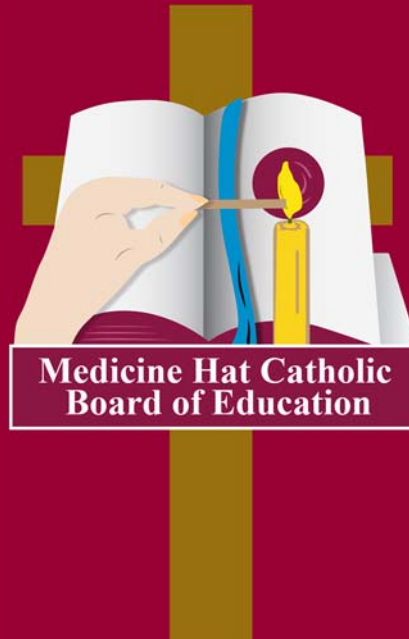


Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education



PUBLIC AGENDA

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

Catholic School Board Office
1251 – 1st Avenue SW Medicine Hat, AB

Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education

ACTION AGENDA

DATE: January 30, 2018

Place: Catholic Education Centre

Time: 6:00 p.m.

	<p>WE ARE CALLED Always and Everywhere to: Model Christ, Pray and Serve, Build a Faith Community</p> <p>Theme for 2017-2018: “I have the strength for everything through Him who empowers me”. Phil 4:13</p>		
1.	<p><i>Opening Prayer – Blessing before a Meeting</i> Working for Justice & Compassion: Father, As we begin our meeting together, help us to work in common purpose that emphasizes your justice and compassion. Let our work be deemed beneficial to all and let your love come through our actions. We ask this in your name, Amen.</p>	Kathy Glasgo	
2.	<p><i>Approval of the Action Agenda</i> ◆Recommendation: “THAT the Action Agenda dated January 30, 2018, be approved as circulated”.</p>	DM	<i>Encl. 1-3</i>
3.	<p><i>Approval of the Non-Action Agenda</i> ◆Recommendation: “THAT the Non-Action Agenda dated January 30, 2018 be approved as circulated”.</p>	DM	<i>Encl. 4</i>
4.	<p><i>École St. Thomas d’Aquin</i> École St. Thomas d’Aquin School Closure Consideration – The Board will review the stakeholder engagement process undertaken relating to École St. Thomas d’Aquin: Note: At the December 12, 2017 Board Meeting, the Board made the following motion(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education give notice for the consideration of School Closure of École St. Thomas d’Aquin with the intention to move the program to St. John Paul II School. - THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education schedule a Public Meeting for the purpose of providing and discussing information with stakeholders on the consideration of School Closure of École St. Thomas d’Aquin and that the meeting take place on Monday, January 8, 2018”. The Public Meeting will be held at École St. Thomas d’Aquin, 1970—19th Avenue S.E., Medicine Hat, AB at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to all stakeholders in our community. <p>Note: A Public Information Meeting was held on January 08, 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The purpose of the meeting was to provide information and to gather feedback from stakeholders. Approximately 80+ were in attendance. Thank you to all those that attended the meeting. Thank you to all stakeholders that have submitted feedback on an ongoing basis to Trustees. 		

	<p>Note: At the January 09, 2018 Board Meeting the Board made the following motion: THAT the Board of Trustees for the MHCBE schedule a regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 6 pm at the Catholic School Board Office for the purpose to discuss the proposed closure of Ecole St. Thomas d’Aquin and to move the program to St. John Paul II for the 2018-2019 school year.</p> <p>4.1 School Closure – École St. Thomas d’Aquin</p> <p>◆Recommendation: “THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education close École St. Thomas d’Aquin and move the French Immersion Program to St. John Paul II School for the 2018-2019 school year”.</p> <p>Note: Depending on the outcome of the School Closure motion, the following items will be discussed by the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Name - (<i>if École St. Thomas d’Aquin moves</i>) 2. Dual Track - (<i>if École St. Thomas d’Aquin moves</i>) 3. Grade Configuration 4. Attendance Areas & Boundaries 		<i>Encl. 5</i>
5.	<p><i>Closing Prayer –</i></p> <p>Carrying out Your Ministry:</p> <p>Lord,</p> <p><i>Thank you for being with us during this meeting and for having guided our thoughts, words and actions. Stay with us now as we leave this meeting and return to our respective lives. Help us to keep you, as you are now, in our thoughts, words, and actions. We ask this in your name, Amen.</i></p>	Kathy Glasgo	
6.	<i>Adjournment</i>	Dick Mastel	

NON – ACTION AGENDA

DATE: January 30, 2018

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No.	INFORMATION ITEMS	PAGE
1.1	<p>TAXES – DECLARE YOUR SUPPORT for CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – <i>The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education</i> reminds our community of the importance of declaring your PROPERTY TAXES in support of Catholic Education How do you declare your support? - To ensure your property taxes are supporting Catholic Schools, you must declare your Catholic school support as “Separate” on your annual property assessment notice. <i>Contact the Taxation Office at the City of Medicine Hat, or the Town or Municipal Office in your area.</i> Changes made on or before Dec 31 will be in effect for the next taxation year. <i>Thank you for supporting Catholic Schools.</i></p>	

Notice of Public Board Meetings

- All regularly scheduled Public Board Meetings are held the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at the Catholic Education Centre located at 1251 – 1st Avenue SW (unless otherwise advertised).
- Public Board Meetings for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education begin at **6:00 pm** with **presentations** at **6:00 pm** (unless otherwise advertised).
- General Public welcome to attend - Information @ www.mhcbe.ab.ca or 403.527.2292.

Administrative Procedure 305

BOUNDARIES AND ATTENDANCE AREAS

Background

School boundaries and attendance areas have become blurred with the implementation of the Alberta Schools Foundation Fund. It is necessary for the Division to designate boundaries and attendance areas to determine transportation routes and to provide for effective use of school facilities. Shifts in population and the growth of the City will necessitate the modification of school boundaries from time to time. At all times the Division considers the best interests of students and families when designating boundaries and attendance areas.

School boundaries and attendance areas will be designated to maintain class enrolments within reasonable limits, to determine transportation requirements and to provide for effective use of school facilities.

Procedures

1. The Division shall determine modification of boundaries and attendance areas not later than March 31 for the following school year.
2. The Division will consult broadly with all stakeholder groups when considering boundary changes.
3. Requests for a student or students to attend a school other than the designated school are to be made to the receiving school principal.
4. When making the decision, the principal shall determine whether the school has sufficient resources and facilities to accommodate the request.
5. The Division will provide transportation to students within Alberta Education guidelines and the Division procedures. Transportation to a school other than the school designated is not the responsibility of the Division. Transportation will be provided for these students only when there is space available on an existing school bus.

References: Section 13, 30, 44, 45, 51, 60, 61, 113 School Act

