & 29, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Family Leisure Centre.

2. MHHS Drama Production

Medicine Hat High School students are presenting the drama production, *The Wedding Singer*, evenings at 8:00 p.m. on February 4-7 and 9-12 and Student Matinees Series on February 2, 3 and 8 at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are available on the *TIXX.ca* website.

3. CHHS Drama Production

Crescent Heights High School drama production is *The Adams Family*, running evenings at 7:00 p.m. from February 2-12 and a matinee show on February 9 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at CHHS and at *www.chhsweb.ca*.

4. Teachers' Convention

Tim Johnson, Chair of the Southeast Alberta Teachers' Convention, has sent an invitation for the upcoming Teachers' Convention on February 18 & 19, 2016.

VII. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

59. 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 8:25 p.m.

VIII. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 9:36 p.m.

60. Mr. Massini

CARRIED

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

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 10:39 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER