



MINUTES

District Council of School Councils

DATE: Thursday, February 1, 2018

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Grant Henderson Learning Centre @ Central Office: 601 – 1 Avenue S.W.
Medicine Hat, Alberta

Members: Mark Davidson; Deborah Forbes; Wes King-hunter; Nathan Gale; Rebeca Rothfus; Chelsey Cowan; Ken Jakubowsky; Heidi Mack; Nicole Liboiron; Amanda Kenny; Carla Jans; Karen Johnson; Tanya Buckshaw; Tracey Malcolm; Nicole McNaughton; Bob Burgess; Janice Romanuk; Katie Albers; Vanessa Bonneville; Alana Durbeniuk; Elizabeth Gebhardt; Teri Hamilton; Ashley Williams; Ammy Blenner-Hassett; Jane Poissant

1. Chair, Bob Burgess called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m.
2. Introductions
3. New Business: Mark Davidson reviewed the recently revised policies:

a) Policy 565 – Harassment

MHPSD's Human Resources Director was invited to examine the policy and administrative procedure, it was compared with other School Districts' and sent to our legal department for review. It is important to ensure that everyone has a direction to report any harassment.

This policy will be passed on to all employee groups via online video tutorials and student handbooks will include the policies.

Policy unanimously approved in principle by all attendees.

b) Policy 570 – Cyber Space and Technology Use Protocol

This policy was originally created in 2009 and recently updated as there was a need to increase MHPSD's social media presence and improve our websites. The policy outlines what should and should not be posted or shared keeping FOIP in mind. The School Council Chair is responsible for School Council media and, as such, liable for all content.

Policy unanimously approved in principle by all attendees.

c) Policy 650 – Student Fees

This policy was revised as a result of Bill 1 An Act to Reduce School Fees. Its basis is to remove financial barriers to education.

d) Policy 730 – First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education

The goal is that education is provided for everyone and that Alberta students have an understanding of and support First Nations. Includes the Basic and Extended Acknowledgement recommendations.

Policy unanimously approved in principle by all attendees.

4. Trustee Comments: Ms. Deborah Forbes

Ms. Forbes reported that the Trustees have discussed how they can best use their time within their school communities. Some of their ideas include: attending school council meetings (including unassigned schools), getting on the contact lists of school councils to receive meeting invites and minutes, dropping in to schools and attending various school events.

5. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Mark Davidson

a) Classroom Improvement Fund (CIF)

A Behaviour Support Team (BEST Team) has been implemented; this group attends schools to help with students who have self-regulation issues and to connect with the families of these students.

b) Embedded Collaboration

The MHPSD hired 7-8 full time teachers to help with strategies for students not on ISPs (Individual Support Plans). This includes a star literacy assessment and a math screen.

Both groups will be implemented more in the next few months.

Learning coaches are helping teachers in areas they want to increase their knowledge.

6. Future Meeting Date is Thursday, May 10, 2018.

7. Motion to Adjourn accepted.