

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD IN THE **BOARD ROOM** IN THE **SCHOOL DIVISION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE** ON **TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023** AT 3:15 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Catherine Wilson, Pat Grisonich, Deborah Forbes, Rick Massini, Yvonne Sissons

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: Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator
Moh Khawja, Medicine Hat High School Student
Myles Siwela, Medicine Hat High School Student
Kendra Boyd, Optimal Learning Coach
Ashley Durbeniuk, Optimal Learning Coach
Marnie Heintz, Optimal Learning Coach
Lisa Mueller, Optimal Learning Coach
Erin Sand, Optimal Learning Coach
Kayla Young, Optimal Learning Coach
Tara Johnson, Vice Principal, Medicine Hat High School
Lindsay Bardahl, Teacher, Medicine Hat High School
Melanie Treen, Teacher, Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre
Tricia Unreiner, Principal, George Davison School

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Marley Steinwandt

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

67. P. Grisonich

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 3:15 p.m.

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 5:33 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. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT DELEGATES

The Board of Trustees welcomes Medicine Hat High School student delegates: Moh Khawja and Myles Siwela.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

68. D. Forbes

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on **Tuesday, March 28, 2023**, and **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**, and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, March 28, 2023**, and **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**.

69. Y. Sissons

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, and Tuesday, April 11, 2023, the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, and Tuesday, April 11, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

IX. PRESENTATION

1. International Trip – New York

Crescent Heights High School Cosmetology Students travelled to New York City from March 3 to March 8, 2023. Teacher and trip organizer Michelle Schneider presented to the Board on their experiences and the educational highlights of the trip.

5:55 p.m. M. Schneider left the meeting

2. Optimal Learning Coach Presentation

Corey Sadlemyer, Carla Carrier and the OLC team along with special guests presented on the impact of the Optimal Learning Environment and Instructional Coaches on administrator, teacher and student growth and success. They modeled impactful instruction and guided participants through small group instruction structure. Using the four processes of the OLE (connect, inquire, reflect, collaborate) they shared teacher and administrator experiences along with data to demonstrate how work with our OLC team around Teacher Clarity and New Curriculum has influenced teacher competence and confidence in the division this year.

Board members, executives, student delegates and meeting attendees were invited to the Grant Henderson Learning Centre for an interactive session with Optimal Learning Coaches and guests. Carla Carrier and the Optimal Learning Coaches shared an overview of their work on curriculum implementation, teacher clarity, literacy and numeracy. Through division and school professional learning sessions, small group coaching and direct coaching the OLCs have reached 100% of the schools with their program.

The room split into groups visited each station to experience hands-on the difference OLC's have made in the classroom. The stations provided perspectives and specific examples from two classroom teachers and two administrators. The level of impact the Optimal Learning Coaches have on our division is overwhelming.

Trustees shared that this presentation provided valuable insight and provided a deeper understanding of the difference these coaches are making in the lives of our staff and students.

7:35 pm OLC team, their guests and C. Carrier left the meeting

XI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee held their meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023. The meeting minutes were enclosed for information.

X. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Alberta School Councils Association Conference and Annual General Meeting

The Alberta School Conference Association held their Conference and Annual General meeting on April 21 to 23, 2023. An update was provided from those that attended.

Though funding was approved to cover costs of six school council members only two attended the conference. Trustees discussed possible barriers to attendance.

2. 402 AP 001 – Delegation of Authority

This administrative procedure has been updated to indicate who the Superintendent has authorization to sign contracts for.

XI. RETURN TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

70. P. Grisonich

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 7:43 p.m.

XII. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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

71. D. Forbes

THAT the Board accept the recommendation for the 2023 Friends of Education Award, as presented.

CARRIED

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

72. P. Grisonich

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER