

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**
JANUARY 23, 2024 AT 3:15 P.M.

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mark Davidson, Superintendent of Schools
Leanne Dulle, Secretary Treasurer
Tracy Hensel, Associate Superintendent: Student Services
Jason Peters, Associate Superintendent: Human Resources
Corey Sadlemyer, Associate Superintendent: Learning

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Krasilowez, Communications Manager
Andrea Perez, Student Delegate, Medicine Hat High School
Sonak Saha, Student Delegate, Medicine Hat High School
Tyson Van Ham, Student Delegate, Medicine Hat High School
Katelynn Standell, Student, Crescent Heights High School
Sarah Scahill, Health and Wellness Manager
Sonya Brown, Health Promotion Facilitator, Alberta Health Services

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

44. 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 5:30 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: Andrea Perez, Sonak Saha and Tyson Van Ham.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

45. Y. Sissons

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole meetings held on held on **Tuesday, December 12, 2023 and Tuesday, January 9, 2024.**

46. P. Grisonich

THAT the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole meetings held on held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 and Tuesday, January 9, 2024, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Katelynn Standell

Grade 10 student, Katelynn Standell, attends Crescent Heights High School. Katelynn shared her experience being involved with the Canada Wide Science Fair (CWSF).

With the help of Student Delegate Andrea Perez, Trustees Forbes and Chair Wilson, Katelynn demonstrated the subject of her project, bacteriophage, and why is so important. Bacteriophage is naturally occurring and effective in treating bacterial infections that have mutated to become antibiotic resistant. Her experiment was focused on trying to find and isolate bacteriophage in nature by testing different sources of water. She was able to find and grow it to test what bacteria they could kill. Once isolated you could work towards the treatment of antimicrobial resistance.

In addition to winning multiple awards at CWSF she is now working at a local research lab, a position typically reserved for post-secondary students. This bright scientist is now working on a new project studying antidepressants and their effect on antimicrobial resistance. She shared that the experience of attending the event was worth far more than any award she won and though she was initially nervous, she made friends quickly and found a community. Katelynn hopes that sharing her experiences will help increase participation in southeast Alberta and show students that there is more to science than you are taught in the classroom.

5:52 p.m. K. Standell left the meeting.

2. Comprehensive School Health

In this presentation, the team shared the transformative impact of Comprehensive School Health (CSH) within our system. This encompasses our division's collaboration with Alberta Health Services and an overview of the CSH framework, emphasizing its alignment with our system's four universal goals. The presenters provided insights from the recent CSHT Kick-Off Professional Development Day and highlighted key findings from the accompanying report, as well as showing how CSH initiatives are put into practice in MHPSD sites.

S. Brown from Alberta Health Services works with S. Scahill and many others from our division to make it a better place for people to live, work and play. Using evidence-based models, Comprehensive School Health is not just about our students but children, teachers, families, and the community. Sarah invited the trustees to participate in an upcoming PD session this spring with the theme of "Wellness...more than a day".

6:15 p.m. S. Scahill and S. Brown left the meeting.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You Cards from Division Students

Several of our students have sent correspondence expressing appreciation for being awarded various scholarships.

Jarom Alcorn	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Brooklynn Blyth	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Eden Boyd	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Meyer Dixon	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Sarah Lewall	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Brianna Martin	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Leah Mason	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Emily Maxwell	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Mia Nielsen	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Josh Nunweiler	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Mason Pocsik	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Noah Scholly	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Ally Sleeking	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Melissa Strobel	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Hannah Thompson	Peter Van Eerde Scholarship
Marlee Jordan	Canadian Parents for French Scholarship
Marlee Jordan	Hub Fish Scholarship

X. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Division Council of School Council

The Division Council of School Councils held a meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2023. The minutes from the meeting were enclosed for reference.

XI. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. 2024 State of the City

The 2024 State of the City was held on Tuesday, January 23, at the Medicine Hat Lodge. Three of our Trustees along with Superintendent Davidson were in attendance from Medicine Hat Public School Division.

2. Southeastern Alberta Teachers' Convention

The Southeastern Alberta Teachers' Convention will be held at the Medicine Hat College on February 22-23, 2024. More information can be found at <https://seatca.atapd.ca/>.

XII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. School Grade Reconfiguration

Administration was seeking motion to initiate consultation processes regarding potential grade reconfigurations at Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre, George Davison School, Webster Niblock School, and Vincent Massey School, to be completed in accordance with Division policy, with recommendations provided to the Board of Trustees no later than ~~23 April~~ 2024 26 March 2024.

This proposal was brought forward by several principals for consideration. The reconfiguration would support creation of positive spaces for students in separate classrooms and gives the opportunity for focused professional learning and collaboration. If approved, families of students at these four schools will be emailed tomorrow with timelines and information on how to provide feedback. Additionally, there will be in person meetings to share information and answer questions.

The board discussed the proposal and is in favour of proceeding with the consultation process.

47. R. Massini

THAT the board initiate the consultation process on grade reconfiguration at Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre, George Davison School, Webster Niblock School and Vincent Massey School.

CARRIED

XIII. RETURN TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

48. Y. Sissons

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 6:38 p.m.

XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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

No action arising.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

49. R. Massini

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER