

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 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mr. Terry Riley, Mr. Rick Massini, Ms. Deborah Forbes, Mrs. Carolyn Freeman, Mrs. Catherine Wilson Fraser

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. Mark Davidson, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Lyle Cunningham, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Sherri Fedor, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Miss Jennifer Davies, Teacher, Crescent Heights High School
Mr. Patrick Grisonich, Principal, Crescent Heights High School
Mr. Scott Howes, Vice Principal, Medicine Hat High School

CHAIR: Mr. Terry Riley

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Angie Lesko

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

107. Mrs. Freeman **THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 and Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

108. Mrs. Wilson Fraser **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 and Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Sheldon Johnston re: Medicine Hat Parents for Choice in Education
2. Letter from Richard Grafton re: 2016 Pilot Lights Theatre Festival

IV. RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Seymour Schulich Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship

John Stahr, grade 12 student at Medicine Hat High School, was awarded the prestigious 2016 Seymour Schulich Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship from the University of Calgary; the total scholarship value is \$61,800.

2. Canadian Western Science Fair Finalists

Medicine Hat High School students Kariann Szemethy, Shahmeer Ahmed, Surina Grover, and John Berger have been chosen as the Canadian Western Science Fair finalists and will be competing in the National Science Fair Competition that will be held at McGill University in Montreal in May.

3. Miss Teen Alberta

Chloe Chapdelaine from Medicine Hat High School won the Miss Teen Alberta Competition and will represent our province as she competes for the Miss Teen Canada Title in Toronto this coming July.

4. Southern Alberta Basketball League Awards

Medicine Hat High School teachers and basketball coaches, Jeff Harrold and Chad Watson, were named coaches of the year for the Southern Alberta Basketball League. The following student athletes were selected as league all-stars: Isabel Rattai, Kaesha Milne, Jordyn Kearley, Gerad Wagenaar and Anfernee Houmphanh.

5. Pilot Lights Festival

Thanks to Richard Grafton, teacher, Medicine Hat High School and his drama students for participating in the Pilot Lights Festival that was held at the end of April. The Festival winner was "*This is a Play*", written by Daniel MacIvor, directed by Andrea Pearton, and featured Christian Goodchild, Claire Spalding, Brooklyn Schnor and Brandon De Grasse. These students headed to Red Deer to compete on May 5th and 6th.

6. Regional Skills Competition

Congratulations to the Medicine Hat High School students who participated in the Regional Skills Competition.

The following students received medals:

- Robert Cowens and Alex Zadorozny – Silver in Automotive Service
- Tate Elliott and Michael Vaile – Bronze in Automotive Service
- Ashley Campbell – Silver in Baking
- Katarina Darkow – Gold; Jayk Sterkenburg – Bronze in Cabinet Making
- Dylan Cameron – Gold in Carpentry
- Janga Kollie – Gold; Phaedra Goett – Silver; Skylar McKinnon-Witzke – Bronze in Intermediate Hairstyling
- Jordan Avery and Branden De Grasse – Gold in TV/Video
- Rease Shearer – Bronze in Fabrication Studies

7. Moose Lodge Scholarships

Medicine Hat High School and Crescent Heights High School each received \$5,000 from the Moose Lodge, to be used for post-secondary scholarships.

8. Leaders of Tomorrow Excellence Award

Medicine Hat High School students, Theo Weigel and Anjali Mishra, were the Leaders of Tomorrow Excellence Award winners; they were recognized and presented with \$500 Medicine Hat News Scholarships at the Leaders of Tomorrow celebrations held on May 2.

9. Mental Health Capacity Building Projects

We are very excited about the Fresh Start to School Event! It will be held on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 and the registration deadline is May 18, 2016. The event provides some fabulous opportunities like haircuts, photos, new running shoes and backpacks for our underprivileged students. The Fresh Start to School event is not 'put on' by one individual agency or organization. Rather it is a collection of people who work for various organizations and want to provide a great opportunity for students and families. The City Community Workers will be referring students from Medicine Hat High School, Elm, George Davison and Ross Glen. If you are at one of these schools and have a family in mind, you may want to connect with a city worker.

10. 46th Alberta High School Drama Provincial Festival

Mr. Richard Grafton and 25 Medicine Hat High School students travelled to Red Deer to take part in the 46th Alberta High School Drama Provincial Festival. Every year, the AHSDFA festival showcases students from across the province at the Red Deer College Arts Centre for three action packed days of one act plays, workshops, and community. These productions have been selected as the Best Play in their zone festival, and have the honour of representing their school.

Representing Zone 7 South East Alberta and Medicine Hat High School, "This is a Play" by Canadian playwright, Daniel MacIvor. The production was directed by Grade 12 Student, Andrea Pearton, and featured a cast of Grade 12 students Branden DeGrasse, Brooklyn Schnor, Clare Spalding, and Christian Goodchild. Also in the crew were Tenneille Vertigans and Dylan Cameron.

Brooklyn Schnor was recognized with an honorable mention for her outstanding performance in "This is a Play".

11. 2017 American High School Theatre Festival

Medicine Hat High School Drama, under the direction of Richard F. Grafton, has been asked to perform at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the world's largest and most prestigious arts festival, as part of the American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF). For those of you who might not know, each August, Edinburgh, Scotland, becomes the most magical and exciting place on earth as performing artists from around the world converge on the city to take part in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The city becomes a state, and visitors can view performances everywhere from traditional theatre spaces to playgrounds, city parks, and churches. The Festival Fringe includes over 3000 performances of music, theatre, dance, comedy, and more during its three week run. Medicine Hat High School Drama's performance has been asked to showcase at an AHSTF venue in August 2017.

This is an amazing honour and a terrific accomplishment to have been selected - a first for the city of Medicine Hat!

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. CHHS Trip to New York

Miss Jennifer Davies and Mr. Pat Grisonich, from Crescent Heights High School, made a presentation to the Board on the highlights of their recent trip to New York.

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, requested permission for students on the Hawks Football team to travel to Havre, Montana on two separate occasions:

- 1) September 3, 2016
- 2) September 17, 2016

Separate Field Trip request forms were attached.

- 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 the Superintendent, re: measles immunization.

109. Ms. Forbes

THAT the Board approve two field trips for students on the Hawks Football team to travel to Havre, Montana on September 3, 2016 and September 17, 2016, subject to the conditions specified.

CARRIED

2. School Boundaries

Mr. Labossiere reviewed the current boundaries and provided a number of options for proposed changes to the boundaries.

The Board unanimously agreed to proposed Option 5, which would have Riverside School students and Northlands area students attending Vincent Massey School. Students north of 20th Street, with the exclusion of the Northlands area, would be attending the new school. The Ranchlands area students would continue to attend Webster Niblock School.

The anticipated utilization rates for the three schools are:

Vincent Massey School – 71%
 Webster Niblock School – 65%
 New School - 80%

The change in boundaries would coincide with the opening of the new school in the Terrace area, which is scheduled to open in September 2017.

110. Mr. Massini

THAT the Board approve the revised school boundaries as outlined in Option 5, as presented.

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.

Mrs. Freeman attended the Art Display at Elm Street School.

Mrs. Wilson Fraser attended the Crestwood Tea and the Dragons Den at Riverside School.

Mr. Riley attended the Crestwood Tea and also visited Medicine Hat Christian School.

2. District Pancake Breakfast

The Board of Trustees and the School District will be hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast for all staff on Thursday, June 30th from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. at Crescent Heights High School.

VIII. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

111. 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 6:52 p.m.

IX. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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

No action arising.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

112. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER