

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, FEBRUARY 25, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Rick Massini, Catherine Wilson, Deborah Forbes, Carolyn Freeman

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Celina Symmonds

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mark Davidson, Superintendent of Schools
Lyle Cunningham, Deputy Superintendent
Tracy Hensel, Associate Superintendent
Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer
Corey Sadlemyer, Assistant Superintendent
Jason Peters, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Darrell Willier, FNMI Coordinator
Shirley Boomer, FNMI Support Worker
Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator

CHAIR: Rick Massini

RECORDING SECRETARY: Angie Lesko

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

63. C. 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 3:00 p.m.

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 5:30 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**

64. C. Wilson

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VI. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 and Tuesday, February 11, 2020 and the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 and Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

65. C. Freeman

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 and Tuesday, February 11, 2020 and the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 and Tuesday, February 11, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VII. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Medicine Hat High School Sharing Presentation**

Medicine Hat High School was to provide an overview of the work being done in their school and present on their progress with the implementation of the Collaborative Response Model.

This item was tabled to the March 10th Committee of the Whole meeting.

2. **First Nations, Métis, and Inuit (FNMI) Presentation**

Darrell Willier, Shirley Boomer and Corey Sadlemyer provided an update on supports provided to our First Nations, Métis and Inuit students and families along with the work being done to support Foundational Knowledge for all staff and students. Information was also shared regarding the planned spring celebration “Keskiah Ke Mowin”.

The FNMI team supports students and families by:

- Meeting with students on a regular basis to support their social and academic needs.
- Seeking to establish and maintain a trust relationship with FNMI students and their families to assist with school-related issues – encourage them to think about post-

secondary education and their future careers.

- Improving communication and increasing interaction between students, parents, communities and schools.
- Increasing the knowledge and understanding of FNMI history, Treaty and Aboriginal rights, lands, cultures and languages; and to provide referral services for FNMI students and families to appropriate agencies.
- Increasing and establishing community and family engagement opportunities.

In partnership with the Medicine Hat College, Miywasin Centre, MAWS (*Miywasin Aboriginal Women's Society*) and Metis Local 8, the Division is excited to present *Keskih Ke Mowin* (sharing our culture) event on May 11-14, 2020. The week-long event will create opportunities for students to experience different FNMI teachings and cultural traditions.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you cards from MHPSD Students Awarded Scholarships

Nobin Rai	Terry Riley Scholarship
Nic Miner	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarships (2)
Alyssa Ford	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

IX. RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Bequeath – Deborah Anne Bitz

The Division acknowledged Ms. Bitz's very generous gift to Public Education. Ms. Bitz graduated from Medicine Hat High School in 1974 and bequeathed \$100,000 to the Medicine Hat Public School Division. The investment earnings from this generous donation will provide Medicine Hat High School students with academic scholarship opportunities.

2. Edwin Parr Nominees

Medicine Hat Public School Division is fortunate to have an outstanding group of first year teachers. In recognition of our outstanding teachers we recognize our Edwin Parr nominees. This nomination is for first year teachers who are

demonstrating outstanding instructional practice and modeling outstanding professionalism.

Anna Leclair	Connaught School
Colton Sutter	Dr. Ken Sauer School
Kolton Krein	Medicine Hat High School
Jaelynn Funk	Herald School

X. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Junior High Locally Developed Courses

Crescent Heights High School is requesting approval for the authorization of the following locally developed courses:

- Accelerated English (expires August 2023)
- ESL Beginner English Language Development (expires August 2023)

66. C. Wilson

THAT the Board approve the locally developed courses *Accelerated English* (expires August 2023) and *ESL Beginner English Language Development* (expires August 2023) as presented.

CARRIED

XI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Coordinating Committee

Minutes of the February 3, 2020 Coordinating Committee meeting were attached.

67. C. Freeman

THAT the minutes of the February 3, 2020 Coordinating Committee meeting be accepted for information.

CARRIED

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

68. C. Freeman

THAT the Board approve Legal Matter #2020-01, as presented.

CARRIED

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

69. D. Forbes

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER