

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD AT THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE 1251 – 1ST Avenue SW., Medicine Hat, Alberta on September 04, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Immanuel Moritz	Chairman
Mario Rossetto	Vice-Chairman
Mike Tivadar	Trustee
Kelly Van Ham	Trustee
Lee Little	Trustee
Guy Tétrault	Superintendent
Christopher Smeaton	Deputy Superintendent
Sherrill Fedor	Associate Superintendent Student Services
Bernie Girardin	Secretary Treasurer
Della Dewald	Executive Assistant

OPENING PRAYER

Note: The meeting began with prayer led by Immanuel Moritz

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

2071 Motion. Immanuel Moritz: "THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held June 12, 2007 be adopted as circulated".

Carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE ACTION AGENDA

2072 Motion. Mike Tivadar: "THAT the Action Agenda be approved as amended".

Addition: Support Staff Salary Increase

Carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE NON-ACTION AGENDA

2073 Motion. Kelly Van Ham: "THAT the Non-Action Agenda be approved as circulated".

Carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION – FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Note: Ms. Denise Dirk-Feininger, Coordinator of Curriculum/Religious Studies was in attendance to review the 2007 Faith Development Day held on August 28, 2007 with Dr. Kathleen Chesto as facilitator for the day. Dr. Chesto is a woman of faith, a storyteller, a wife, a mother and a grandmother. She leads workshops, retreats and parish-missions year-round throughout the US, Canada and across the world. Dr. Chesto holds a M.A. in Religious Studies and a Doctorate in Ministry. All division staff was in attendance approximately 320 people. The goal for the day was to have everyone leave inspired. We believe we reached our goal. Ms. Dirk-Feinger further outlined a division plan for "Faith Formation" and "Professional Development".

PRESENTATION - ASSESSMENT INSTITUTE

Note: Mr. David Leahy, AISI Coordinator presented a review of the two day Assessment for Learning Institute days held on August 28 and August 29, 2007. Mr. Leahy indicated that based on the anecdotal feedback, we had

two excellent days. Comments included: “this was absolutely incredible”, “better than teachers’ convention”. The impact of the institute is already having a positive effect; our teachers are open to new thinking and are already on the learning journey in “Assessment for Learning”. Mr. Leahy expressed his gratitude to Alberta Education for allowing school divisions to use AISI funds to offer the kinds of opportunities that benefit school divisions locally.

PRESENTATION - FACILITIES

Note: Mr. Bernie Girardin, Secretary-Treasurer and Mr. Jim Schafer, Facilities and Operations Supervisor reviewed the facility projects undertaken within the division. A summer rainstorm on July 20, 2007 caused approximately \$500,000 water damage at Mother Teresa School. The school was currently undergoing roof repair and with the roof exposed the rain penetrated the entire school. Emergency plans were put in place and repairs began immediately. Students returned to school on schedule. Other summer projects: Roof top unit at McCoy, McCoy lunchroom and cosmetology lab and Notre Dame air conditioning.

NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION – PRINCIPAL ASSIGNMENTS

Note: Mr. Christopher Smeaton, Deputy Superintendent provided the Board with an overview of the New Teacher Orientation Day held on August 24, 2007 at the board office. All new teachers to the division and to the profession are invited to hear first hand about the philosophies of the division and are provided with a review of all departments and their roles and responsibilities. In particular it gives new teachers a good sense of what our division is all about and to give them an idea of how much support they receive from their teacher colleagues and administration.

Note: Dr. Guy Tétrault reviewed principal assignments. Mrs. Karen Slevinsky, Mrs. Erika Bodnaruk, Mr. Hugh Lehr and Mr. Andy Fune are the new admin team at McCoy High School. The school has revised their student handbook and finalized timetables. Mr. Michel Kukurudza is the Principal at St. Patrick’s School beginning in September 2007. Mr. Chuck Love is at St. Francis Xavier School with Mr. Chuck Hellman at Mother Teresa School. We have 31 new teachers about 20% of our teaching staff is new. We have new people in every one of our schools. We are really hoping for an Edwin Parr nomination from every school this year.

CENTRAL OFFICE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Note: Dr. Guy Tétrault reviewed an organizational chart that outlines the roles and responsibilities of Central Office administration including: Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Associate Superintendent of Student Services, AISI Coordinator and Coordinator of Curriculum/Religious Studies. The organization chart will be posted on the division website.

ALBERTA EDUCATION FUNDING

Note: Mr. Bernie Girardin, Secretary-Treasurer reviewed recent funding announcements by Alberta Education. The announcement of 97 million invested in modernization in seventeen projects across the province. No announcements for our region. We continue to pursue funding as outlined in our Capital Plan. Budget day is February 14, 2008.

ELECTION 2007

Note: Mr. Immanuel Moritz reviewed the date of the upcoming election and encouraged all others to consider running as a Catholic School Trustee. Nomination day is September 17, 2007. Election day is October 15, 2007. Information is available on our website.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Note: Mr. Kelly Van Ham reported that the meeting dates are being coordinated for the School Boards Employer Bargaining Authority (SBEBA). A number of issues are currently before the Labour Relations Board with hearings scheduled for next week.

P3'S PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Note: Governments are encouraging P3 models and are interested in any proposals from school boards. The government expressed they are looking for creative solutions to infrastructure needs.

FUNDRAISING

Note: The Board reviewed the Bishop's position on school fundraising. The Board requested that administration develop a draft policy for the October 2007 meeting. This will allow the Board to finalize a policy for our division and to give direction for our school communities.

SUPPORT STAFF SALARIES

2074 Motion. Mike Tivadar: "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No 20 provide all support staff (non-union/non-certificated) with a wage increase of 3% effective September 01, 2007".

Carried unanimously.

Note: The Board would like to thank all of our staff for their dedication to children and their commitment to Catholic education.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation – Mario Rossetto

Note: The next meeting of the Foundation is September 19, 2007. The winners of the 50/50 draws for July and August 2007 are Mrs. Sherrill Fedor and Mrs. Charlotte Jobb.

Representative to ACSTA – Mike Tivadar

Note: Next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2007.

Representative to Advisory Committee – Immanuel Moritz

Note: No report.

Representative to ASBA Zone 6 – Kelly Van Ham

Note: Next meeting is September 12, 2007.

Representative to Spiritual Leadership Scholarship Awards – Lee Little

Note: No report.

Representative to Parent Association – Lee Little

Note: The next meeting is scheduled for the third Monday in October.

Salary Negotiations – ATA – Kelly Van Ham

Note: No further report.

Salary Negotiations – CUPE – Mario Rossetto

Note: No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Note: Mr. Immanuel Moritz called the meeting adjourned.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Immanuel Moritz, Chair

Della Dewald, Executive Assistant