

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MEDICINE HAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76 HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM IN THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Mr. Rick Massini

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Dr. Grant Henderson, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Sherri Fedor, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Lyle Cunningham, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Keri Gust, Principal, Y School
Ms. Jan Petersen, Teacher, Y School
Mr. Pat Grisonich, Principal, CHHS
Ms. Nadia Delanoy, Director of Programs and Instruction
Mr. Terry Freeman, Director of Programs and Instruction
Mr. Todd Samuelson, Vice Principal, CHHS
Ms. Michelle Hilton, Teacher, CHHS

CHAIR: Mr. Terry Riley

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Angie Lesko

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

103. Ms. Forbes **THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 and Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 and Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

104. Mrs. Freeman **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 and Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 and Tuesday, April 14, 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Copy of letter from Stephen Mandel, Minister of Health, dated March 9, 2015 re: Funding for Help Us Grow and MyPlace Mental Health Capacity Building Projects
2. Copy of letter from Gordon Dirks, Minister of Education, dated March 13, 2015 re: Transfer of Ecole Les Cypres (Central Park School)
3. Copy of letter from Gordon Dirks, Minister of Education, dated March 13, 2015 re: Relocation of two Modular/Portable Classrooms

IV. **RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. **Natosha Mastel and Terry Freeman**

Congratulations to Natosha Mastel and Terry Freeman for their article, *A School's Learning Journey*, published in The Cass Connection, Spring 2015.

2. **Wrestling**

MHHS boys and girls Wrestling teams won the Alberta Rural Provincial gold medals and then Matt Stenhouse went to the Alberta Provincials and won the gold medal in his weight category. Matt has been offered a scholarship to the University of Regina for both football and wrestling.

3. **Mike Rasmusson**

Congratulations to Mike Rasmusson, Community Coach for the Medicine Hat High School JV Boys' Basketball team, who was named coach of the year by the league.

4. **Basketball Season**

MHHS Girls' Basketball

Congratulations to the coaches and players of the Medicine Hat High School Girls' basketball team who won the provincial championship. MHHS Varsity Girls Basketball team went undefeated in 4A Zones playoffs winning gold by beating #1 ranked Cardston and #2 ranked Raymond, then went on to win the 4A Provincial Championship in the toughest draw possible - they beat the home team Jasper Place during the school day on Thursday in front of a packed gym of Jasper Place students, then they beat the #1, #2, and #3 ranked teams to win Gold. The top 16 teams go to provincials and they played the toughest 4. They went in ranked #10. The team's efforts throughout the playoffs were outstanding and their hard work and dedication were rewarded.

Thank you to MHHS staff for their support with donations to pay for the girls' meal prior to the big game. The support of everyone at the school for the team was greatly appreciated.

Crescent Heights High School

- a) This year's CHHS Viking Varsity girls had one of the best years in the last number of years. The year started out very slowly because of some injuries to key players and just not being very healthy as a team. As the year went on, the girls fought through the adversities and became

a very competitive team in both league and tournament play.

They entered into seven tournaments and ended up being finalists in six and beating a lot of very good schools. They were ranked as honourable mention at the beginning of the year and ended up ranked 5th in the province. The team beat other city schools on a regular basis in league play and won the SEBC League banner for the first time since 1997.

They attended zones to compete with six other teams that were ranked in the top ten in the province that were in their zone. They won their first game, but lost to the eventual provincial winners.

Overall it was a tremendous year for the Girls' Viking Basketball Program and for CHHS.

- b) Vikings Boys' Basketball - The 2014-15 season for the Vikings was an important rebuilding year. The focus for this year was about player development and creating a culture that will inspire others in the school to become involved in Viking athletics. The team was led by captains Zack Wilson and Justin Nordlee, both playing in their final year. The Vikings were placed into top tournaments in the province including the District 4 Tournament in Calgary and the Super South Tournament in Medicine Hat, arguably the biggest tournaments in Alberta. While the Vikings overall record may not appear glamorous, the players developed in skill and determination. A core of young players, including Ryly Quirante, Adrian Glauser & Alex Glauser, will be looked upon to lead the Vikings next season. Coach Hamilton was extremely proud of how his team managed to overcome obstacles and remain a team that followed the motto *Family, Academics, Basketball*. The Vikings lost their semi-final zone play-off game to eventual champions W.R. Myers (Taber), but are ready to challenge for the zone title next year.

- c) The boys and girls junior high teams all had successful years. There were a total of six teams, with approximately 65 players in the program, between the boys and girls teams. The grade 9 teams both improved significantly over the course of the season. The girls team attended 4J zones in Raymond and achieved their goal of defeating a higher seeded team in the tournament. The younger teams were very strong this season. Both boys and

girls grade 7/8 teams captured their respective 'B' league championships. Most of the players on the grade 7 boys and girls teams had their first basketball experience this year. Much like the grade 9 teams, they did not win the championship, but their knowledge and skills improved considerably from the beginning of the season to the end as they started to learn the game.

Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre

- a) The Grade 7 "B" boys' basketball team had a very successful first season at the Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre. Their skill development and knowledge of the game of basketball grew tremendously as the season progressed leading to a third place finish at the CHHS tournament. The boys worked hard all season long to create a "never quit" identity with a mind-set that no lead is too large to overcome. Their unselfish personalities led to plenty of exciting games that resulted in a handful of victories. These 20+ student athletes pushed each other every day in practice to become the best players that they could be, demonstrating what it takes to be a true T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More). Congratulations boys!
- b) The Wilson Royals girls' basketball team had a successful first season! Every day the girls worked hard in practice to become better athletes. They focused on the skills of shooting, passing, dribbling, defense, and becoming a good teammate. The girls made it a goal to support their teammates on and off the court. As a team they practiced the agreements, and worked hard to always put their best effort forward in all situations. The girls' commitment and hard work lead them to many victories in both tournaments and league play. We are very proud of all of the athletes that participated in the Wilson Royals Basketball Program and we are very excited to see them grow as athletes in the years to come!

Medicine Hat Christian School

Warriors Girls' Basketball

- a) The MHCS girls' basketball team was a young team who improved throughout the season. For tournaments, MHCS competed in the "B" level and were successful at this level. MHCS brought home two gold medals and one silver medal in the three tournaments they played in. Thank you to Sherry Krulicki, teacher rep/coach.

- b) Warriors Boys' Basketball
MHCS Warriors boys had 2 teams, totaling 18 players. The "B" boys played 10 games in league, finishing with a record of 9 – 1. The group shows strong promise for next season and they will be ready to compete.

We also had a boys' "A" team. It was a challenging season, with a final record of 4 wins and 5 losses. We played well in Zones. We look forward to next season and are very optimistic. We are hoping to host and challenge for Zones next season. As usual, we are always eager to get going and next season will be the same. Thank you to Ernie Whitrow (coach), Jenn Kumm and Shade Holmes (teacher reps).

5. School Art 2015

Congratulations to Sarah McKee, Grade 12 student at Crescent Heights High School, for having her piece of art chosen from hundreds of entries as the feature picture on the *School Art 2015* program.

6. Royce Hopkins

Congratulations to Mr. Royce Hopkins, teacher at Ross Glen School, recipient of a scholarship to attend Kagan's 29th Annual Summer Academy in Florida. There were 56 educators chosen from around the world and only 2 from Canada.

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. Outreach Programs

Ms. Gust provided an overview of the five Outreach Programs being offered in the District. These programs are designed to support individual student programming needs resulting in increased student engagement and success. Community partnerships also play an integral part in the success of the programs.

Ms. Peterson provided an overview of the Central High Program and the work being done with Chromebooks and Google classroom.

2. District Initiative

The District continues work around improved learning through enhanced instruction. An overview was provided regarding the process of developing a District consensus about what the District focus will be over the next 3 years. Parameters were set to guide the conversation and dialogue around the decision regarding this focus. In moving forward, consideration will be given to a

common language and building a culture of collaborative learning, job embedded ongoing PD, while building on past learning.

The District met with ATA reps on March 31st and also distributed a survey to teachers in April to determine a consensus regarding the next focus for the District. The survey listed potential focus topics and the results indicated that 79% of the teachers surveyed chose Assessment as the preferred focus for the next 3 years.

The next steps will be to form a committee to implement this initiative.

3. Chromebook Pilot Update

The District has initiated a Chromebook pilot at Connaught School, Crescent Heights High School and the Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre this year. Nadia Delanoy, Terry Freeman, Todd Samuelson and Michelle Hilton were in attendance to share an update.

The results of a recent survey that was given to 265 students and 10 teachers at the secondary level, and 150 students and 15 teachers at the elementary level, indicated a high level of support for Chromebooks in the classroom.

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. MHHS Field Trip Request to Havre, Montana

Mr. Scott Howes, Vice-Principal and Football coach at Medicine Hat High School, requested permission for students on the Hawks Football team to travel to Havre, Montana on two separate occasions:

- 1) September 5, 2015
- 2) September 26, 2015

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

2. Locally Developed Courses - CHHS

a) Crescent Heights High School submitted a request for renewal of the following Locally Developed Courses for the period September, 2015 to August, 2018.

- Learning Strategies – Grades 8 & 9
- Recreation Education – Grades 7- 9
- Student Leadership 9

- b) Crescent Heights High School submitted a request for approval of a new locally developed course for the period September, 2015 to August, 2018.

- Learning Strategies 7

- c) The Board approved the following courses, offered by Alexandra Middle School, for the period September, 2013 to August, 2016. Crescent Heights High School is requesting approval to offer these courses at their school.

- Leadership 7 - Leading from the Middle
- Leading from the Middle 8
- Film Studies 7 & 8

- d) The following course (offered by Medicine Hat High School) for Crescent Heights High School for the period September, 2015 to August, 2018.

- Sport Prep 9

105. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the Board approve the following:

Renewal of the following Locally Developed Courses for Crescent Heights High School for the period September, 2015 to August, 2018.

- Learning Strategies – Grades 8 & 9
- Recreation Education – Grades 7-9
- Student Leadership 9

New locally developed course for Crescent Heights High School for the period September, 2015 to August, 2018.

- Learning Strategies 7

The following courses (offered by Alexandra Middle School) for Crescent Heights High School for the period September, 2013 to August, 2016.

- Leadership 7 - Leading from the Middle
- Leading from the Middle 8
- Film Studies 7 & 8

The following course (offered by Medicine Hat High School) for Crescent Heights High School for the period September, 2015 to August, 2018.

- Sport Prep 9

106. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the new Locally Developed Course - Learning Strategies 7 - be removed from the motion, to be approved separately.

CARRIED

107. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the Board approve the following:

Renewal of the following Locally Developed Courses for Crescent Heights High School for the period September, 2015 to August, 2018.

- Learning Strategies – Grades 8 & 9
- Recreation Education – Grades 7-9
- Student Leadership 9

The following courses (offered by Alexandra Middle School) for Crescent Heights High School for the period September, 2013 to August, 2016.

- Leadership 7 - Leading from the Middle
- Leading from the Middle 8
- Film Studies 7 & 8

The following course (offered by Medicine Hat High School) for Crescent Heights High School for the period September, 2015 to August, 2018.

- Sport Prep 9

CARRIED

108. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board approve the request from Crescent Heights High School for approval of a new locally developed course, Learning Strategies 7, for the period September, 2015 to August, 2018.

CARRIED

3. Policies

The Coordinating Committee reviewed, revised and recommended that the following policies, procedures and exhibits be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the following revised policies:

- a) Policy 101: Shared Decision-Making Responsibilities
- b) Policy 570: Cyber Space and Technology Usage Protocol

Discussion ensued and some minor editorial changes were recommended.

109. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board approve Policy 101: Shared Decision-Making Responsibilities and Policy 570: Cyber Space and Technology Usage Protocol, subject to minor editorial changes.

CARRIED

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees receive the following revised Procedures and Exhibits:

- a) Procedure 570 P 001: Cyberbullying
- b) Procedure 570 P 002: Employee Use of Technology
- c) Procedure 660 P 001: School Discipline
- d) Procedure 660 P 002: Student Expulsion Hearings
- e) Exhibit 660 E 002: Student Expulsion Checklist
- f) Exhibit 660 E 003: Sample Template of Letter of Suspension
- g) Exhibit 660 E 004: Sample Letter Setting Hearing

Policy 660 was also included as background information.

110. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board of Trustees receive the revised Procedures and Exhibits, as listed.

CARRIED

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. District Council of School Councils

Minutes of the District Council of School Councils meeting held on March 11, 2015 were attached for information.

111. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the minutes be received as information.

CARRIED

2. Coordinating Committee

Minutes of the Coordinating Committee meeting held on April 14, 2015 were attached for information.

112. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the minutes be received as information.

CARRIED

VIII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. School Visit Reports

As part of the Board's goal of "Putting the Public Back into Public Education" trustees are visiting schools.

Mrs. Wilson Fraser attended the Crestwood Tea, the Parent Council meeting at Vincent Massey School and 3-on-3 Basketball at MHHS.

Mr. Riley attended the Quad Student Council meeting at CHHS.

2. National School Boards Association

An overview of the NSBA sessions was tabled to the next meeting.

3. Canadian School Boards Association Conference

The Canadian School Boards Association annual conference will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on July 2-4, 2015. Conference details can be found at <http://csba2015.ca/program/> . Trustees were asked to inform Susan Getz if they are planning to attend.

4. PSBA Spring General Assembly

The Public School Boards' Association of Alberta is holding the Spring General Assembly on May 29-31 in Red Deer. The program and registration details can be found at <http://www.public-schools.ab.ca/>.

5. ASBA Spring General Meeting

The Alberta School Boards Association is holding the Spring General Meeting on June 1-2 in Red Deer. The program and registration information will be posted shortly.

IX. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

113. 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 7:23 p.m.

X. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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

114. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board accept the recommendation for the 2015 Honoured Educator Award.

CARRIED

115. Ms. Forbes

THAT the Board accept the recommendation for the 2015 Friends of Education Award.

CARRIED

XII. ADJOURNMENT

116. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER