

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, JUNE 17, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.

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

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: Miss Jennifer Davies, Teacher, Crescent Heights High School
Mr. Pat Grisonich, Principal, Crescent Heights High School

CHAIR: Mr. Terry Riley

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Angie Lesko

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

120. 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, May 20, 2014 and Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

121. Mr. Massini **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 and Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Task Force for Teaching Excellence

The Board reviewed the Task Force for Teaching Excellence and provided the response to the Ministry, Alberta School Boards Association and Public School Boards Association. The response was attached for information.

122. Mr. Massini **THAT** the Board approve the report, as presented.

CARRIED

IV. RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. MHHS Drama

Congratulations to the Medicine Hat High School Drama Department and teacher, Richard Grafton, on their recent production of *Evelyn Strange*. The students were outstanding in their roles.

2. “Flood” Reception

Congratulations to Elm Street School on their opening reception for “Flood”, held at Medalta on June 10th. This was an art show and learning showcase where students, in collaboration with professional artist in residence, Laura McKibbin, created a clay tile that represented their experiences during the flood last June. It is great to see the school community celebrated and their hard work recognized. CKUA Arts & Culture Guide featured the episode *Flood: Exhibition & Showcase* on the air.

3. Chief Gordon Earl Leadership Legacy Scholarship

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as recipients of the Chief Gordon Earl Leadership Legacy Scholarship.

Mackenzie Marsall – Medicine Hat Christian School
Tess MacKenzie – Riverside School
Keysha Hallberg – Crestwood School
Kenny King – George Davison School
Taylor Molloy – Ross Glen School
Gabrielle Vas – Connaught School
Savannah Dickson – Connaught School
Denika Demoontigny – Elm Street School

These students were chosen as District recipients because of their continual demonstration of integrity, respect, courage and accountability. These students will be awarded a \$100.00 scholarship and honoured at a barbecue and ceremony in June.

4. McMan

Thank you to McMan for generously donating two cameras to our McMan REAL Program for use in the classroom. The staff and students are very excited with this donation and are excited to start using them.

5. Track & Field

Crescent Heights High School

Congratulations to CHHS who had a great year with Track and Field. They had 22 Senior High track athletes go to Cities and 17 qualified for Zones. There were 7 students representing CHHS and the South Zone at

Provincials in Calgary. The junior high team won the Zone banner. Eight coaches generously gave of their time with the students.

Alexandra Middle School

Congratulations to Conner Morrow who was the aggregate winner for Bantam Boys at the City Track and Field Meet and who also won bantam boy's javelin at Zones. Kassie Fischer won first place in midget girl's shot put by breaking the Zone record.

Medicine Hat High School

MHHS had 100+ students competing in grades 9-12. Thirty two athletes represented MHHS at the ASAA Senior High Provincials. This was their 4th consecutive year winning the 4A South Zone championship and 5th consecutive year winning the Senior High City championship.

6. Rugby

Congratulations to the Mohawks who ended the season with a 4-3 record for fourth in the league. In Zone playoff action the Mohawks finished with winning silver and qualifying for provincials. Four players made the all-star league team: Matt Stenhouse, Derek Bowyer, Brandon Sveum and Daniel Weisner. Also, Menno Glas ended the season tied for second in league scoring.

7. Senior Golf

Congratulations to the Medicine Hat High School senior golf team (Ben Taylor, Jesse Weinberger, Adam Hansen, Jackie Chow, Ciara Bonogofski) who won the team portion of the Zone tournament this year and went on to compete in the Provincial tournament. All five members of the team were also enrolled in the Individual Sports Performance golf class.

8. Badminton

Congratulations to the Medicine Hat High School senior badminton team who had a great year in a number of tournaments. They also won the city championship, the 4A banner at Zones and six athletes competed at Provincials. Megan Moll won a bronze medal in Provincials in Senior Girl's Singles. Thank you to coaches Whitney Kambeitz and Kristin Haland for volunteering their time.

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. CHHS Field Trips

Miss Jennifer Davies, teacher and Mr. Pat Grisonich, Principal at Crescent Heights High School, made a presentation to the Board on the highlights of their recent trip to New York.

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. ASBA Task Force on Membership Fee Formula Review

The District has been asked to serve on the ASBA Task Force on Membership Fee Formula Review. Mr. Riley will be representing the Board on this task force.

2. Approval of Auditors

Annually, as prescribed under the School Act, the Board is required to appoint the external auditors for the upcoming year.

It was recommended that Johnston, Morrison, Hunter & Co. LLP be reappointed as the official auditors for 2013-2014.

123. Mrs. Freeman

THAT Johnston, Morrison, Hunter & Co. LLP be reappointed as the official auditors for 2013-2014.

CARRIED

3. Policy 355: Whistleblower Protection

Policy 355: Whistleblower Protection has been reviewed by the Public Interest Commissioner and some minor changes have been suggested.

Additionally, the Board reviewed the policy and one minor wording change was suggested under Item 7.

It was recommended that the Board approve revised Policy 355: Whistleblower Protection, with the additional revision.

124. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board approve revised Policy 355: Whistleblower Protection, with the additional revision.

CARRIED

4. Policies from Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee met on June 9, 2014 and reviewed a number of policies. The policies, procedures

and exhibits below were reviewed and minor or major revisions were recommended. The following procedures and exhibits were enclosed for the Board's approval:

- a) **Policy 720: Alternative Programs**
Procedure 720 P 001: Alternative Programs
- b) **Policy 801: Registration Process and School Attendance Areas**
Procedure 801 P 001: Registration Process for Medicine Hat School District No. 76 Schools
801 P 002: School Attendance Areas
801 E 001: Application to Attend a School outside Designated Attendance Area
- c) **Policy 535: Recognition for Major Secondary Extra-Curricular Activities**
535 P 001: Recognition for Major Extra-Curricular Activities
535 P 002: Extra-Curricular Program
- d) **Policy 411: Site-Based Instructional Budgets**
411 E 003: Extra-Curricular Programming Funding
- e) **Policy 721: First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education**
- f) **Policy 703: Program Development**
Procedure 703 P 001: Proposals for Program Development
- g) **Policy 750: Library Learning Commons**
750 P 001: Selection of library Learning Commons Materials
750 P 002: Library Learning Commons Services
750 E 001: Request for Reconsideration of Challenged Resources
750 E 002: Library Learning Commons

Discussion ensued and an editorial change was recommended to ensure that there is consistency throughout the policies when referring to "the Board of Trustees".

125. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board approve revisions to the above policies, procedures and exhibits, with the recommended editorial change.

CARRIED

5. Section 700 of Policy Handbook

Section 700 of the Policy Handbook has been reviewed, revised and restructured by the Coordinating Committee during the course of this school year. A

restructured/renumbered Table of Contents for Section 700 was attached for information.

126. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board approve the revised Table of Contents for Section 700, as presented.

CARRIED

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Coordinating Committee

Minutes of the June 9, 2014 Coordinating Committee meeting were attached for information.

127. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the minutes of the Coordinating Committee be received as information.

CARRIED

2. PSBA General Meeting

The PSBA General Meeting was held on May 30 and June 1, 2014. An overview of the discussions was shared.

3. ASBA General Meeting

The ASBA General Meeting was held on June 2 and 3, 2014. An overview of the discussions was shared.

4. Medicine Hat Public Schools' Education Foundation

Minutes of the May 27, 2014 Medicine Hat Public Schools' Education Foundation meeting were attached for information.

128. Mr. Massini

THAT the minutes of the Education Foundation 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.

Mr. Riley attended the Elm Street School "Flood" reception at Medalta.

Ms. Forbes attended the River Heights Spring Fling.

Mrs. Freeman attended the George Davison School Council meeting, the *Evelyn Strange* production at

MHHS and the Elm Street School "Flood" reception at Medalta.

Mrs. Wilson Fraser attended the CHHS Graduation.

Mr. Massini attended the School Council meeting at Crestwood School.

Recessed: 7:21 p.m.

Resumed: 8:00 p.m.

IX. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

129. Ms. Forbes

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 8:00 p.m.

X. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 9:58 p.m.

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

130. Mr. Massini

THAT the Board approve \$1000 for a gift to the Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre to be given on behalf of the Board.

CARRIED

XII. ADJOURNMENT

131. Ms. Forbes

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER