

**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, JANUARY 20, 2015 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. Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Mr. Lyle Cunningham, Associate Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Natosha Mastel, Principal, River Heights School  
Mrs. Liz Kruger, Teacher, River Heights School  
Miss Claire O'Connell, Student, River Heights School  
Miss Tyra Moch, Student, River Heights School  
Miss Lindsay O'Connell, Student, River Heights School  
Mr. Tim Johnson, Chair of the Southeast Alberta Teachers' Convention  
Mrs. Lori Frelick, Project Facilitator, HUG & My Place

CHAIR: Mr. Terry Riley

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Angie Lesko

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

71. Mrs. Wilson Fraser **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, December 16, 2014 and Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

72. Ms. Forbes **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 and Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Copy of thank you card from Karris George, re: Brenda McIvor Memorial Scholarship
2. Copy of thank you card from Dr. Larry Henderson
3. Dr. Ken Sauer sent an appreciation email to the Board Chair with regards to the recognition and gift sent on behalf of the Board.
4. Copy of thank you card from Meaghan Palmer re: M. Waseem Bhatti Memorial Scholarship

5. Copy of thank you cards from students re: Thelma Berkely Robinson Scholarship
  - a) Nick Bratvold
  - b) Bryce Chambers
  - c) Zach Lukasiewicz
6. Copy of letter, dated December 15, 2014, from Gordon Dirks, Minister of Education, to Mr. Terry Riley, Board Chair, re: construction projects

#### **IV. RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

##### **1. Community Classrooms**

The District had fifteen schools participate in the program this year. This has involved 49 different classes.

Police Point – 9 classes  
Esplanade – 12 classes  
Neubauer Farms – 4 classes  
Medalta – 22 classes  
Medicine Hat College – 2 classes

##### **2. Awards Ceremonies**

###### Crescent Heights High School

Congratulations to all staff and students involved in the Senior High Awards Ceremony at Crescent Heights High School on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

###### Medicine Hat High School

Medicine Hat High School had an Undergrad Awards Assembly on November 25, 2014.

Congratulations to all students who participated and received awards at these ceremonies.

##### **3. Critical Challenge**

There were a number of schools engaged in critical challenge activities over the past months. Thank you to staff for their commitment in offering this type of learning activity for our students.

##### **4. Former Student – Jasveen Brar**

The District is always very pleased to hear about the success of our former students. Jasveen Brar is in her second year at Dalhousie University and was selected, alongside a handful of other youth, to participate in the “students on ice” program, a student-centered expedition to the Antarctic.

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. WE Day Presentation**

The District had a large number of students attend the WE Day activity earlier in the year. Mrs. Mastel and Mrs. Kruger, along with students Claire O'Connell, Tyra Moch and Lindsay O'Connell, were in attendance to share their perceptions of WE Day and the other work they are doing within the community.

**2. Teachers' Convention**

Tim Johnson, Chair of the Southeast Alberta Teachers' Convention, was in attendance to inform the Board of the events taking place at the upcoming Teachers' Convention on February 19 & 20, 2015.

The Board was extended a formal invitation to attend the Convention.

**3. Mental Health Capacity Building Projects**

Medicine Hat School District No. 76 has two Mental Health Capacity Building Projects (MyPlace and HUG). In April 2014 the province shifted the work in this area to a more universal focus.

At a planning meeting in June, administrators were asked for feedback on how these projects can meet the objectives set out by the province. The District objectives will focus on capacity building to ensure sustainability, universal mental health promotion and programming, establishment of effective mentorship opportunities and community engagement. The projects have now been expanded to serve 13 schools in the District, with a stronger focus on all students.

The District currently receives annualized funding for these projects, which makes it somewhat challenging to plan programming.

73. Ms. Forbes

**THAT** the Board Chair write a letter to the Ministry in support of the My Place and HUG Mental Health Capacity Building Projects.

**CARRIED**

**4. SIVA Training**

SIVA (Supporting Individuals through Valued Attachments) is a safety management course for mental health professionals, educators and caregivers responsible for individuals with special needs who engage in unsafe behaviors. The SIVA training is provided to support teachers and educational assistants in their work with students who have challenges in the

classroom around behavior. The District goal is to have all educational assistants trained by June 2016.

In addition, the District will also look at providing training for service providers and community partners, to ensure the development of a common language and philosophy.

## **VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

### **1. Edwin Parr Interviews**

The Board is responsible for selecting an Edwin Parr nominee to represent Medicine Hat School District No. 76 at the Zone 6 selection process.

74. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

**THAT** the Board establish a meeting on March 10, 2015 starting at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of selecting the Edwin Parr representative for Medicine Hat School District No. 76.

**CARRIED**

### **2. Alberta Education Regulations**

The Education Act Regulatory Review Committee was established to lead discussions on regulations that will support the Education Act upon its proclamation. Sixteen regulations have been released for stakeholder input. Trustees previously reviewed and provided feedback on the regulations. This feedback will be compiled and circulated to trustees for information.

A summary of the Board's feedback will be submitted to Alberta Education by the January 31, 2015 deadline.

## **VII. 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. Freeman attended the Fly-In event at Connaught School, the Critical Challenge event at Southview School, as well as a number of Christmas concerts. She also presented employee service awards at a number of schools.

Mr. Massini attended the Critical Challenge event at Southview School.

### **2. Edwin Parr Banquet**

The Edwin Parr Banquet will take place on May 13, 2015 in Taber.

3. **Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 6 Meeting**

The ASBA Zone 6 General Meeting was held on January 14, 2015. An overview of this meeting was provided.

4. **Board/Administrators' Planning Session**

The Board/Administrators' Planning Session is scheduled for January 22 & 23, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Family Leisure Centre. The session will look at successes, current research and future direction.

5. **CHHS Drama Production**

Crescent Heights High School students are presenting the drama production, *All Shook Up*, on February 3-7 and 10-13 at 7:00 p.m., as well as an afternoon performance on February 7 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available on the CHHS website.

VIII. **MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

75. Mrs. Freeman

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

**CARRIED**

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 7:12 p.m.

IX. **RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING**

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 8:12 p.m.

X. **ACTION ARISING OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

No action arising.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

76. Ms. Forbes

**THAT** the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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**CHAIR**

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**SECRETARY TREASURER**