

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, FEBRUARY 28, 2023, AT 3:15 P.M.**

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Deborah Forbes

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mark Davidson, Superintendent of Schools
Lyle Cunningham, Deputy Superintendent
Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer
Corey Sadlemyer, Assistant Superintendent
Cody Edwards, Director of Student Programming

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Tracy Hensel, Associate Superintendent
Jason Peters, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator
Madison Zilke, Medicine Hat High School Student
Sonak Saha, Medicine Hat High School Student
Gregory Ferris, Coordinator of Diverse Learning Services
Chelsea Hallick, ALT Teacher Consultant
Michelle Gilbert, ALT Teacher Consultant
Terri Tabor, Educational Support Coach
Tara Krasko, Occupational Therapist

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Marley Steinwandt

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

49. Y. Sissons

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 3:15 p.m.

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

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

IV. RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Mr. Terry Riley

The Board requested moment of silence to honour Mr. Riley as a former educator and trustee. He was an avid and effective advocate for our division, for public education, and our students.

A moment of silence was observed by all in attendance.

V. 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.

VI. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees welcomes Medicine Hat High School student delegates: Sonak Saha and Madison Zilkie.

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

50. P. Grisonich

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VIII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on **Tuesday, January 24, 2023**, and **Tuesday, February 14, 2023**, and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, January 24, 2023**, and **Tuesday, February 14, 2023**.

51. Y. Sissons

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, and Tuesday, February 14, 2023, the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, and Tuesday, February 14, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You

Madison Moore has sent correspondence expressing appreciation for being awarded the Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship.

X. PRESENTATION

1. Alternative Learning Team

The Alternative Learning Team (ALT) provides a continuum of services that target emotional, social, behavioural, complex communication and/or the specialized learning needs of students. The Alternative Learning Team believes that educational practices should be flexible and responsive to the strengths, needs, and learning preferences of individual students, as well as the learning needs of the school community. The team provided an overview of their three-tiered model of support and share testimonials from students, parents, educational assistants, teachers and administrators.

Mr. Ferris shared information about the continuum of services that includes collaboration, consultation and coaching. Collaboration focuses on working with classroom teachers directly and providing PD opportunities throughout the division. Consultation is focused on individual students or small groups with similar needs. The team will go to the school to observe the student or students and meet with the teacher to provide recommendations for implementation. Coaching focuses on an individual student, providing direct intervention and modeling of strategies. This support is most frequently requested and usually takes 10-12 days working directly with teachers, educational and classroom assistants. Using a multi-disciplinary approach, each student receives an Occupational Therapy assessment and a sensory plan is developed and shared with all involved parties. The ALT team then provides support to the teacher and EA while they implement the strategies provided.

The Alternative Learning Team shared stories and testimonials from teachers, students and parents.

6:40 pm G. Ferris and Alternative Learning Team left the meeting.

2. Dress Code Survey

The Student Delegates presented to the Board the results from their recent Dress Code Survey.

Of 88 responses received, 53.4% did not think a division wide dress code would be beneficial. Madison and Sonak shared that while responses to the survey were limited, it started a positive conversation among students about the Student Senate and their role. The board and student representatives discussed strategies to increase visibility of the group and start more conversations.

XI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Teachers' Convention

An update was provided from those that attended the Southeastern Alberta Teachers' Convention held on February 23-24, 2023.

2. Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee held their meeting on Monday, February 13, 2023. The meeting minutes were enclosed for information.

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

No action arising.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

52. R. Massini

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER