

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD IN THE **BOARD ROOM AT THE SCHOOL DIVISION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022, AT 3:00 P.M.**

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Pat Grisonich, Deborah Forbes, Rick Massini, Yvonne Sissons

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Catherine Wilson

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mark Davidson, Superintendent of Schools
Lyle Cunningham, Deputy Superintendent
Tracy Hensel, Associate Superintendent
Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer
Jason Peters, Assistant Superintendent
Corey Sadlemyer, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator
Mohammad Khawaja, Student Voice, Medicine Hat High School
Myles Siwela, Students Voice, Medicine Hat High School
Brian Heidinger, Teacher, Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre
Mike Fehr, Teacher, Alexandra Middle School

CHAIR: Pat Grisonich

RECORDING SECRETARY: Joni Treen

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

3. R. Massini

THAT the Board move to Committee of the Whole to discuss certain confidential matters.

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 3:00 p.m.

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 5:32 p.m.

IV. TREATY 7 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy and the people of Treaty 7 Region in Southern Alberta. We honour and acknowledge the homeland of the Métis people. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us.

V. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees welcomes our student delegates representing Medicine Hat High School.

Mohammad (Moh) Khawaja and Myles Siwela represented Medicine Hat High School's Student Voice. This is the Board's first meeting involving the Student Trustees.

The Board expressed their sincere appreciation to these students for attending and being involved with the Board.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Y. Sissons

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on **Tuesday, June 28, 2022**, and **Tuesday, September 13, 2022**, and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, June 28, 2022**, and **Tuesday, September 13, 2022**.

5. R. Massini

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, and Tuesday, September 13, 2022, the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, and Tuesday, September 13, 2022, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VIII RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Jed Roberts Visits Public Schools

We were honoured to have Jed Roberts, Alumni CFL Player with the Edmonton Elks and former Grey Cup Champion share his message with our schools as part of our First Nations Métis and Inuit guest speaker series during the week of September 12.

IX. PRESENTATION

1. Mountain Bike Club Presentation

Teachers, Mike Fehr, and Brian Heidinger attended to present to the Board about the MHPSD Mountain Bike Club. The club is available to all division

students grade 7-12. With 40 students attending in an average week, all new members must complete a bike safety check prior to riding. Having secured significant sponsors and volunteers, the groups next goals are to secure extra bikes for student to borrow, jerseys for club members and instructor certification for Mike and Brian.

6:06 p.m. M. Fehr and B. Heidinger left the meeting

X. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You Cards from Retired Staff

The Board of Trustees received cards from two retirees expressing their appreciation.

2. Thank You Cards from Students

Several thank you cards have been received from our students that have been awarded various scholarships.

Elora Carpenter	Chem Free Award
Logan Maconochie	Debra Bitz Memorial Scholarship
Jensen Scullard	Debra Bitz Memorial Scholarship
Aaron Kruger	Grant Henderson Scholarship
Abree Toews	Mason Close Memorial Scholarship
Shariq Ahmad	Murray Muirhead Scholarship
Shariq Ahmad	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Declan Foshaug	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Natasha Krause	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Yusuff Oredogbe	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Jay Maudsley Red Sky	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Cara Reid	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Alana Uitvlugt	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

XI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Program Closures

As per Administrative Procedure 724 P 002 – Program Relocation or Closure and section 62 of the Education Act it is recommended that the Board pass a motion in support of closing both the Saamis REAL (1489) and REAL McMan (1527) programs effective June 30, 2022.

6. D. Forbes

THAT the board approve closure of both the Saamis REAL (1489) and REAL McMan (1527) programs effective June 30, 2022.

CARRIED

2. **International Off-Site Activity: New York – Approval in Principle**

It is recommended that the Board approve, in principle, an international off-site activity for Michelle Schneider, representing students from Crescent Heights High School to travel to New York, USA for the period Friday, March 3, 2023, to Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 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 Division's student informed consent 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 trip;
- d) that all funds related to this trip be managed by the School Bookkeeper at your location;
- e) that the School Trip Accounting Template be completed and submitted to the Secretary Treasurer's department no later than 20 days after your trip;
- f) that all volunteer forms are completed including criminal record checks;
- g) that all students and chaperones are required to obtain the School Division Travel Insurance (medical, trip cancellation/interruption and baggage);
- h) 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;
- i) that the Principal/Teacher comply with all criteria set out in Policy 720;
- j) that a letter be signed by each parent granting permission for their child to travel out-of-the-country with another specifically named adult;
- k) that each student be in possession of a passport, valid for at least six months beyond the expected return date.

7. Y. Sissons

THAT the Board approve, in principle, an international off-site activity for Michelle Schneider representing students from Crescent Heights High School to travel to New York, USA for the period Friday, March 3, 2023, to Wednesday, March 8, 2023, subject to the conditions specified.

CARRIED

XII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. National School Boards Association: Annual Conference & Exposition

The NSBA Annual Conference & Exposition is scheduled for April 1-3, 2023, in Orlando. Early registration opens on October 5, 2022.

XIII. RETURN TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

8. R. Massini

THAT the Board return to Committee of the Whole to discuss certain confidential matters.

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 6:14 p.m.

XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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

No action arising.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

9. Y. Sissons

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER