

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD BY ZOOM ON **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022** AT 3:00 P.M.

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

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: Scott Smith, Community Member
Joanne Stockman, Director of Early Learning
Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson / Pat Grisonich

RECORDING SECRETARY: Marley Steinwandt

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

54. 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 3:01 p.m.

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 5:31 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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

55. P. Grisonich

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, January 25, 2022**, and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, January 25, 2022**.

56. D. Forbes

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Mr. Scott Smith

Mr. Smith presented to the Board his position regarding mitigation steps being taken as part of Medicine Hat Public School Division's response to COVID-19.

Mr. Smith shared with the Board his opposition of the Division's protocols.

5:44 p.m. S. Smith left the meeting.

2. Early Childhood Services / MHPSD Service Delivery

Medicine Hat Public School Division offers a robust early learning program in our schools and in our community. We were given a look into the classrooms, parent engagement sessions and hear from some parents and partners to see early intervention in action.

Developing and preparing children for Grade 1 creates a solid foundation for future learning. Programs available include Community Early Learning Program (CELP), Early Learning Program (ELP), Kindergarten and Play and Learn. Early intervention supports provided allow the same service providers to support children in their early years through to graduation.

Language skills are developed and strengthened through play, both in person and virtually through the Hub. Occupational Therapists and their assistants help children to focus in the classroom using a variety of strategies. To ensure success of the child, both parents and staff are involved. Virtual programming developed during COVID has proven to be very useful and will be continued after the pandemic is over.

5:55 p.m. C. Wilson left the meeting, P. Grisonich took over as Chair.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you cards from MHPSD Students Awarded Scholarships

Thelma Berkeley Robinson Memorial Scholarship

Madison Scrimger	Daniel Fleckenstein
Zach Clarke	Jonathan Meloney
Zaira Miller Shackleton	Ava Ferguson
Mason Archibald	Emma Lavigne
Devin Driedger	Erin Cran

Harold Storlein Memorial Scholarship

Amelia Armstrong

XI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Division Council of School Council

The Division Council of School Council held a meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022. The minutes from the meeting were enclosed for information.

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

No action arising.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

57. R. Massini

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER