



MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPERATING AS MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

REGULAR MEETING
VIA ZOOM

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020 - 5:30 P.M.

A G E N D A

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

RM

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

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.

RM

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

VI. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020** and **Tuesday, May 12, 2020** and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020** and **Tuesday, May 12, 2020**.

RM

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Optimal Learning Environments and COVID-19

An overview of the work of Optimal Learning Consultants prior to, and in response to COVID-19.

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2. Circle of Security

To support Family Oriented Programming in the early years we have invested in training staff and began providing Circle of Security training to our parents.

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security® Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

A reflection on the training and parenting sessions provided over the last two years along with the plan to increase facilitation in the future will be shared.

TH/JS

3. Kindergarten and Play & Learn

We believe in the importance of building a solid foundation in the early years. To enhance our half day kindergarten program, we offered an optional, part time, Play & Learn program for kindergarten aged children during the 2019-2020 school year. This allowed all children the option to receive a full day of programming to engage in holistic play-based activities through exploration and problem solving to develop literacy skills and physical well-being in an inclusive environment.

A reflection of what worked well, what we learned and the plan for Play & Learn moving forward will be shared.

TH/JS

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Budget 2020-21 Spring Release

As per the Education Act the Board is presented in May with a budget proposal for the upcoming school year. The Spring Release is built on best estimates available at the time. An update will be provided in the fall on actual student numbers.

It should be noted that the budget is in a balanced position for 2020-21. We present the plan to the Board for consideration and approval.

JL

Forthcoming Enclosure

2. Policies

Policies 300 and 626 have been reviewed and revised to align with current practices. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the following Policies:

- a) Policy 300: Emergency Preparedness
- b) Policy 626: Administration of Medical Care

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3. Extension of Locally Developed Courses

Request to extend the authorization of the following locally developed high school courses for one year:

- Forensic Science Studies 35-5 expires August 2021
- Forensic Studies 25-3; 35-3 expires August 2021
- Musical Theatre 15-5; 25-5; 35-5 expires August 2021

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the extension of the high school courses for the 2020-2021 school year.

One-year extension and authorization due to Provincial response to the COVID-19 impact of course renewal process.

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4. Locally Developed Course Authorization

Request to authorize the acquired locally developed high school course from the Northern Lights School Division:

- Class V Driver Training 35-5 expires August 2021

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the high school course for the 2020-2021 school year.

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IX. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Division Council of School Council

Minutes of the May 14, 2020 Division Council of School Council meeting are attached for information.

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2. Coordinating Committee

Minutes of the May 11, 2020 Coordinating Committee meeting are attached for information.

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT