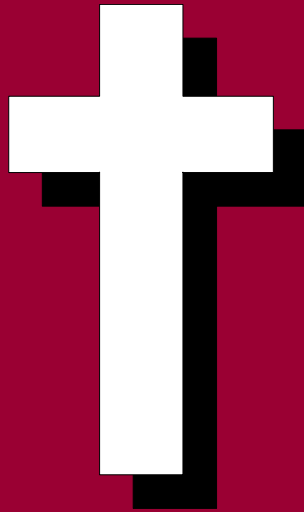


Medicine Hat Catholic
Separate Regional Division No. 20

"SHOWING THE FACE OF CHRIST TO ALL"



PUBLIC AGENDA

April 07, 2009 – 6:00 p.m

Catholic Education Centre – 1251 – 1st Avenue SW

Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education

ACTION AGENDA

DATE: April 07, 2009

Place: Catholic Education Centre

Time: 6:00 P.M.

1.	<p><i>Opening Prayer</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">WE ARE CALLED TO WALK HUMBL Y</p>	PG	
2.	<p><i>Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting</i></p> <p>◆Recommendation: THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held March 10, 2009 be approved as circulated.</p>	JC	
3.	<p><i>Approval of the Action Agenda</i></p> <p>◆Recommendation: THAT the Action Agenda dated April 07, 2009 be approved as circulated.</p>	JC	<i>1 - 3</i>
4.	<p><i>Approval of the Non-Action Agenda</i></p> <p>◆Recommendation: THAT the Non-Action Agenda dated April 07, 2009 be approved as circulated.</p>	JC	<i>4</i>
5.	<p><i>7:00 PM - Excellence in Teaching Award - The Board congratulates Mrs. Beverly Fune as a nominee and now a semi-finalist for the Excellence in Teaching Award. Edmonton...</i> The 2009 Excellence in Teaching Awards Program is recognizing 134 creative and innovative teachers as award semi-finalists for their exceptional work in Alberta's Kindergarten to Grade 12 classrooms. Semi-finalists were selected from 365 eligible nominations from across the province. <i>"The Excellence in Teaching Awards give the community a chance to thank teachers for their positive contributions to students' learning experiences, said Education Minister Dave Hancock.</i> "I applaud all nominees and semi-finalists for their hard work in classrooms across this province and encourage them to continue with their unique and effective teaching methods." Mr. Ron Blackmer, Acting Principal of St. Michael's School will introduce Mrs. Fune.</p>	SA	
6.	<p><i>Corporate Communications</i></p> <p>6.1 Students, Rachel Brown and Katie VanderSloot from McCoy High School are Regional Science Fair Champions for a second year in a row; and will be representing Medicine Hat in the National Science Fair in Winnipeg from May 7 – May 17th, 2009. The Board will invite the students to an upcoming Board meeting to tell us about their experience and to receive recognition for their accomplishment. Congratulations Rachel and Katie!</p> <p>6.2 A letter was forwarded from the Board of Trustees to the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association in support of McCoy High hosting the 2010 Provincial Basketball. Good luck McCoy!</p> <p>6.3 The Prism Players Theatre Association donated \$500 to St. Mary's School to support the schools Fine Arts Programming.</p> <p>6.4 Alberta Education announces <u>ALBERTA ARTS DAY</u> September 18, 2009. Alberta Education encourages school divisions across the province to mark September 18, 2009 on their calendars as a day to foster and showcase the many talents of students. Alberta Education welcomes ideas and suggestions on how to maximize this opportunity.</p>	SA/DL	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Hyperlink Encl. 5</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Hyperlink Encl. 6</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Hyperlink Encl. 7</i></p>

7.	<p><i>ENGAGE – (A dialogue with Albertans)</i></p> <p>Alberta Education invites you to join the conversation! Come join the dialogue on what education will look like in the future. Education belongs to the whole community – bring your voice and your point of view to the dialogue. How to be involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take part in on-line discussion boards; • Hold a conversation in your own community using a conversation kit; invite your friends, school, school council, organization, business or neighborhood to join in; • Community conversations held across the province in April, May and June; <i>a community meeting is scheduled in Medicine Hat on Wednesday, May 27, 2009;</i> • Province-wide conversation set for mid-October 2009. <p>For more information log onto www.inspiringeducation.alberta.ca</p>	SA	<p><i>Hyperlink Encl. 8</i></p>
8.	<p><i>Policy 8 – Committees of The Board</i></p> <p>◆Recommendation: THAT the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education gives notice to amend Policy 8 – Committees of the Board.</p>	SA	<p><i>Hyperlink Encl. 9 - 11</i></p>
9.	<p><i>Board Work Plan Development</i></p> <p>The Board Work Plan is developed in accordance with Board Policy. Annually the plan is reviewed to identify areas of accountability and is to be used by the Board as a planning document.</p>	SA	<p><i>Hyperlink Encl. 12</i></p>
10.	<p><i>Parent Association Fundraising</i></p> <p>Note: The Board motion from February 2008 read as follows: <i>THAT the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education ceases using bingo and casinos for fundraising purposes by March 01, 2010.</i> This motion was in accordance with Bishop Frederick Henry’s direction regarding the use of gaming resources.</p> <p>Note: Parent Association is considering an umbrella group as a fundraising body for schools in our jurisdiction. The Board will review and discuss the opportunities and the challenges of this arrangement.</p>	SA/JC	
11.	<p><i>Superintendent’s Report</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Office Support Staff Handbook – Implementation June 30, 2009 • School Based Support Staff Handbook - Revisions; for implementation June 30, 2009 • Town Hall Meeting – St. Patrick’s Parish May 19, 2009 • Division Leadership Team Retreat – Review of the Professional Development Retreat Note: Acknowledgement of the donation by the MH Catholic Schools Education Foundation financial support of \$6,000 • St. Michael’s School Principalship – Competition closing date April 09, 2009 • Director of Student Services - Competition Closing date March 20, 2009 • Coordinator of Religious Education - Competition Closing date March 20, 2009 • Provincial Budget Announcement – April 7, 2009 	DL	<p><i>Hyperlink</i></p>
12.	<p><i>Report from the Minister’s Meeting with Board Chairs and Chief Superintendents</i></p> <p>A meeting was held on Thursday, March 26, 2009 in Calgary for school boards in zones 4, 5 and 6 from 8:30 – noon. The meeting focused on the Ministry’s Business Plan for 2009 – 12, the fiscal situation, capital planning and regional collaboration. Attendance was limited to Board Chairs and Chief Superintendents. Mr. Stan Aberle, Board Chair and Mr. Wayne Schlosser, Deputy Superintendent will report on the meeting outcomes.</p>	SA/WS	

13.	<p><i>Alberta School Boards Association High School Completion Task Force – Online Survey</i></p> <p>The ASBA has identified high school completion as a priority advocacy initiative. <i>School Boards are asked to complete the survey by April 27, 2009.</i> The ASBA recognizes school board administration will be relied upon administration to assist in completing the survey, however, <i>trustees are asked to allow time to discuss the issues as a board and to identify the priorities from the trustee perspective.</i> The questions to survey are attached. The on-line survey link has been forwarded to trustees.</p>	SA	<p><i>Hyperlink Encl. 13 - 17</i></p>
14.	<p><i>COMMITTEE REPORTS</i></p>		
	14.1 Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation - Kelly Van Ham		
	14.2 Representative to ACSTA – Peter Grad		
	14.3 Representative to Teacher Board Advisory Committee – Stan Aberle		
	14.4 Representative to ASBA Zone 6 - Ken Arthur		
	14.5 Representative to Spiritual Leadership Scholarship Awards – Stan Aberle		
	14.6 Representative to Support Staff Board Advisory Committee – Jodi Churla		
	14.7 Representative to Parent Association – Jodi Churla		
	14.8 Representative to the Audit Committee - TBA		
	14.9 Salary Negotiations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ATA – Ken Arthur b. CUPE – Peter Grad 		

NON - ACTION AGENDA

DATE: April 07, 2009

Place: Catholic Education Centre

Time: 6:00 P.M.

No.	ITEM		PAGE
1.	INFORMATION ITEMS		
	1.1 APRIL 28 AND APRIL 29, 2009 - St. Mary's School Fine Arts Performance of "Willy Wonka Jr". Tickets at the Esplanade FOR \$10.		Hyperlink
	1.2 BLUEPRINTS April 28 – May 1		Hyperlink
	1.3 SPICE April 23 – April 26		Hyperlink

Notice of Public Board Meetings

As of October 2008 Public Board Meetings for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education will begin at **6:00 PM** with **presentations** at **7:00 PM**

All regularly scheduled Public Board Meetings are the **2nd Tuesday** of each month held at the Catholic Education Centre located at 1251 – 1st Avenue SW unless otherwise advertised.

Public welcome to attend - Information @ www.mhcbe.ab.ca