



MEDICINE HAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76

REGULAR MEETING

A G E N D A

Tuesday, February 17, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on **Tuesday, January 20, 2015** and Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, January 20, 2015** and **Tuesday, February 3, 2015**.

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III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Copy of letter dated January 14, 2015 from Loma Rosen, Deputy Minister, to Dr. Grant Henderson, Superintendent, re: modular classroom approval**

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2. **Copy of letter dated January 26, 2015 from Board Chair to Hon. Heather Klimchuk, Minister of Human Services, re: Mental Health Initiatives**

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3. **Copy of Board's response to the Education Act and Regulatory Review, dated January 29, 2015**

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4. **Copy of thank you card from Sarah Regier, re: donation for French Immersion**

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5. **Thank you card from Abigail Lunge re: Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship**

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IV. **RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. **Susan Nelson**

The Board would like to congratulate Susan Nelson, teacher at Elm Street School, for having her inclusive education teaching materials recognized and used by Alberta Education. Alberta Education has linked Mrs. Nelson's toolbox as "Alberta Examples" to the inclusive education video series.

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2. **Alberta Milk**

The Board would like to congratulate Webster Niblock School for their participation in *Club Moo*. Alberta Milk recognized Webster Niblock for reaching the 20-year participation milestone in Club Moo, an elementary school milk program.

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3. **Musical – Crescent Heights High School**

Congratulations to the students and director, Ms. Jennifer Davies, for entertaining the community with another outstanding drama/musical performance. The production of *All Shook Up* was outstanding with students from all grades showcasing a tremendous talent.

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V. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Telethon**

Kristine Fuerst, Chair of the Medicine Hat Public Schools Education Foundation Telethon Committee, will be in attendance to inform the Board of the events scheduled for the Telethon on Sunday, March 8th @ 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the CHHS Wahl-Harker Performing Arts Centre. "*Great Things Are Happening in SD76*" is the theme of this year's Telethon.

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2. **Inclusive Education in Action**

Fundamental to *Inspiring Education* are the 3 outcomes: engaged thinker, ethical citizen and entrepreneurial spirit. Albertans have identified that in order to achieve these

outcomes, education needs to be learner centered, have a shared responsibility for results, to have engaged communities, provide equitable access in an inclusive system, and be responsible and flexible. An overview of the work in Medicine Hat School District will be highlighted as it continues on the journey of building an inclusive mindset as envisioned in *Inspiring Education*.

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VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. CHHS Field Trip Request to Ireland

Mr. Todd Samuelson and Mr. Ray Neary, teachers at Crescent Heights High School, are requesting permission for students on the Rugby Team at Crescent Heights High School to travel to Ireland on March 23-31, 2016. A Field Trip request form is attached.

It is recommended that the Board approve, in principle, a field trip for students from Crescent Heights Hat High School to travel to Ireland for the period March 23–31, 2016, inclusive, subject to the following conditions:

- a] that the Secretary-Treasurer's Department give initial approval to the destination and that the submitted itinerary be approved;
- b] that the District's Student Waiver Forms be signed by all parents;
- c] that there be no cost to the Board, other than the cost of substitute teachers for approved supervising teachers traveling on the Field Trip;
- d] that any adults participating in the trip who are not designated supervisors be informed and sign a release that the Board does not accept any responsibility (liability or otherwise) as a result of their participation;
- e] that all students and designated chaperones are required to obtain the School District Travel Insurance (medical, trip cancellation/interruption and baggage).
- f] that criminal record checks be obtained for parent supervisors (non-district personnel);
- g] that the Principal/Teacher responsible continue to monitor and keep track of the travel advisories and ensure that students and parents are aware that the trip could be cancelled;
- h] that the Principal/Teacher comply with all criteria set out in Policy 743 and the International Travel Guidelines;
- i] that a letter be signed by each parent granting permission for their child to travel out-of-the-country with another specifically named adult;
- j] that each student be in possession of a passport, valid for at least six months beyond the expected return date;
- k] that each parent be given a copy of the letter from Dr. Grant Henderson, Superintendent, re: measles immunization.

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2. MHHS Field Trip to London, England

At the November 26, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees a request was presented by Medicine Hat 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 is recommended that the Board of Trustees give final approval for the Medicine Hat High School field trip to London, England for the period April 2 - 10, 2015.

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3. CHHS Field Trip to England

At the October 21, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees a request was presented by 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 is recommended that the Board of Trustees give final approval for the Crescent Heights High School field trip to England for the period March 31 to April 11, 2015.

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4. CHHS Field Trip to California

At the October 21, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees a request was presented by 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 is recommended that the Board of Trustees give final approval for the Crescent Heights High School field trip to California for the period April 1 - 9, 2015.

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5. ASBA Policy Review

The ASBA has asked Boards to submit proposed amendments to the bylaws, to be included in the April Budget & Bylaws Bulletin.

The ASBA has asked Boards to submit proposed policy positions that will be considered at the Spring General Meeting in June.

<http://www.asba.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Timelines-for-Policy-and-Bylaw-2015.pdf>

http://www.asba.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/policy_process.pdf

http://www.asba.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/develop_policy_graphic.pdf

http://www.asba.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/policy_statements_1214.pdf

The Board will need to consider whether they wish to submit the attached position with regards to collective negotiations.

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6. District Awards

a) Process for Selection of Friends of Education Award

The Friends of Education Award nominations close on March 31, 2015. The Board must appoint two trustees to have their names placed on an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the nominations and make a recommendation to the Board.

b) Process for Selection of Honoured Educator

The Honoured Educator Award nominations close on March 31, 2015. The Board must appoint two trustees to have their names placed on an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the nominations and make a recommendation to the Board.

It is recommended that the Board appoint two trustees to be part of both Ad Hoc Committees, Friends of Education Award and Honoured Educator Award, to consider the nominations and make a recommendation to the Board.

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VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. District Council of School Councils

Minutes of the District Council of School Councils meeting held on January 14, 2015 are attached for information. Mrs. Freeman will speak to these Minutes.

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2. Medicine Hat Public Schools' Education Foundation

Minutes of the Medicine Hat Public Schools' Education Foundation meeting held on January 28, 2015 are attached. Mr. Labossiere will speak to these Minutes.

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3. Coordinating Committee

Minutes of the Coordinating Committee meeting held on February 2, 2015 are attached for information. Mrs. Wilson Fraser will speak to these Minutes.

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VIII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. School Visit Reports

As part of the Board's goal of "Putting the Public Back into Public Education" trustees were visiting one school each year for the next three years. This is a chance to share the governance perceptions from trustees in this goal.

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2. Medicine Hat Public School's Education Foundation Telethon

The Medicine Hat Public School's Education Foundation Telethon is scheduled for Sunday, March 8, 2015 at Crescent Heights High School from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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3. ECMap Final Report

A final report has been released by the Early Child Development Mapping Project report providing an overview of the work done and recommendations for improving early childhood development outcomes in the province. The report can be accessed on the ECMap website at www.ecmap.ca.

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4. Board Leadership Southeast Alberta Workshop

The Medicine Hat Chamber of Commerce is hosting a session on Board Leadership Southeast Alberta for interested individuals. The session will be held on March 21, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Esplanade Arts and Heritage Centre for those interested.

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IX. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It is recommended that the Board move to Committee of the Whole to discuss certain confidential matters.

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X. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT