



MEDICINE HAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76

REGULAR MEETING

A G E N D A

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 – 7:15 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on **Tuesday, February 23, 2016** and Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, February 23, 2016** and **Tuesday, March 1, 2016**.

RM

III. RECOGNITIONS / ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Edwin Parr Nominee

The District is pleased to congratulate Brian Heidinger on being nominated for the Edwin Parr Award. This nomination is for first year teachers who are demonstrating outstanding instructional practice and modeling outstanding professionalism.

LC

2. Teachers' Convention Organizers and Presenters

The Board would like to congratulate and thank Mr. Tim Johnson for volunteering as President of this year's Teachers' Convention.

Congratulations and thank you to District staff on the organizing committee for the extensive work they do in organizing this large event for teachers in Southern Alberta.

Tim Johnson
Carrie Maxwell
Jennifer Kumm

Henry Rempel
Ashley Bohonos
Shauna Mandel

Jocelyn Encinas

Some of our District personnel were presenters and we thank them for their professional commitment. Thanks to all presenters:

Tiffany Rasmussen
Samantha MacIntyre
Natalie Oliphant
Richard Grafton
Curtis Perrin
Randy Knight
Emma Piayda

Terry Freeman
Audrey Pavelich
Chad Watson
Kelly Roach
Todd Samuelson
Joanne Stockman

Lisa Mueller
Keri Gust
Lydia Carriere
Erin Sand
Nicole Hall
Kelly Kuester

It takes a great deal of time and effort to organize and implement an event of this magnitude and the Board is pleased that so many District staff have chosen to be involved in this year's convention.

LC

IV. **DELEGATION**

The following individuals have requested to speak before the Board regarding concerns related to Policy 621: *Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment* and Policy 622: *Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity*:

1. **Mike Wall**
2. **Rick Glasspell**
3. **Jeremy Williamson**
4. **Sheldon Johnston**

TR

V. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **District Focus Update**

An update on District assessment work will be provided.

TF

[Enclosure No.1](#)
Page No. 15

VI. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

1. **Locally Developed Courses - MHHS**

Medicine Hat High School has submitted a request for approval of a new locally developed course, *Creative Writing 15-5, 25-5 and 35-5*, for the period September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2019.

It is recommended that the Board approve the request from Medicine Hat High School to implement a new locally developed course, *Creative Writing 15-5, 25-5 and 35-5*, for a three-year period September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2019.

TF

[Enclosure No.2](#)
Page No. 31

2. Locally Developed Courses – MHHS/CHHS

Medicine Hat High School and Crescent Heights High School have submitted a request for approval of a new locally developed course, *Advanced Forensic Science 35*, for the period September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2020.

It is recommended that the Board approve the request from Medicine Hat High School to implement a new locally developed course, *Advanced Forensic Science 35*, for a four-year period August 31, 2016 to August 31, 2020.

TF

[Enclosure No.3](#)

Page No. 49

3. Policy 621: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment

The District has prepared a draft of Policy 621: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment, which was posted on the District website. This policy was approved, in principle, at the February 23, 2016 Regular meeting.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees provide final approval of Policy 621: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment as presented.

SF

[Enclosure No.4](#)

Page No. 69

4. Policy 622: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

The Minister of Education has mandated that all school boards must have a Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Policy in place by March 31, 2016.

The District has prepared a draft of Policy 622: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, which was posted on the District website. This policy was approved, in principle, at the February 23, 2016 Regular meeting.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees provide final approval for Policy 622: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity as presented.

SF

[Enclosure No.5](#)

Page No. 71

5. Three-Year Capital Plan (2017-2020)

As part of our process, an updated Three-Year Capital Plan is annually provided to the Board for their approval. The Plan is based on ongoing discussions with the Board and only reflects capital projects that are eligible for Alberta Education funding.

It is recommended that the Board approve the Three-Year Capital Plan for 2017-2020 as presented.

JL/AC

[Enclosure No.6](#)

Page No. 73

6. Trustee Code of Conduct

The draft of Policy 201: Guiding Principles of Being a Trustee and Policy 202: Responsibilities of the Trustee, and Policy 203: Trustee Code of Conduct was presented at the February 23, 2016 COW meeting.

Policy 200: Section Restructuring

[Enclosure No.7](#)
Page No. 81

Policy 201: Guiding Principles of Being a Trustee

[Enclosure No.8](#)
Page No. 83

Policy 202: Responsibilities of the Trustee

[Enclosure No.9](#)
Page No. 85

Policy 203: Trustee Code of Conduct

[Enclosure No.10](#)
Page No. 87

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve Policy 201 Guiding Principles of Being a Trustee and Policy 202 Responsibilities of the Trustee, and Policy 203 Trustee Code of Conduct as attached.

TR/DF

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. ASBA Zone Meeting Report

Mr. Riley will provide a report on the ASBA Zone Meeting.

TR

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.

TR

2. Enrollment Update

The District has made the second submission to Alberta Education regarding our enrollment.

BG

[Enclosure No.11](#)
Page No. 91

3. Edwin Parr Banquet

The Edwin Parr Banquet is held each year in Taber. The banquet is scheduled for May 11, 2016.

LC

IX. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It is recommended that the Board move to Committee of the Whole to discuss certain confidential matters.

TR

X. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT