



MEDICINE HAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76

REGULAR MEETING

A G E N D A

Tuesday, April 28, 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, March 17, 2015** and Committee of the Whole meeting held on **Tuesday, March 17, 2015** and **Tuesday, April 14, 2015**.

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III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Copy of letter from Stephen Mandel, Minister of Health, dated March 9, 2015 re: Funding for Help Us Grow and MyPlace Mental Health Capacity Building Projects**

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2. **Copy of letter from Gordon Dirks, Minister of Education, dated March 13, 2015 re: Transfer of Ecole Les Cypres (Central Park School)**

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3. **Copy of letter from Gordon Dirks, Minister of Education, dated March 13, 2015 re: relocation of two Modular/Portable Classrooms**

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IV. **RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. **Natosha Mastel and Terry Freeman**

Congratulations to Natosha Mastel and Terry Freeman for their article, *A School's Learning Journey*, published in The Cass Connection, Spring 2015.

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2. **Wrestling**

MHHS boys and girls Wrestling teams won the Alberta Rural Provincial gold medals and then Matt Stenhouse went to the Alberta Provincials and won the gold medal in his weight category. Matt has been offered a scholarship to the U of Regina for both football and wrestling.

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3. **Mike Rasmusson**

Congratulations to Mike Rasmusson, Community Coach for the Medicine Hat High School JV Boys' Basketball team, who was named coach of the year by the league.

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4. **Basketball Season**

MHHS Girls' Basketball

Congratulations to the coaches and players of the Medicine Hat High School Girls' basketball team who won the provincial championship. MHHS Varsity Girls Basketball team went undefeated in 4A Zones playoffs winning gold by beating #1 ranked Cardston and #2 ranked Raymond then went on to win the 4A Provincial Championship in the toughest draw possible...they beat the home team Jasper Place during the school day on Thursday in front of a packed gym of Jasper Place students, then they beat the #1, #2, and #3 ranked teams to win Gold. The top 16 teams go to provincials and they played the toughest 4. They went in ranked #10. The team's efforts throughout the playoffs were outstanding and their hard work and dedication were rewarded.

Thank you to MHHS staff for their support with donations to pay for the girls' meal prior to the big game. The support of everyone at the school for the team was greatly appreciated.

Crescent Heights High School

- a) This year's CHHS Viking Varsity girls had one of the best years in the last number of years. The year started out very slowly because of some injuries to key players and just not being very healthy as a team. As the year went on, the girls fought through the adversities and became a very competitive team in both league and tournament play.

We entered into seven tournaments and ended up being finalists in six and beating a lot of very good schools. We were ranked as honourable mention at the beginning of the year and ended up ranked 5th in the province. The team beat other city schools on

a regular basis in league play and won the SEBC League banner for the first time since 1997.

We attended zones to compete with six other teams that were ranked in the top ten in the province that were in our zone. We won our first game, but lost to the eventual provincial winners.

Overall it was a tremendous year for the Girls' Viking Basketball Program and for CHHS.

- b) Vikings Boy's Basketball - The 2014-15 season for the Vikings was an important rebuilding year. The focus for this year was about player development and creating a culture that will inspire others, in the school, to become involved in Viking athletics. The team was led by captains Zack Wilson and Justin Nordlee, both playing in their final year. The Vikings were placed into top tournaments in the province including the District 4 Tournament in Calgary and the Super South Tournament in Medicine Hat, arguably the biggest tournaments in Alberta. While the Vikings overall record may not appear glamorous, the players developed in skill and determination. A core of young players, including Rylly Quirante, Adrian Glauser & Alex Glauser, will be looked upon to lead the Vikings next season. Coach Hamilton was extremely proud of how his team managed to overcome obstacles and remain a team that followed the motto Family, Academics, Basketball. The Vikings lost their semi-final zone play-off game to eventual champions W.R. Myers (Taber), but are ready to challenge for the zone title next year.
- c) Our boys and girls junior high teams all had successful years. We had a total of six teams, with approximately 65 players in our program, between the boys and girls teams. Our grade 9 teams both improved significantly over the course of the season. Our girls team attended 4J zones in Raymond and achieved their goal of defeating a higher seeded team in the tournament. Our younger teams were very strong this season. Both our boys and girls grade 7/8 teams captured their respective 'B' league championships. Most of the players on our grade 7 boys and girls teams had their first basketball experience this year. Much like our grade 9 teams, they did not win the championship, but their knowledge and skills improved considerably from the beginning of the season to the end as they started to learn the game.

Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre

- a) The Grade 7 "B" Boys Basketball team had a very successful first season at the Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre. Their skill development and knowledge of the game of basketball grew tremendously as the season progressed leading to a third place finish at the CHHS tournament. The boys worked hard all season long to create a "never quit" identity with a mind-set that no lead is too large to overcome. Their unselfish personalities led to plenty of exciting games that resulted in a handful of victories. These 20+ student athletes pushed each other every day in practice to become the best players that they could be, demonstrating what it takes to be a true T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More). Congratulations boys!
- b) The Wilson Royals girls' basketball team had a successful first season! Every day the girls worked hard in practice to become better athletes. We focused on the skills of shooting, passing, dribbling, defense, and becoming a good teammate. The girls made it at goal to support their teammates on and off the court. As a team we practiced the agreements, and worked hard to always put our best effort forward in all situations. The girls' commitment and hard work lead them to many victories in both tournaments and league play. I am very proud of all of the athletes that participated in the Wilson Royals Basketball Program and am very excited to see them grow as athletes in the years to come!

Medicine Hat Christian School

a) Warriors Girls Basketball

The MHCS girls' basketball team was a young team who improved throughout the season. For tournaments, MHCS competed in the "B" level and were successful at this level. MHCS brought home two gold medals and one silver medal in the three tournaments we played in. Thank you to Sherry Krulicki, teacher rep/coach.

b) Warriors Boys Basketball

MHCS Warriors boys had 2 teams, totaling 18 players. The "B" boys played 10 games in league, finishing with a record of 9 – 1. The group shows strong promise for next season and they will be ready to compete.

We also had a boys "A" team. It was a challenging season, with a final record of 4 wins and 5 losses. We played well in Zones. We look forward to next season and are very optimistic. We are hoping to host and challenge for Zones next season. As usual, we are always eager to get going and next season will be the same. Thank you to Ernie Whitrow (coach), Jenn Kumm and Shade Holmes (teacher reps).

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5. School Art 2015

Congratulations to Sarah McKee, Grade 12 student at Crescent Heights High School, for having her piece of art chosen from hundreds of entries as the feature picture on the *School Art 2015* program.

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6. Royce Hopkins

Congratulations to Mr. Royce Hopkins, teacher at Ross Glen School, recipient of a scholarship to attend Kagan's 29th Annual Summer Academy in Florida. There were 56 educators chosen from around the world and only 2 from Canada.

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V. PRESENTATIONS

1. Outreach Programs

Medicine Hat School District has five Outreach Programs. These programs are designed to support individual student programming needs resulting in increased student engagement and success. An overview of the programming being provided and the alignment with district initiatives will be shared.

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2. District Initiative

An overview of the process of developing a District consensus about what our next District focus will be over the next 3 years will be provided.

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3. Chromebook Pilot Update

The District initiated a Chromebook pilot at Connaught School, Crescent Heights High School and the Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre this year. Nadia Delanoy, Terry Freeman, Todd Samuelson and Michelle Hilton will be in attendance to share an update.

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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 are attached.

It is 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.

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2. **Locally Developed Courses - CHHS**

- a) Crescent Heights High School submitted a request for renewal of the following Locally Developed Courses for the period September, 2015 to August, 2018.
- i) Learning Strategies – Grades 8 & 9 (Page 3)
 - ii) Recreation Education – Grades 7-9 (page 7)
 - iii) Student Leadership 9 (page 21)

It is recommended that the Board approve the request from Crescent Heights High School to renew locally developed courses, *Learning Strategies – Grades 8 & 9*, *Recreation Education – Grades 7-9*, *Student Leadership 9*, for a three-year period September, 2015 to August, 2018.

- b) Crescent Heights High School submitted a request for approval of a new locally developed course for the period September, 2015 to August, 2018.
- i) Learning Strategies 7 (page 41)

It is recommended that the Board approve new locally developed course, *Learning Strategies*, for the period September, 2015 to August, 2018.

- c) The Board approved the following courses, offered by Alexandra Middle School, for the period September, 2013 to August, 2016. Crescent Heights High School is requesting approval to offer these courses at their school.
- i) Leadership 7 - Leading from the Middle (page 43)
 - ii) Leading from the Middle 8 (page 49)
 - iii) Film Studies 7 & 8 (page 51)

It is recommended that the Board approve Crescent Heights High School to offer previously approved locally developed courses, *Leadership 7 – Leading from the Middle*, *Leading from the Middle 8* and *Film Studies 7 & 8*.

- d) The Board approved the following course, offered by Medicine Hat High School, for the period September, 2015 to August, 2018. Crescent Heights High School is requesting approval to offer this course at their school.
- i) Sport Prep 9 (page 57)

It is recommended that the Board approve Crescent Heights High School to offer previously approved locally developed course, *Sport Prep 9*.

Pat Grisonich and Darolyn Haney will be in attendance to answer any questions from the Board.

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Separate Enclosure Booklet

3. **Policies**

The Coordinating Committee reviewed, revised and recommended that the following policies, procedures and exhibits be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the following revised policies:

- a) Policy 101: Shared Decision-Making Responsibilities (Page 29)
- b) Policy 570: Cyber Space and Technology Usage Protocol (Page 33)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees receive the following revised Procedures and Exhibits:

- a) Procedure 570 P 001: Cyberbullying (Page 35)
- b) Procedure 570 P 002: Employee Use of Technology (Page 37)
- c) Procedure 660 P 001: School Discipline (Page 41)
- d) Procedure 660 P 002: Student Expulsion Hearings (Page 49)
- e) Exhibit 660 E 002: Student Expulsion Checklist (Page 53)
- f) Exhibit 660 E 003: Sample Template of Letter of Suspension (Page 55)
- g) Exhibit 660 E 004: Sample Letter Setting Hearing (Page 57)

Policy 660 is also included as background information.

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VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. District Council of School Councils

Minutes of the District Council of School Councils meeting held on March 11, 2015 are attached for information. Mrs. Freeman will speak to these Minutes.

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2. Coordinating Committee

Minutes of the Coordinating Committee meeting held on April 14, 2015 are attached for information. Mrs. Wilson Fraser will speak to these Minutes.

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VIII. 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. National School Boards Association

An overview of the NSBA sessions will be provided.

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3. Canadian School Boards Association Conference

The Canadian School Boards Association annual conference will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on July 2-4, 2015. Conference details can be found at <http://csba2015.ca/program/>.

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4. PSBA Spring General Assembly

The Public School Boards' Association of Alberta is holding the Spring General Assembly on May 29-31 in Red Deer. The program and registration details can be found at <http://www.public-schools.ab.ca/>

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5. ASBA Spring General Meeting

The Alberta School Boards Association is holding the Spring General Meeting on June 1-2 in Red Deer. The program and registration information will be posted shortly.

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IX. 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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X. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT