

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, MAY 19, 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. Lyle Cunningham, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Andy Christie, Administrator of Facilities
Mr. Scott Howes, Vice Principal, MHHS
Mr. Boris Grisonich, Principal, MHHS
Ms. Nadia Delanoy, Director of Programs and Instruction
Mr. Richard Potter, Administrator of Information Technology
Mr. Corey Perrin, Teacher, CHHS
Ms. Heather McCaig, Teacher, CHHS
Ms. Michelle Hymanyk, Teacher, Medicine Hat Christian School
Ms. Michelle Schneider, Teacher, CHHS
Miss Hanna Bonogofsky, Student, CHHS
Mr. Brody Bonogofsky, Student, CHHS

CHAIR: Mr. Terry Riley

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Angie Lesko

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ADDITION under:

IV. Recognitions/Accomplishments:

12. Edwin Parr Award Recipient

VII. Items for Information

6. PSBA – Cenovus Nomination

MOVE the following items prior to Presentations:

VI. Items for Action:

1. MHHS Field Trip Request to Havre, Montana
2. CHHS Field Trip Request to New York City
3. Medicine Hat Christian School Field Trip Request to France and Italy

117. Mrs. Freeman

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, April 28, 2015 and Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 and Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

THAT the Minutes of the Tuesday, April 28, 2015 and Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 and Tuesday, April 28, 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Copy of thank you card from Shannon Nelson, re: Alberta School Council Association Conference & AGM

IV. RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Administration of Achievement and Diploma Field Tests

The Board wishes to recognize District teachers for their participation in the administration of Achievement and Diploma Field Tests scheduled for May and June. The participation of staff and students is vital to the development of fair, valid and reliable provincial examinations. The Board wishes to thank everyone for their efforts above and beyond regular school duties.

2. School Art 2014

Congratulations to the following District students who were selected as award winners for School Art 2015. These students were recognized at the Reception and Awards Ceremony on May 3rd.

Award	Name	School
Matthew James Morgan Armstrong	Malathi Thantrige	Alexandra Middle
Hat Art Club	Malithi Thantrige	Alexandra Middle
Hat Art Club	Kristin Hollingworth	Connaught
MH Potters Association	Donovan Regner	Crescent Heights High
Hat Art Club	Emily Eresman	Crescent Heights High
Matthew James Morgan Armstrong	Haley Dettart	Crescent Heights High
**Senior Awards (Gr.10-12)	Kim Phillips	Crescent Heights High
Open Range Art Association	Reid Beach	Crescent Heights High
** Special Award	Sarah McKee	Crescent Heights High
**Junior Awards (Gr. 7-9)	Taylor Hanaghan	Crescent Heights High
Open Range Art Association	Wolfgang Edwards Van Muijen	Crescent Heights High
MH Potters Association	Tyra Hellberg	Crestwood
Matthew James Morgan Armstrong	Keara Moshal	Dr. Roy Wilson L.C.
TREX Program Awards	Nikolas Harrison	Dr. Roy Wilson L.C.
Lorine Marshall "Award of Excellence"	Ryley Peters	Dr. Roy Wilson L.C.
Open Range Art Association	Hannah Grass	Medicine Hat High
Hat Art Club	Joselyn Kohls	Medicine Hat High
Hat Art Club	Dylan Odenback	Riverside
**Lower Elementary Award (Gr. K-3)	Lincoln Yarshenko	Riverside
**Upper Elementary Award (Gr. 4-6)	Alyssa Milnor	Vincent Massey
Esplanade Museum Heritage Inspiration Award	Mia Chrun	Vincent Massey
** denotes recipient of MHSD#76 Certificate and cheque		

The Awards Ceremony was held on May 3rd at 1:00 p.m. in the Main Theatre at the Esplanade. Mrs. Catherine Wilson Fraser was the MC for the ceremony and presented the District awards.

3. Leaders of Tomorrow

Medicine Hat School District No. 76 has a number of students nominated for the “Leaders of Tomorrow Award”.

Alexander McNaughton (Grade 9) – MHHS
Alyssa McKenzie (Grade 10) – MHHS
Amanda Robinson (Grade 6) – Crestwood School
Aysia George (Grade 8) – CHHS
Caleb Robinson (former MHHS)
Easton Nugent (Grade 6) – Webster Niblock School
Jenna Spruyt (Grade 12) – MHHS
Kaynen Deck (Grade 11) – MHHS
Laura Schmitt (Grade 11) – MHHS
Samantha Janean Slack (Grade 7) – CHHS
Samin Dolatabadi (Grade 12) – MHHS
Vienna Buchholz (Grade 11) – MHHS
Whitney Parker (Grade 5) – Crestwood School
Zeandra Kenin (Grade 11) – MHHS

Congratulations to all of our “Leaders of Tomorrow”.

Vienna Buchholz and Whitney Parker were also scholarship winners.

4. Science Fair – MHHS

Medicine Hat High School had three students who won several awards at the recent Science Fair.

John Berger and Sally Zhou entered the science fair with their research on an alternate to fossil fuels – a linear accelerator. They won Best in Category, The Hat Smart Award from Medicine Hat, the Suffield award and they will be representing Medicine Hat at the National Science Fair in Fredericton later this year. Congratulations to John and Sally!

Kariann Szemethy, with her research on the development of a low voltage UV LED for water disinfection, won Best in Category, the SEAWA award, Best Female Engineering, and the Suffield Award. Kariann will be representing Medicine Hat at the National Science Fair in Fredericton later this year. Congratulations to Kariann.

These are well-deserved awards for all three MHHS students for their intensive work and research.

5. Southeast Alberta Regional Skills Canada

Congratulations to all District students who competed at the Southeast Alberta Regional Skills Canada Competition on April 29th. Listed below are District students who received an award.

Event	Award	Winner	School
Auto Service	Gold	Chance Edelmann Ian Stewart	CHHS
	Bronze	Austin Quiring Kris Clark	MHHS
Baking	Bronze	Bob Buchholz	CHHS
Cabinet Making	Silver	Aidian Comeau	CHHS
Carpentry	Silver	Connor Getz	MHHS
Culinary Arts	Silver	Kendall Bouvette	CHHS
Intermediate	Gold	Kaylin Gries	MHHS
Hairstyling	Silver	Bea Thickett	MHHS
	Bronze	Kiwanna Kunkel	MHHS
Junior Hairstyling	Silver	Janga Kollie	MHHS
TV/Video Production	Silver	Branden de Grasse Jordan Avery	MHHS
Welding	Gold	Tyson Rubbelke	MHHS
	Silver	Brayden McKenna	MHHS
	Bronze	Cassandra Stelter	MHHS

6. MHHS Expo

Congratulations to Medicine Hat High School on the success of their Expo held on April 16th. The Expo welcomed all new students interested in attending MHHS next year, showcasing their academic programs, option classes and extracurricular activities. Tours of the school, introduction of teachers and a presentation were held.

7. YES Club – MHHS

On June 21st, the summer solstice, the city will be celebrating the installation of the solar thermal energy panels. The city has asked the YES club to take part in this celebration. They will be helping out at the barbeque, making s'mores with solar ovens they created, running the solar car races, and hosting the bean bag toss. They will also be creating information boards that will be on display, and will be creating a photo board where participants can have their picture taken.

8. The Author's Voice – One Act Play

Congratulations to Medicine Hat High School students who are participating in this one act play. *The Author's Voice* was awarded the Best One Act Play at the 2015 Pilot Lights Theatre Festival at Medicine Hat High School. Good luck to the team at the Alberta High School Drama Festival in Red Deer.

9. Azeez Badrudeen

Congratulations to Azeez Badrudeen, a grade 9 student at Crescent Heights High School, who has been recognized and received a trip to Huntsville, Alabama to attend a Space Camp for blind or visually impaired students. Students from many countries will attend this camp in September.

10. Solar Panel Celebration – MHHS

Congratulations to the YES Club at Medicine Hat High School who have been asked to help with the City's Solar Panel Celebration on June 21st. There will be approximately 12 volunteers from the school. The volunteers will assist with the BBQ, baking s'mores in the solar oven, creating and assisting with a photo board, creating information poster boards to view on a 3 minute walk, and helping with the bean bag toss game.

11. Medicine Hat High School Rotary Interact Club

Medicine Hat High's Rotary Interact Club received the Presidential Citation from Rotary International at the District Rotary Conference on May 8, 2015. The citation was awarded to the Interact Club for enhancing their service impact to help children/adults in need and expanding their network to get students involved directly or indirectly in helping with the projects/fund-raising activities. More specifically, the club was recognized for increasing awareness of, participating in, and fund-raising for school/community service projects that support Rotary's areas of focus (2014-15 focus was eradication of polio in developing countries); getting involved in leadership workshops/conferences/programs; and organizing/participating in school and community events (such as EXPO, Remembrance Day Ceremonies, and Operation Christmas Child).

12. Edwin Parr Award Recipient

The District is pleased to congratulate Mr. Sterling Hamilton, teacher at Crescent Heights High School, who has been selected as Southern Alberta's 2015 Edwin Parr Award recipient.

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. MHHS Field Trip Request to Havre, Montana

Mr. Scott Howes, Vice Principal and Football coach at Medicine Hat High School, is requesting permission for students on the Hawks Football team to travel to Havre, Montana on two separate occasions:

- 1) September 5, 2015
- 2) September 26, 2015

Separate Field Trip request forms were attached.

It was recommended that the Board approve, in principle, two field trips for students from Medicine Hat High School to travel to Havre, Montana on September 5, 2015 and September 26, 2015, 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 770 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 one of the following documents: birth certificate, passport, Consular Report of Birth Abroad, Naturalization Certificate or Canadian Citizenship Card;
- k] that each parent be given a copy of the letter from Dr. Grant Henderson, Superintendent, re: measles immunization.

119. Mr. Massini

THAT the Board give final approval for two field trips for students from Medicine Hat High School to travel to Havre, Montana on September 5, 2015 and September 26, 2015, subject to the conditions specified.

CARRIED

2. CHHS Field Trip Request to New York City

Ms. Michelle Schneider, teacher at Crescent Heights High School, is requesting permission for students from Crescent Heights High School to travel to New York City on March 6-10, 2016. A Field Trip request form was attached.

It was recommended that the Board approve, in principle, a field trip for students from Crescent Heights High School to travel to New York City for the period March 6-10, 2016, 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.

120. Ms. Forbes

THAT the Board approve, in principle, a field trip for students from Crescent Heights High School to travel to New York City for the period March 6-10, 2016, subject to the conditions specified.

CARRIED

3. **Medicine Hat Christian School Field Trip Request to France and Italy**

Ms. Michelle Hymanyk, teacher at Medicine Hat Christian School, is requesting permission for students from Medicine Hat Christian School to travel to France and Italy on April 12-22, 2017. A Field Trip request form was attached.

It was recommended that the Board approve, in principle, a field trip for students from Medicine Hat Christian School to travel to France and Italy for the period April 12-22, 2017, 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.

121. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the Board approve, in principle, a field trip for students from Medicine Hat Christian School to travel to France and Italy for the period April 12-22, 2017, subject to the conditions specified.

CARRIED

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. CHHS Trip to Italy/Spain

Ms. Heather McCaig, teacher at Crescent Heights High School, along with students Hanna and Brody Bonogofsky, were in attendance to present the highlights of their recent trip to Italy and Spain.

2. CHHS Trip to England

Mr. Curtis Perrin, teacher at Crescent Heights High School, presented to the Board on the highlights of their recent trip to England.

3. MHHS Modernization Update

Mr. Christie provided an update regarding the modernization project for Medicine Hat High School. This project will take place in three phases, with phase one commencing in June/July 2015, pending alignment of budgeting issues.

The anticipated completion date for the project is May 2017.

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION - Continued

4. MHHS Baseball Institute

Medicine Hat High School is proposing to offer a Baseball Institute program at its school starting in September 2015. A course outline and financial breakdown was provided. Boris Grisonich, Principal, was in attendance to answer any questions.

122. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board approve the Baseball Institute at Medicine Hat High School for the period August, 2015 to August 2018, as presented.

CARRIED

5. Technology Plan

Ms. Nadia Delanoy and Mr. Richard Potter provided an overview of the 3-year Technology Plan for 2015-2018.

The goals include a new approach to evergreening through technology replacement planning, while providing increased communication and capacity building of stakeholders through school sharing and technology collaboration. The plan also reflects the Ministerial order through digital citizenship, while supporting a pedagogical shift of technology as a tool for learning anytime, anywhere.

A Technology Advisory Committee has been established and will be the main support for capacity building.

123. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the Technology Plan be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6. Letters of Congratulations

The recent provincial election was held on May 5th.

124. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board send congratulation letters to our two local MLAs and the new Premier.

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.

Ms. Forbes attended the Elm Street School *Home* event at Medalta (exhibition and performances).

Mrs. Wilson Fraser attended Music Monday at River Heights School, the pancake breakfast at Webster Niblock School, the art awards at River Heights School and the challenge at WLC.

Mrs. Freeman attended the Entrepreneurial Fair at Elm Street School, the Elm Street School *Home* event at Medalta, the Vincent Massey Family Fun Night and the challenge at WLC.

Mr. Massini attended the pancake breakfast at Webster Niblock School, a parent council meeting at Ross Glen School, the Showcase at AMS, the challenge at WLC, and a band concert at the Esplanade.

2. National School Boards Association

An overview of the NSBA sessions was provided.

3. District Pancake Breakfast

The Board of Trustees and School District will be hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast for all staff on Monday, June 29th from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. in the Medicine Hat High School cafeteria.

4. ASBA Zone 6 General Meeting

The ASBA Zone 6 General Meeting was held on May 13, 2015. An overview of this meeting was shared.

5. Student Speak Out – PSBAA Event

On an ad hoc basis the District sent sponsorship for this student-centered event.

6. PSBA – Cenovus Nomination

The Board was asked to support the nomination of Cenovus Energy Inc. for the PSBA Special Contribution to Public School Education award. It was agreed that this nomination should be submitted to PSBA by the June 1st deadline.

VIII. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

125. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 8:14 p.m.

IX. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 8:43 p.m.

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

126. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board support the proposal as submitted by the CUPE Negotiations Committee.

CARRIED

127. Ms. Forbes

THAT the Board resubmit the resolution to ASBA concerning local bargaining.

CARRIED

XI. ADJOURNMENT

128. Ms. Forbes

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER