



MEDICINE HAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76

REGULAR MEETING

A G E N D A

Tuesday, September 16, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

**BOARD
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I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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**.

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III. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Darek Neinz
Dana Kerr
Aisha Oredogbe
Megan Moll
Dolan Kilback

Anna Dunphy
Tessa Koi
Kyle Church
Liam Mohanraj
Nadia Baheri

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2. **Thank you cards re: Appreciation Dinner**

Yoka Redekop
Kathy Western
Dennis/Sandy Buchko

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3. **Copy of letter from Dave Hancock, Premier of Alberta, re: Mental Health Projects Placemat**

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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

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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.

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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 Standord's d.school. For more information go to website www.designthinkinginschools.com.

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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.

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5. Girls Basketball on Alberta & National Team

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

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V. PRESENTATIONS

1. MHHS Field Trip

Ms. Lilianne Alexandre, teacher at Medicine Hat High School, will make a presentation to the Board on the highlights of their recent trip to Paris, Normandy and Brittany in April, 2014.

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2. Regional Collaborative Service Delivery

The RCSD is a regional model that will support schools and engage 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 will be shared.

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VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Chromebooks – Pilot Project

The District would like to explore a parent purchase plan for Chromebooks. A few of the districts have found that there is a great deal of parent interest in this program. The district would start this as a pilot program in a few schools to determine the success.

It is recommended that the Board approve the pilot program for 2014-2015.

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2. Conflicting Board Meetings

There are a couple regularly scheduled Board Meetings that we may want to consider changing the dates due to conflicting events.

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- 1) November 18th meeting conflicts with ASBA FGM in Edmonton. The Regular Board Meeting could be held on November 25, 2014.
- 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.
- 3) June 2nd meeting conflicts with ASBA SGM in Red Deer. The Closed Conference/Committee of the Whole Board Meetings could be cancelled.

It is recommended that the Board approve these changes in meeting dates.

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3. Critical Milestones

Enclosed is a poster of the Critical Milestones for the 2014-2015 school year.

It is recommended the Board approve this plan for the upcoming year.

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Separate Enclosure

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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. The Board has sent a card and fruit basket to the schools in appreciation.

It is recommended that the Board approve a recognition advertisement for the Medicine Hat News and send a card and fruit basket to each school.

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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.

The format is as follows:

1. If the policy requires **no revision**, a reviewed date will be added to the bottom of the policy.
2. If the policy requires **housekeeping revisions**, that is, the

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changing of a title, or wording that makes no change in intent of the policy, the Board may make such revisions at a public meeting of the Board.

3. If the policy requires **minor or major revisions or elimination**, the Board will recommend changes to the Coordinating Committee.

The administrative procedures and exhibits will be reviewed by the administration at this time as well.

It is 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.

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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 is enclosed. The Board had previously determined the schedule for the presentations and now the format should be established.

It is recommended that the Board approve the schedule and content as presented.

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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.

It is recommended that the Board approve the District's support of the Special Olympics Alberta 2017 Summer Games.

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8. PSBAA Community Representative for Fall Meeting

PSBAA has requested that the Board consider sending two community representatives to the Fall Annual General Meeting. The registration will be covered by PSBAA but the Board would be responsible for travel and subsistence.

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It is recommended that the Board authorize the Board Chair to send up to two representatives and approve this expense.

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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

There are no long service awards due to our trustees this year.

The Board will want to consider these awards for nominations.

<http://www.asba.ab.ca/services/awards.asp>

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VII. 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. 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.

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3. Grand Opening

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

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4. Open House – Public Presentation

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

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5. Enrollment Update

The District has reviewed the student numbers and is pleased to provide an update.

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VIII. 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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IX. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT