

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD IN THE **BOARD ROOM** IN THE **SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE** ON **TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022** AT 3:01 P.M.

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

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

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Mark Davison, Superintendent of Schools

OTHERS PRESENT: Warren Buckler, Principal, The Hub/Pathways
Nathan Gale, Teacher, The Hub/Pathways
Leanne Dulle, Director of Finance

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson/Pat Grisonich

RECORDING SECRETARY: Marley Steinwandt

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

96. P. Grisonich

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 3:02 p.m.

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 5:31 p.m.

5:31 p.m. Chair Wilson left the meeting, P. Grisonich took over as Chair.

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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

97. Y. Sissons

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VI. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on **Tuesday, May 24, 2022**, and **Tuesday, June 14, 2022** and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, May 24, 2022**, and **Tuesday, June 14, 2022**.

98. R. Massini

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, and Tuesday, June 14, 2022, the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, and Tuesday, June 14, 2022, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. The Hub / Pathways Program Presentation

Alternative Programs and Outreach have undergone some structural changes this year. We have been very fortunate to combine, Hub Virtual, Pathways, PAS and the Young Moms program starting in March. We strive to be a collaborative learning community that accepts diversity, fosters hope and creates an opportunity for growth. While acting as a district resource to support all our schools, and families with flexible, responsive, and innovative programming to ensure that we have a space that students can come “Where everyone belongs”. The presentation will outline the history and structure of Hub Virtual School, how combining programs has allowed for integrated programming for our students, and our direction for next year.

W. Buckler shared with the Board the history of these programs with the most recent addition being the Hub Online School in 2020. Initially opened as a temporary solution to the pandemic, it received permanent school status in June of 2021 and has become a popular program for students from all over Alberta. Current enrollment is 220 students from kindergarten to grade 9 and it was recently announced that grade 10-12 will be made available to students over the next 3 years.

Pathways and the Hub moved into their new collaborative space in February of this year. As enrollment to the Hub is open year-round, students can easily transition from traditional school settings to Pathways or the Hub. Hybrid learning plans (e.g. morning in traditional school with afternoons online with the Hub) have also been developed to meet students where they are at and provide individualized supports. The Pathways program is supported by one teacher, Educational Assistant, Child and Youth Care Worker and a Family Support Liaison Worker.

PAS and Young Moms programs are located off-site from the Hub and Pathways. Palliser Adolescent Services (PAS) is located in an auxiliary building to the hospital. It is a 6-week tri-division program for youth in grade 7-12 facilitated by a teacher, educational assistant and mental health professional. Young Moms program is a joint program with the YMCA with on-site childcare provided. There is a classroom teacher and EA to work with students. Next year, the hope is to transition to live, online instruction to help provide a more normalized high school experience.

6:05 p.m. W. Buckler and N. Gale left the meeting.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You Card

A thank you card was received from Reece Robinson, a student that was awarded the Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship.

IX. RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Honoured Educator Awards

The recipients of the Honoured Educator Award include all teachers retiring from service in the 2021-2022 school year.

**Rosalyn Clark
Sophie Douvis
Tania Haynes
Tim Johnson
Susan Kovacs-Withers**

**Rod Metz
Marni Pruden
Allan Thompson
Patricia Whiting**

Congratulations to the Medicine Hat Public School Division's Honoured Educators.

2. **Alberta School Board Association Honouring Spirit Awards**

The Medicine Hat Public School Division had three students nominated for the Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards 2022:

Aleigha Aaker – Connaught School

Jamie Robson – Crescent Heights High School

Trinity Wikjord – Medicine Hat High School

In 2020, Medicine Hat High School Student, **Jay Maudsley** was nominated.

X. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

6:10 p.m. L. Dulle joined the meeting.

1. **2022-2023 School Fees**

As per Administrative Procedure 628 P 001 – Student Fees, the fees that require Board approval prior to application will be presented. This item, discussed during Committee of the Whole was added to the Regular meeting agenda.

The board noted minor layout adjustments to be completed.

99. D. Forbes

THAT the Board approve the 2022-2023 School Fees, as presented.

CARRIED

6:13 p.m. L. Dulle left the meeting.

2. **World Teacher Day**

October 5th is celebrated annually as World Teacher Day.

It is recommended that the Board approve a card and fruit basket to be delivered to all MHPSD schools in appreciation of our teachers.

100. R. Massini

THAT the board approve delivery of gifts to all MHPSD schools for Word Teacher Day, as presented.

CARRIED

3. International Off-Site Activity: Myrtle Beach, South Carolina – Approval in Principle

It is recommended that the Board approve, in principle, an international off-site activity for Cameron Rittinger, representing students from Medicine Hat High School to travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for the period Monday, April 10, 2023 to Sunday, April 16, 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; and
- k) that each student be in possession of a passport, valid for at least six months beyond the expected return date.

101. D. Forbes

THAT the Board approve, in principle, an international off-site activity for Cameron Rittinger from Medicine Hat High School to travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina Monday, April 10, 2023 to Sunday, April 16, 2023, subject to the conditions specified.

CARRIED

XI. RETURN TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

102. Y. Sissons

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to Committee of the Whole at 6:18 p.m.

XII. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 6:41 p.m.

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

103. R. Massini

THAT the board approve the renaming of the Medicine Hat High School Gymnasium to the Boris Grisonich Athletic Centre.

P. Grisonich recused himself from the vote.

CARRIED

104. D. Forbes

THAT the board amend terms of reference included in 208.1 to include the review of quarterly reports by the committee.

CARRIED

105. Y. Sissons

THAT the board re-appoint the accounting firm of Avail CPA as the external auditors for an additional two years.

CARRIED

106. Y. Sissons

THAT Personnel Item #2022-01 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

107. D. Forbes

THAT the Board approve the amended 2022-2023 Spring Budget as presented, which reflected a decrease of \$150,000 in transfers into Board and Administration Capital Budget and a corresponding increase in transfer into Unrestricted Net Assets.

CARRIED

108. Y. Sissons

THAT the board approve the authorization of “eSports” as a locally developed Junior High course.

CARRIED

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

109. R. Massini

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER