

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD IN THE **BOARD ROOM AT THE SCHOOL DIVISION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 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
Terry Meidinger, Audit Committee Community Member
Moh Khawaja, Medicine Hat High School Student
Myles Siwela, Medicine Hat High School Student
Clair Peterson, Director of Psychological Services
Alysia Pidlisny, Family School Liaison Worker
Brittany LeBlanc, Family School Liaison Worker
Candace Rapuano, Family School Liaison Worker
Jenesse Chamberlin, Family School Liaison Worker
Kallyn Heidinger, Family School Liaison Worker
Jordan Curliss, Family School Liaison Worker
Lillian Murphy, Family School Liaison Worker
Monique MacDonald, Family School Liaison Worker
Tenille Harris, Family School Liaison Worker

CHAIR: Pat Grisonich

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

39. R. Massini

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 5:32 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 TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees welcomed Medicine Hat High School student delegates: Mohammad (Moh) Khawja and Myles Siwela.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

40. 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, December 13, 2022**, and **Tuesday, January 10, 2023**, and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, December 13, 2022**, and **Tuesday, January 10, 2023**.

41. Y. Sissons

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, and Tuesday, January 10, 2023, the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, and Tuesday, January 10, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

XIII. PRESENTATION

1. Family School Liaison Workers

Family School Liaison Workers (FSLWs) play an important role as part of the school-based team to ensure that social and emotional needs of students are met within the context of an inclusive educational system. FSLWs become the link that connects school, home and community to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive approach to student wellness. By nurturing positive and productive relationships, FSLWs support student learning and success using a strength-based

approach. Working together as a team, FSLWs provide a responsive network of support that is individualized for each student. The result is a flexible, responsive, and evolving system of support that assists students in reaching their full potential as learners. The goal of this presentation is to highlight the ways in which our FSLW team supports students through a therapeutic lens, a whole school approach to inclusion and via collaborative community partnerships.

The attending FSLWs shared the strategies they use to build trust and open communication lines with our students. As talk therapy is not always effective with younger children, staff will often engage students in game play, reading, and art therapy to connect and build relationships. With older students, providing a safe space to have lunch or talk on a flexible schedule has helped to break down barriers. Meeting students where they are at and creating “in the moment” supports is very important for this age group. Small groups of students with similar needs like social skills, conflict resolution or friendship will work together as needed. FSLWs also work with many other community resources to provide wrap around support.

6:25 pm C. Peterson and FSLW team left the meeting

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You Cards from Division Students

Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

Jorden Binnie	Jamie Robson
Eden Boyd	Coen Ryckman
Koby Eskestrand	Kaeden Schick
Ava Ferguson	Keira Schick
Debrasri Jena	Ashton Scholly
Emma Lavigne	Noah Scholly
Dylan MacPhail	Peyton Stenhouse
Jerika Mack	Ryan Sweet
Emma Mourtton	Carter Wilkinghoff
Josh Nunweiler	Lindsay Winter
Kate Riley	Kira Ziegler

Townsend Food Award

Kira Ziegler

X. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Final Approval Request: International Trip to New York City, New York

At the September 27, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees a request was presented, on behalf of Michelle Schneider from Crescent Heights High School, for an out-of-country field trip. The trip was approved, in principle, subject to various conditions. All conditions set out by the Board have now been met.

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees give final approval for the Crescent Heights High School international trip to New York for the period Friday, March 3, 2023, to Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

42. D. Forbes

THAT Board of Trustees give final approval for the Crescent Heights High School international trip to New York for the period Friday, March 3, 2023, to Wednesday, March 8, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

2. 2023-2024 Division Calendar

Mr. Cunningham shared feedback regarding the two draft division calendars. Draft A and draft B of the 2023-2024 division calendar were enclosed for review and consideration.

After through consultation, stakeholders provided overwhelming support for draft B. When compared with other divisions, Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education will have students return before the September long weekend but otherwise most Professional Learning days are coordinated. The Prairie Rose School Division calendar is still in development.

It was recommended that the Board approve draft B of the calendars presented for the 2023-2024 school year.

43. R. Massini

THAT the Board approve draft B of the calendars presented for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

CARRIED

XI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Division Council of School Councils

The Division Council of School Councils held a meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2022. The minutes from the meeting were enclosed for reference.

XII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Southeastern Alberta Teachers' Convention

The Southeastern Alberta Teachers' Convention will be held at the Medicine Hat College on February 23-24, 2023. More information is available at <https://seatca.atapd.ca/>

XIII. RETURN TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

44. 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 6:22 p.m.

XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 6:44 p.m.

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

No action arising.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

45. C. Wilson

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER