

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, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 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. Lyle Cunningham, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Lilianne Alexandre, Teacher, Medicine Hat High School
Mr. Payton Degenhardt, Student, Medicine Hat High School
Mr. Richard Potter, Administrator of Information Technologies
Mr. Corey Sadlemyer, Principal, Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre
Mr. Terry Freeman, Director of Programs and Instruction
Ms. Nadia Delanoy, Consultant of Programs & Instruction-Secondary

CHAIR: Mr. Terry Riley

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Angie Lesko

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addition under **ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

- 10. Letters of Congratulations
- 11. Letter of Thanks

132. Mrs. Wilson Fraser **THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 and Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 and Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

133. Mrs. Freeman **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 and Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 and Tuesday, September 2, 2014 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

III. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Thank you cards from District students for being awarded the Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

Darek Neinz	Anna Dunphy	Dolan Kilback
Dana Kerr	Tessa Koi	Liam Mohanraj
Aisha Oredogbe	Kyle Church	
Nadia Baheri	Megan Moll	

2. Thank you cards re: Appreciation Dinner

Yoka Redekop
Kathy Western
Dennis/Sandy Buchko
3. Copy of letter from Dave Hancock, Premier of Alberta,
re: Mental Health Projects Placemat

IV. **RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. **Top 50 Under Fifty**

Congratulations to District staff who were named one of Medicine Hat's *Top 50 Under Fifty*. The accomplishments of these individuals are significant and they have each made a considerable contribution to our students, District and to the City of Medicine Hat.

Natosha Mastel – Principal at River Heights School
Lindsay Steiner – Vice-Principal at Vincent Massey School

2. **Kagan Summer Institute**

The District had over 100 teachers attend a Kagan Institute in Medicine Hat on August 19-22, 2014. A special thanks to all the teachers involved for their commitment to this work.

3. **Elm Street School**

Elm Street School has been included on the Design Thinking in Schools website that features a directory of schools and programs that use design thinking in the curriculum for K-12 students. Elm Street School is the first school in Canada to be recognized. This site was put together by IDEO (a global design school) and K12 Lab Network at Stanford's d.school.

For more information go to www.designthinkinginschools.com.

4. **HUG/MyPlace**

The HUG/MyPlace programs would like to thank Little Caesar's Pizza and Booster Juice for donating lunch for students enrolled in summer programming.

5. **Girls Basketball on Alberta & National Team**

A number of our students achieved incredible success in basketball. Congratulations are extended to these students.

Jenna Spruyt played with Team Alberta's 17 & under team at nationals and Kayla Guillet played with the 16 &

under squad at Westerns. Both girls are students at Medicine Hat High School.

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. MHHS Field Trip

Ms. Lilianne Alexandre, teacher at Medicine Hat High School, along with student Payton Degenhardt, made a presentation to the Board on the highlights of their recent trip to Paris, Normandy and Brittany in April, 2014.

2. Regional Collaborative Service Delivery

The RCSD is a regional model that supports schools and engages community partners in meeting the needs of children and youth through the school years. An update showing the continuum of services and service delivery model was shared.

The goals of RCSD are to improve access to supports and services, to build capacity of communities including school staff, service providers and families and to improve integration and coordination of supports and services.

Additionally, Mrs. Fedor shared an FAQ sheet created by the regional managers, answering many common questions regarding the Regional Collaborative Service Delivery.

The Region has received an additional \$400,000 in funding.

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Chromebooks – Pilot Project

The District was asked to explore a parent purchase plan for Chromebooks. Other districts have found that there is a great deal of parent interest in this program. The District is proposing to start a pilot project in a few schools to determine the success. The pilot would determine the impact of Chromebooks and how they can increase student engagement and effectiveness.

If the pilot is successful, the District would offer a parent purchase option and expand to other schools. Discussion ensued and the Board gave their support for this project to move forward.

The pilot project will include the following schools:

Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre - Grades 4 & 7
Connaught School - Grades 4 & 4-5 combined class
Crescent Heights High School – Grade 7

134. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board approve the Chromebooks pilot program for 2014-2015 school year.

CARRIED

2. Conflicting Board Meetings

Due to conflicting events, the Board was asked to consider changing the regularly scheduled Board Meetings, as follows:

- 1) November 18th meeting conflicts with ASBA FGM in Edmonton. The Regular Board Meeting could be held on November 25, 2014.

135. Ms. Forbes

THAT the November 18th meeting be rescheduled to November 25, 2014.

CARRIED

- 2) April 7th meeting conflicts with Easter break. The Closed Conference/Committee of the Whole Board Meetings, including Improved Learning presentation, could be held on April 14th.

136. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the April 7th meeting be rescheduled to April 14, 2014.

CARRIED

- 3) June 2nd meeting conflicts with ASBA SGM in Red Deer. The Closed Conference/Committee of the Whole Board Meetings could be cancelled.

137. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the June 2nd Closed Conference/Committee of the Whole Board Meetings be cancelled.

CARRIED

3. Critical Milestones

The Critical Milestones poster for the 2014-2015 school year was enclosed.

138. Ms. Forbes

THAT the Board approve the Critical Milestones plan for 2014-2015.

4 in favour / 1 opposed

CARRIED

4. World Teachers' Day

October 5th is celebrated annually as World Teachers' Day. The Alberta Teachers' Association recognized this celebration by placing an advertisement in the Calgary Herald and Edmonton Journal. Our practice has been to place the District's recognition in the Medicine Hat News and to send a card and fruit basket to the schools in appreciation.

139. Mr. Massini

THAT the Board approve a recognition advertisement for the Medicine Hat News and send a card and fruit basket to each school.

CARRIED

5. Policy Review

Policy 212 indicates a process for the regular review of policies. Policies in Sections 800 and 900 are to be reviewed during the 2014-2015 school year.

It was recommended that the Board put in abeyance the work on Sections 800 and 900 so a focus can be created on Policy 411 and to allow time for the policies to be aligned to the new regulations.

140. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the Board approve the review of Policy 411 during the 2014-2015 school year and to review Sections 800 and 900 during the 2015-2016 school year.

CARRIED

6. Improved Learning Presentations to the Board

The Board has determined one of the goals to be "improving learning through enhanced instruction". A schedule of school sharing presentations and structure was enclosed. It was noted that Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre was not included on the list. Dr. Henderson will revise the list to include the new school.

141. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board approve the schedule and content, with the addition of the Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre.

CARRIED

7. City of Medicine Hat – Special Olympics Alberta 2017 Summer Games

The City of Medicine Hat is working on a proposal for hosting the 2017 Summer Special Olympics. The committee has requested use of Crescent Heights High School for July 7 and 8, 2017 as the Games will be held July 7-9, 2017. The Chair authorized a letter of support as the deadline to respond was August 20, 2014 and the request was received on August 5, 2014.

142. Mr. Massini

THAT the Board sanction the decision of the Chair to approve the District's support of the Special Olympics Alberta 2017 Summer Games.

CARRIED

8. PSBAA Community Representative for Fall Meeting

PSBAA has requested that the Board consider sending two community representatives to the Fall Annual General Meeting on October 16, 2014. The registration

will be covered by PSBAA but the Board would be responsible for travel and subsistence.

143. Mr. Massini

THAT the Board authorize the Board Chair to send up to two representatives and approve this expense.

CARRIED

9. Alberta School Boards Association Awards

The Alberta School Boards Association offers recognitions in a number of areas. The deadline for a number of nominations is September 26, 2014. These awards include:

- a) Friends of Education Award
- b) Honorary Life Member Award
- c) Public Engagement Award
- d) Premier's Award

The Board considered these awards and determined they would not recommend anyone for nomination at this time.

10. Letter of Congratulations

It was suggested that letters be sent to Mr. Gordon Dirks, Minister of Education and Mr. Manmeet Bhullar, Minister of Infrastructure, congratulating them on their recent appointments.

144. Ms. Forbes

THAT the Chair write letters, on behalf of the Board, congratulating Mr. Dirks and Mr. Bhullar on their recent appointments.

CARRIED

11. Letter of Thanks

It was suggested that a letter be sent to Jeff Johnson, thanking him for his service as Education Minister.

145. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Chair write a letter, on behalf of the Board, thanking Mr. Johnson for his service as Education Minister.

CARRIED

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. This is a chance to share the governance perceptions from trustees in this goal.

Mr. Massini visited a number of schools to welcome them back and wish them well as they begin the new school year.

2. Quad-School Student Council Meetings

Quad-School Student Council Meetings for the 2014-2015 school year have been scheduled for October 8, 2014 and March 18, 2015 from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Crescent Heights High School.

The Board was asked to let Susan Getz know if they plan to attend.

3. Grand Opening

The Grand Opening of the Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre is scheduled for Friday, September 26, 2014 at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The Public is invited to attend.

4. Open House – Public Presentation

There is an Open House – Public Presentation scheduled for the modernization of Medicine Hat High School on November 6, 2014 at 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the MHHS Cafeteria.

5. Enrolment Update

Mr. Cunningham reported that the District enrolment as of September 10, 2014 is 7,205 students. This count is an increase of 264 students over this time last year. It was stressed that these numbers are tentative.

VIII. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

146. 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 7:56 p.m.

IX. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 8:41 p.m.

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

No items arising.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

147. Ms. Forbes

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER