



MEDICINE HAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76

REGULAR MEETING

A G E N D A

Tuesday, January 20, 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, December 16, 2014** and Committee of the Whole meeting held on **Tuesday, December 16, 2014**.

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III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Copy of thank you card from Karris George, re: Brenda McIvor Memorial Scholarship**

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2. **Copy of thank you card from Dr. Larry Henderson**

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3. **Dr. Ken Sauer**

An appreciation email was sent to the Board Chair with regards to the recognition and gift sent on behalf of the Board.

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4. **Copy of thank you card from Meaghan Palmer re: M. Waseem Bhatti Memorial Scholarship**

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5. **Copy of thank you cards from students re: Thelma Berkely Robinson Scholarship**

- a) Nick Bratvold
- b) Bryce Chambers
- c) Zach Lukasiewich

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6. **Copy of letter, dated December 15, 2014, from Gordon Dirks, Minister of Education, to Mr. Terry Riley, Board Chair, re: construction projects**

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IV. **RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. **Community Classroom/Open Minds**

The District had four schools participate in the program this year. This has involved 49 different classes.

Police Point – 9 classes
Esplanade – 12 classes
Neubauer Farms – 4 classes
Medalta – 22 classes
Medicine Hat College – 2 classes

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2. **Awards Ceremonies**

Crescent Heights High School

Congratulations to all staff and students involved in the Senior High Awards Ceremony at Crescent Heights High School on December 18th.

Medicine Hat High School

Medicine Hat High School had an Undergrad Awards Assembly on November 25th.

Congratulations to all students who participated and received awards at these ceremonies.

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3. **Critical Challenge**

There were a number of schools engaged in critical challenge activities over the past months. Thank you to staff for their commitment in offering this type of learning activity for our students.

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4. **Former Student – Jasveen Brar**

The District is always very pleased to hear about the success of our former students. Jasveen Brar is in her second year at Dalhousie University and was selected, alongside a handful of other youth, to participate in the “students on ice” program, a student-centered expedition to the Antarctic.

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V. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **WE Day Presentation**

The District had a large number of students attend the WE Day activity earlier in the year. River Heights School will share their perceptions of WE Day and the other work they are doing within the community.

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2. **Teachers’ Convention**

Tim Johnson, Chair of the Southeast Alberta Teachers’ Convention, will be in attendance to inform the Board of the events at the upcoming Teachers’ Convention on February 19 & 20, 2015.

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3. **Mental Health Capacity Building Projects**

Medicine Hat School District has two Mental Health Capacity Building Projects – MyPlace and H.U.G. (Helping Us Grow). The projects have changed in their focus and logistically to provide supports to children and families. Lori Frelick, Project Facilitator, will be in attendance to share details regarding implementation.

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4. **SIVA Training**

The SIVA training is provided to support teacher and educational assistants in their work with students. All the educational assistants will be trained on this program over the next 2 years.

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VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Edwin Parr Interviews

The Board is responsible for selecting an Edwin Parr nominee to represent Medicine Hat School District No. 76 at the Zone 6 selection process.

It is recommended that the Board establish a meeting on March 10, 2015 starting at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of selecting the representative for Medicine Hat School District No. 76.

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2. Alberta Education Regulations

The Education Act Regulatory Review Committee was established to lead discussions on regulations that will support the Education Act upon its proclamation. Sixteen regulations have been released for stakeholder input. Comments must be submitted by January 31, 2015.

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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. Edwin Parr Banquet

The Edwin Parr Banquet is held each year in Taber. The banquet is scheduled for May 13, 2015.

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3. Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 6 Meeting

The ASBA Zone 6 General Meeting was held on January 14, 2015. An update will be provided at the meeting.

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4. Board/Administrators' Planning Session

The Board/Administrators' Planning Session is scheduled for January 22 & 23, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Family Leisure Centre. The session will look at successes, current research and the District direction as we continue to move forward.

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5. CHHS Drama Production

Crescent Heights High School students are presenting the drama production, *All Shook Up*, evenings at 7:00 p.m. on February 3-7 and 10-13 and a 2:00 p.m. matinee on February 7th. Tickets are available on the CHHS website.

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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