

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD at the Catholic Education Centre at St. Mary's School, 155 – 11th Street S.W., Medicine Hat, Alberta on March 13, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Peter Grad	Chair
Jodi Churla	Vice-Chair
Stan Aberle	Trustee
Kelly Van Ham	Trustee
Dick Mastel	Trustee
David Leahy	Superintendent of Schools
Wayne Schlosser	Deputy Superintendent
Greg MacPherson	Secretary Treasurer
Hugh Lehr	Director of Student Services
Amanda Crowley	Religious Education Coordinator
Della Dewald	Executive Assistant

OPENING PRAYER

Note: The meeting opened with prayer led by Mr. David Leahy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

2586 Motion. Stan Aberle: "THAT the Minutes of February 14, 2012 be approved as circulated".

Carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE ACTION AGENDA

2587 Motion. Jodi Churla: "THAT the Action Agenda dated March 13, 2012 be approved as circulated".

Carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE NON-ACTION AGENDA

2588 Motion. Dick Mastel: "THAT the Non-Action Agenda dated March 13, 2012 be approved as circulated".

Carried unanimously.

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Note: Spreading the Good News – Congratulations to the Silver Medal Winners of the Provincial Bantam Boy's Bowling Team: Jared Morrison, Connor Zeidel, Tyler Sisko all from St. Patrick's School and Jarrett Floberg from St. Michael's School Medicine Hat.

Note: The Minister of Education held a Teleconference with School Councils across the province on Monday, March 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The topic of conversation was priorities for Alberta's education system. The Minister believes that parents play an important role in their child's learning and is interested in hearing their ideas and perspectives.

Note: A letter from Mrs. Tammy Fortier, Mr. Robert Van Roessel and Mrs. Wanda McMann from the St. Michael's School Bow Island community regarding the proposed closure of the high school programming at the school.

APPENDIX "A"

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL BOW ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 10,11,12)

PROPOSED CLOSURE

Note: A delegation from St. Michael's School in Bow Island was present. Mrs. Gwen Young and Mrs. Natalie Van Tryp represented the group. The delegation restated the desire for the community to continue to embrace technology, move toward multi-graded classrooms and engage video conferencing in order to expand the breadth and depth of the programming, all in an effort continue to offer high school program in Bow Island. The Board thanked the delegation for their presentation.

Note: In December 2011, the Board of Trustees authorized Administration to undertake the provincial and Board mandated processes in order to assist the Board of Trustees as it considers the closure of the High School Program at St. Michael's School in Bow Island. Since that time, the Board followed the process outlined in the School Closure Regulations.

Note: Each Trustee made a statement and then voted on the proposed recommendation.

2589 Motion. Stan Aberle: "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education not close the High School Program at St. Michael's School in Bow Island at this time".

Carried unanimously.

FRENCH IMMERSION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Note: Trustees approved the Budget Assumptions in January 2012 that stated: due to enrolment, French Immersion may not be offered at Grade 10 for 1 year (2012-2013). The Board then engaged in a public consultation process including a delegation at the January 16, 2012 Board Meeting and a discussion with French Immersion Parents on February 09, 2012.

Note: Some of the Trustees presented their individual opinions on the recommendation as presented. The Superintendent of Schools indicated he is investigating the possibility of providing conversational Oral French Language support with a French Immersion Teacher for ½ day per week to support the Alberta Distance Learning Curriculum.

2590 Motion. Jodi Churla: "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education provides Grade 10 French Immersion via Alberta Distance Learning Consortium and that Senior Administration coordinate the delivery of Oral French Immersion Services".

Vote: 4 Trustees in Favor
1 Trustee Opposed

Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Note: Bill 2 The Education Act - Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association has responded to the proposed Education Act changes. The concerns are Eligibility of Separate School Residents to Vote or Run for Public School Trustee; Establishment of New Separate School Districts; Shared Facilities; Religious Instruction and Exercises; Appointment of Trustees; Opting out of AFSS and Naming of Catholic School Divisions.

Note: Competition Updates – The Superintendent advised that the process of selecting the ideal candidate for the St. Patrick's School Principalship and the Religious Education Coordinator are underway.

Note: New Modular Classrooms – The government has granted us three additional modulars: 1 for École St. Thomas d'Aquin and 2 for St. Patrick's School. There are however, additional costs associated with the

modulars including a firewall reconstruction necessary at École St. Thomas d'Aquin and additional parking stalls at St. Patrick's School. Alberta Education has been contacted to cover the cost of the firewall expense.

Note: Three Year Education Plan and Priorities – The Board, Senior Administration and School Principals will participate in a Retreat on March 12, 2012 to establish new priorities for the Three Year Education Plan.

Note: Administrative Procedure 425 – Certified Staff Reduction – The Administrative Procedure was revised with input from Alberta School Boards Association and the Alberta Teacher's Association.

APPENDIX "B"

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Note: Quarterly Finance Report – The report was reviewed including our financial position regarding revenues and expenditures. We are at 51% of our Budget which is on target for this time of year. We have an additional deficit of (\$169,000) which increases our overall deficit to (\$1M). Further analysis will be provided in preparation for the Budget approval in May 2012.

Note: Preliminary Enrolment for 2012-2013 – We have begun collecting the registration information from the schools, a full report will be presented at the April Board Meeting.

Note: Preliminary Staffing – Mr. Leahy, Mr. MacPherson and Mr. Schlosser reviewed staffing process to-date. There are several pending considerations and the possible domino effects of filling appointment including the: Superintendent, St. Patrick's School Principal; Religious Education Coordinator, Early Retirement's and Leaves of Absence.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL FEES FOR 2012 - 2013

2591 Motion. Stan Aberle: "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve the 2012 – 2013 School Fees".

Carried unanimously.

APPENDIX "C"

CAPITAL PLAN 2012-13 TO 2014-15

Note: The plan needs to be submitted to Alberta Education by April 02, 2012. The department now only wants to know our 1st, 2nd and 3rd priorities regarding capital planning, in the past they also wanted to know modernization priorities.

2592 Motion. Jodi Churla: "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve the 2012/13 – 2014/15 Capital Plan as presented".

Carried unanimously.

APPENDIX "D"

POLICY REVIEW

Note: In accordance with Board Policy; the Board annually reviews its policies and makes appropriate changes. A sub-committee was formed to review policy with the purpose of keeping policy in line with provincial regulations and mandated procedures and determining if policy accurately reflects the practices of the Board.

POLICY 1 – DIVISION FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

2593 Motion. Stan Aberle: “THAT the Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve 2nd reading of Policy 1 – Division Foundational Statements”.

Carried unanimously.

2594 Motion. Jodi Churla: “THAT the Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve 3rd reading of Policy 1 – Division Foundational Statements”.

Carried unanimously.

POLICY 2 – ROLE OF THE BOARD

2595 Motion. Kelly Van Ham: “THAT the Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve 2nd reading of Policy 2 – Role of the Board”.

Carried unanimously.

2596 Motion. Jodi Churla: “THAT the Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve 3rd reading of Policy 2 – Role of the Board”.

Carried unanimously.

POLICY 7 – BOARD OPERATIONS

2597 Motion. Kelly Van Ham: “THAT the Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve 2nd reading of Policy 7 – Board Operations”.

Carried unanimously.

2598 Motion. Jodi Churla: “THAT the Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve 3rd reading of Policy 7 – Board Operations”.

Carried unanimously.

POLICY 8 – COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

2599 Motion. Jodi Churla: “THAT the Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve 2nd reading of Policy 8 – Committees of the Board”.

Carried unanimously.

2600 Motion. Dick Mastel: “THAT the Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve 3rd reading of Policy 8 – Committees of the Board”.

Carried unanimously.

POLICY 11 – BOARD DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

2601 Motion. Dick Mastel: “THAT the Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve 2nd reading of Policy 11 – Board Delegation of Authority”.

Carried unanimously.

2602 Motion. Kelly Van Ham: “THAT the Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve 3rd reading of Policy 11 – Board Delegation of Authority”.

Carried unanimously.

POLICY 15 – SCHOOL BUILDING CLOSURE

2603 Motion. Jodi Churla: “THAT the Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve 1st reading of Policy 15 – School Building Closure”.

Carried unanimously.

APPENDIX “D”

VALUE MANAGEMENT AUDIT

Note: The Value Management Audit for Monsignor McCoy High School took place on Feb 27 and Feb 28, 2012 with Engineers and Architects from Alberta Infrastructure. The audit reviewed the facility condition and the capital needs of the facility. Consensus was reached on six priority modernization projects:

1. Electrical Upgrade
2. Washroom Upgrade
3. Expand/Upgrade the CTS spaces
4. Improve Gymnasium Functionality
5. Fine Arts Facility Expansion
6. Front Entrance Expansion for use as a Multipurpose Room/Cafeteria

Note: We are excited and very optimistic by which the speed of this process has occurred. Alberta Infrastructure has very efficiently and effectively moved this process to the next steps. The Architects and Engineers are now developing the conceptual drawings that will then be presented to a cost consultant.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

2604 Motion. Dick Mastel: “THAT the Trustee for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve the 2012 – 2013 School Year Calendar as presented”.

Carried unanimously.

APPENDIX “E”

JANUARY DIPLOMA EXAM RESULTS

Note: Mr. Schlosser presented a PowerPoint highlighting the Diploma Exam Results from January 2012. Our Division continues to show improvement in our Diploma Exam Results. This semester’s results are indicative of the commitment to high student achievement by the Administrators, Teachers, Support Staff, Parents and the Students.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools’ Education Foundation – Mr. Kelly Van Ham

Note: A golf meeting will be held on March 15, 2012 to review the upcoming Golf Tournament planning. The Foundation approved the participation of six (6) Teachers for \$500 each to attend the SPICE Conference.

Representative to ACSTA – Mr. Dick Mastel

Note: The next meeting is March 29 and March 30, 2012.

Representative to Teacher Board Advisory Committee – Mr. Dick Mastel

Note: No report. No meeting held to-date.

Representative to ASBA Zone 6 – Mr. Peter Grad

Note: The next Zone 6 Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2012 in Lethbridge.

Representative to Support Staff Board Advisory Committee – Mrs. Jodi Churla.

Note: The next meeting is March 21, 2012.

Representative to Parent Association – Mrs. Jodi Churla

Note: The meeting was held on February 27, 2012 at St. Louis School. The comments from the school tour were that St. Louis School is the gem in our Division. Discussions took place around the Alberta Home & School Councils Association Conference, Trustees are invited to attend this conference as well. Next meeting in April will be held at École St. Thomas d'Aquin.

Representative to Salary Negotiations – ATA – Mr. Peter Grad

Note: No report.

Representative to Salary Negotiations – CUPE – Mr. Dick Mastel

Note: No report.

Representative to CUPE Staff Board Advisory Committee – Mr. Kelly Van Ham

Note: A meeting was scheduled for February 24, 2012, but no items arose for the Agenda so the meeting was cancelled and rescheduled to May 18, 2012.

Representative to Spiritual Leadership Scholarship Award Bow Island – Mr. Kelly Van Ham

Note: No report.

Representative to Spiritual Leadership Scholarship Award MH – Mr. Stan Aberle

Note: No report.

Representative to Centennial Planning Board Representative – Mr. Stan Aberle

Note: The planning is well underway, the Centennial Committee will be meeting on Monday, March 19, 2012 and will retarget our goals for the Bishop's Dinner attendance. We are developing a FACEBOOK page to help spread the word about the Centennial.

ADJOURNMENT

Note: The Board Chair called the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Mr. Peter Grad, Board Chair

Mrs. Della Dewald, Executive Assistant