MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD IN THE **BOARD ROOM** IN THE **SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE** ON **TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022** AT 4:02 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:
Dr. Carmen Mombourquette, Associate Professor, University of Lethbridge
Dr. Pamela Adams, Associate Professor, University of Lethbridge
Dr. Sharon Allan, Sessional Lecturer, University of Lethbridge
Allan Thompson, Vice-Principal, Medicine Hat High School
Nikki Johansen, Teacher, Medicine Hat High School
Scott Howes, International Program Coordinator
Tara Johnson, Vice-Principal, Medicine Hat High School
Miguel, International Student
Blair Lukacs, Optimal Learning Coach
Kayla Young, Optimal Learning Coach
Kendra Boyd, Optimal Learning Coach
Lisa Mueller, Optimal Learning Coach
Marnie Heintz, Optimal Learning Coach
Michele Frey, Optimal Learning Coach
Ray Neary, Optimal Learning Coach
Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Marley Steinwandt

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

74. 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 4:02 p.m.

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

75. 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, March 22, 2022**, and **Tuesday, April 12, 2022** and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, March 22, 2022**, and **Tuesday, April 12, 2022.**

76. Y. Sissons

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, and Tuesday, April 12, 2022, the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, and Tuesday, April 12, 2022, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Supporting Leader and Teacher Growth through Inquiry-Based Professional Learning and Generative Dialogue

Dr. Pamela Adams, Dr. Carmen Mombourquette and Dr. Sharon Allan have submitted a report based on their work with MHPSD 2018-2021.

Over the past four years the researchers have worked with the executive team, school administration and teachers in an effort to align our practice through collaborative learning and generative dialogue. This process replaced the previous model of Teacher Professional Growth Planning.

The research team of Dr. Adams, Dr. Mombourquette and Dr. Allan shared with the Board their appreciation for the support received and the positive feedback garnered as a result. The data collected has already been used help publish one paper to share this information with others.

With a final survey response rate of approximately 40% the data provided an abundance of valuable information and was overall very positive. Even through the pandemic, commitment to the process did not waiver in our division. Engagement by executive team and school administration helped to ensure teachers remained dedicated and made this project a success.

The Board engaged in conversation regarding the report and where MHPSD can go from here. Other divisions have seen these techniques further applied to students or parent groups.

6:31 p.m. Dr. Adams, Dr. Mombourquette and Dr. Allan left the meeting.

2. <u>International Program Presentation</u>

Scott Howes, International Program Coordinator, alongside Nikki Johansen, and Allan Thompson provided a presentation on our International Program.

The International Program has been operating for a number of years and currently we have 106 international students at our high schools. Their presence effects not only their own life but that of other students, teachers, host families and community members by fostering diversity and inclusion. Students are from over 30 countries with some staying for as little as 3 months and others completing high school, applying to and attending Canadian Universities. Students choose Medicine Hat for a variety of reasons, from the variety of course options to expanding their English-speaking skills and life experiences.

The International Student Club hosts an assortment of extracurricular events including holiday celebrations and travel to various attractions throughout the province. Coming up on May 17 they will be hosting a community concert and dance at MHHS to raise funds to support Ukrainian refugees.

Miguel, a current international student from Madrid, Spain spoke to the Board and answered their questions about his experience as part of our International Program.

6:54 p.m. A. Thompson, N. Johansen, S. Howes, T. Johnson and Miguel left the meeting.

6:55 p.m. A recess was called by the Board.

7:03 p.m. The meeting was called back to order.

3. <u>Optimal Learning Coach Presentation</u>

Jason Peters and the OLC team shared a continuation of their previous presentation. Last year's presentation focused on the multiple entry points for individuals and schools who reach out to build and support cultures of learning in our schools. This year's focus is on the team's support of system wide initiatives and how these extend into schools and classrooms as teachers enhance their practice.

They focused on the three branches of their program: assessment, literacy, and numeracy. It provided background information on how these have been researched and developed with feedback from teachers involved. Looking ahead to the new Alberta Curriculum, these areas of focus will provide additional educational tools to access during this transition.

8:01 p.m. OLC Team left the meeting

VIII. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

1. <u>Thank You Cards from Students</u>

Thank you cards have been received from students that have been awarded scholarships.

Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Mycah Virovec
Jacob Dwyer

2.

Thank You Card

Substitute Teacher Appreciation Gift
Dianne Spencer

IX. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Program Closures

The Outreach Programs: Saamis REAL (1489) and REAL McMan (1527) have been inactive for several years. It is recommended that the Board approve the closure of these two Programs. The administrative procedure 724 P 002: Program Relocation or Closure was enclosed for reference.

77. R. Massini

THAT the Board approve the initiation of the closure process for the Saamis REAL Program (1489) and REAL McMan Program (1527).

CARRIED

2. Policy 548: Employee Absence Reporting

This newly drafted policy and accompanying administrative procedures have been reviewed. It was recommended that the Board approve Policy 548 as presented.

78. P. Grisonich

THAT the Board approve Policy 548: Employee Absence Reporting, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Policy 200: Role of The Board of Trustees

A draft of the revised policy is enclosed. It was recommended that the Board approve the updates to this policy as presented.

The revision included information related to student delegates as they relate to the student senate project.

79. Y. Sissons

THAT the Board approve the revised Policy 200: Role of the Board of Trustees, as presented.

CARRIED

X. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee held their meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022. The meeting minutes were enclosed for information.

XI. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Administrative Procedures: Employee Absence Reporting

The administrative procedures that support the new Policy 548: Employee Absence Reporting were enclosed for information.

2. Administrative Procedure and Exhibits: Off-Site Activities

The administrative procedure 720 P 001 – Off-Site Activities has been updated including the removal of one exhibit and the addition of five others.

- ~~720 E 008 – Adult Waiver and Release~~ (Rescind as non-chaperoning adults will not be on trip)
- 720 E 008 – Consent for Recurring Curricular Activities (New)
- 720 E 010 – International Trips – Approval in Principle (New)
- 720 E 011 – International Trips – Final Approval (New)
- 720 E 012 – Consent for International Trips (New)
- 720 E 013 – Volunteer Registration Form (New)
- 720 E 014 – Travel Declaration for National-International Trips (New)

These documents were updated to align with the revised policy.

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

80. R. Massini

THAT the Board approve the appointment of Deborah Forbes as a Board representative for the Minister's Curriculum Review Committee.

CARRIED

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

81. D. Forbes

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

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

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY TREASURER