

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD VIA ZOOM ON **TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021** AT 3:03 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Rick Massini, Catherine Wilson, Deborah Forbes, Carolyn Freeman, Celina Symmonds

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mark Davidson, Superintendent of Schools
Lyle Cunningham, Deputy Superintendent
Tracy Hensel, Associate Superintendent
Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer
Jason Peters, Assistant Superintendent
Corey Sadlemyer, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Mullis, Program Coordinator, Medicine Hat & District Food Bank
Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Angie Lesko

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

99. C. Freeman

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

CARRIED

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 5:31 p.m.

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.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

100. D. Forbes

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VI. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 and Tuesday, June 8, 2021 and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 and Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

101. R. Massini

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 and Tuesday, June 8, 2021 and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 and Tuesday, June 8, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VII. PRESENTATION

1. Medicine Hat & District Food Bank

Melissa Mullis, Program Coordinator, provided an overview of the Brown Bag Lunch Program, which has been feeding children in our community since 2014. The Brown Bag Lunch Program is supported through partnerships with MHPSD and other jurisdictions, working together to give children access to proper nutrition.

In 2020 the program adjusted to meet the needs of our community during the pandemic. When students were learning from home over the winter months, the food bank created an at-home delivery/pick up program where families could register on-line to receive a weekly lunch kit. Upon returning to in person learning, the Food Bank continued to offer delivery/pickup of weekly lunch kits.

In addition, the Brown Bag Lunch Program will continue to provide lunches to families over the summer.

The Medicine Hat & District Food Bank recently bought the firehall on Maple Avenue and will bring the community together around food, offering cooking instruction while building relationships.

6:00 p.m. M. Mullis left the meeting

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from the Medical Officer of Health

Dr. Vivien Suttorp, MD, MPH, CCFP, FCFP, CCPE, Medical Officer of Health, Alberta Health Services, South Zone sent a letter expressing appreciation to

School Divisions, Superintendents and School Leadership on behalf of Alberta Health Services Public Health.

IX. RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Darrell Willier, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Coordinator

Mr. Willier was congratulated on behalf of the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta for being nominated for the award; *Promoting and Advancing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada as it relates to education in Alberta.*

X. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. 2021-2022 School Fees

As per Administrative Procedure 628 P 001, the fees that require Board approval prior to application were presented.

102. C. Symmonds

THAT the Board approve the 2021-2022 School Fees, as presented.

CARRIED

2. Medicine Hat High School Logos

Medicine Hat High School is proposing new logos and is seeking Board approval. As per *Policy 210.2: Team Names, Logos, Colours and Mascots* it is recommended that the Board approve Medicine Hat High School's logos as presented.

103. R. Massini

THAT the Board approve the new logos for Medicine Hat High School, as presented.

CARRIED

3. New School for 2021-2022

The School Division has run an on-line option for students during the 2020-21 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program was well received with 448 registered students. For 2021-22 there are 104 students that wish to continue with the format and another 145 possibly interested.

Administration feels that this could be an emerging delivery format and would like to apply for a permanent school code.

The Board was asked to approve the creation and registration of this school. The interim school name would be *The Hub: Online Community School*. A permanent name will be determined once the Board has had the opportunity to review *Policy 210: School and Facility Naming* to consider the process for the naming of a virtual school.

104. D. Forbes

THAT the Board approve the creation and registration of a new Kindergarten to Grade 9 virtual school, with an interim school name of *The Hub: Online Community School*, commencing for the 2021-2022 school year.

CARRIED

XI. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Public School Boards' Association of Alberta: Spring General Assembly

Rick Massini and Mark Davidson attended the Public School Boards' Association virtual spring general assembly on June 3 and 4, 2021.

School Council members were invited to join this 2-day event as well. The Board would like to thank Joni Hunter, Chair of Elm Street School Council and Karen Saffran, Chair of Crescent Heights High School Council for attending.

2. Alberta School Boards' Association: Spring General Meeting

Trustees attended the Alberta School Boards' Association business session and Professional Development Session that were held virtually on June 7 and 8, 2021.

3. The CASSA and CSBA Virtual Conference

The CASSA and CSBA virtual conference will be held on July 7 to 9, 2021. Registration is open. Only one registration per district is required. Information is available on the Annual Conference website.

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

105. C. Symmonds

THAT Personnel Item 2021-03 be approved, effective September 1, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

106. C. Freeman

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER