

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD at Catholic School Board Office, 1251 – 1st Avenue S.W., Medicine Hat, Alberta on February 11, 2014 @ 3:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Peter Grad	Trustee	
Dick Mastel	Trustee	Absent
Regina Durst	Trustee	
Robert Risling	Trustee	
Natalie Van Tryp	Trustee	
Garry Andrews	Acting Superintendent of Schools	
Wayne Schlosser	Deputy Superintendent	
Greg MacPherson	Secretary Treasurer	
Hugh Lehr	Associate Superintendent Learning Services	
Jill Wilkinson	Religious Education Coordinator	
Della Dewald	Executive Assistant	

OPENING PRAYER

Note: The meeting opened with prayer led by Regina Durst. Welcome to the Gallery in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

2868 Motion. Regina Durst: “THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve the Minutes of February 11, 2014 as circulated”.

Carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE ACTION AGENDA

2869 Motion. Robert Risling” “THAT the Action Agenda dated February 11, 2014 be approved as amended”.

Amendment: Add: ASFF Item # 11B
Add: Personnel Item # 8.1

Carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE NON-ACTION AGENDA

2870 Motion. Natalie Van Tryp: “THAT the Non-Action Agenda dated February 11, 2014 be approved as circulated”.

Carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION – AMBASSADOR FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARD

Note: ***Ambassador for Catholic Education Award*** – The Board acknowledged Mrs. Janice Laing as an Ambassador for Catholic Education for her commitment and dedication to athletics. Janice was nominated by Mr. Rob Grisonich who was in attendance to highlight the nomination along with Monsignor McCoy High School Principal Mr. Paul Bauche.

PRESENTATION – 2014 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Note: The Board of Trustees acknowledged two nominees of the prestigious Province of Alberta Excellence in Teaching Award, recognizing innovation, creativity and teaching excellence. The first nominee: Mrs. Diane Carter, a Teacher at Mother Teresa School. Mrs. Cartier was nominated by Mother Teresa School Principal, Mrs. Erika Bodnaruk who was in attendance to highlight the nomination. The second nominee:

Mrs. Janice Laing, a Teacher at Monsignor McCoy High School was nominated by the Fritzke family who were in attendance to highlight her nomination. Both nominees were acknowledged as Ambassadors for Catholic Education. The teachers may be chosen as semi-finalists in April with finalists and award recipients honored in May 2014 by the Province of Alberta.

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS:

- Note: **Media Release** – Monsignor McCoy High School modernization announcement was highlighted in a media release dated January 27, 2014.
- Note: **Media Release** – Superintendent, Dr. Garry Andrews' appointment was highlighted in a media release dated January 14, 2014.
- Note: **Bishop's Dinner 2013** – A thank you notice and pictures were highlighted in a publication received from the Diocese of Calgary. Our Board supported the Dinner by purchasing a table sponsorship for \$1200.
- Note: **HPV** – Letters were received by the Board, for information only, in relation to the HPV Vaccine.

APPENDIX "A"

LETTER FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT #76 SAFETY ZONE

- Note: A letter was received from the Public School District in response to the Catholic School Boards' letter requested a possible partnership approach in looking at school zone safety, in particular, the use of electronic speed signs. The Public School District is proposing that an adhoc committee be formed to approach this topic and review the broader range of safety issues. The Board has directed the Superintendent to work with the public school district to arrange an appropriate adhoc meeting and to schedule an appropriate meeting time and location.

APPENDIX "B"

MOVE IN CAMERA – PERSONNEL MATTER

- 2871 Motion. Peter Grad. "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education move In-Camera".

Carried unanimously.

- Note: The Board moved In-Camera at 3:30 p.m.
- Note: All in attendance left the room except for Trustees.

MOVE OUT OF IN-CAMERA

- 2872 Motion. Robert Risling: "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education move out of In-Camera".

- Note: The Board moved out of In-Camera at 3:40 p.m.
- Note: All members returned including the gallery.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

- 2873 Motion. Peter Grad: "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education ratify the Contract of Employment with Dr. Garry Andrews as the Superintendent of Schools with the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education for the contract term February 22, 2014 to June 30, 2015".

Carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT

- Note: ***Monsignor McCoy High School Modernization Announcement and Project*** – A meeting is scheduled with Alberta Infrastructure regarding the scoping of the project. A review of programming options and considerations will form part of the discussion. Stakeholder engagement will be part of the moving forward strategy. Discussions will include a review of programming options, modernization considerations and the possibility of fundraising. We are excited to embrace this modernization opportunity as a school community to enhance the educational experiences of our students.
- Note: ***Board Retreat*** – A summary of the Board Retreat was prepared, this will be shared with the Division Leadership Team. A more detailed retreat summary is being prepared.
- Note: ***Information Technology*** – There is increased demand for technology as we move toward Inspiring Education and the implementation of curriculum re-design. This is a priority for the Board in the upcoming budget considerations and assumptions.
- Note: ***Three Year Education Plan Review*** – A meeting was held with the Superintendent and Alberta Education representatives to review the Three Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report. Our report was well received by Alberta Education. One recommendation was to simplify strategies for goals, using parent friendly language.
- Note: ***Superintendent Evaluation*** – It is determined that the Board self-evaluation and the Superintendent evaluation will be done simultaneously. There was some discussion to have a representative from the Alberta School Boards' Association provide a facilitated process for the review.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION – MEETING WITH MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC

- Note: A meeting was held on Monday, January 27, 2014 following the Modernization Announcement. The meeting was attended by Trustees, Administration and Alberta Education representatives. We made good connections to build relationships upon, good discussion with the Minister of Education, the Honourable Mr. Jeff Johnson.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR REPORT

- Note: ***Budget*** – The Religious Education Budget will be highlighted in the upcoming budget process with a recommendation for support of the new curriculum, professional development and grade level meetings. The Board will be provided with detailed budget considerations. It was noted the curriculum will be changing for grades 1 – 9 consecutively. It was noted that we are currently not teaching World Religions. We offer three Locally Developed High School Courses acquired from Edmonton Catholic School District. We can drop one of these courses and insert World Religions, but we would lose some very important pieces. Ideally we would like to offer both Locally Developed Courses 15, 25 & 35 and World Religions.

ALBERTA SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUND

- Note: Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education resolution to opt out of the Alberta School Foundation Fund had previously been discussed by the Board at the January 2014 board meeting; no motion was passed at that time. A motion was again presented.

2874 Motion. Peter Grad: "BE IT RESOLVED that Division 4 of Part 6 of the Education Act does not apply to the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education".

Carried unanimously.

Note: The motion will be forwarded to the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation – Natalie Van Tryp

Note: The Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 13, 2014. The Foundation executive remains in effect with Mr. Bernie Lyczewski as the Chair.

Representative to Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association – Mr. Dick Mastel

Note: No report. Mr. Mastel is absent.

Representative to Alberta School Boards Association Zone 6 – Mr. Peter Grad

Note: The Board reviewed a section of the ASBA Zone 6 Handbook. The goal is to engage local school boards in the work of the ASBA Zone. Each of our five board members is encouraged to attend the monthly Zone 6 meeting in Lethbridge, held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. This topic will be a standing item on the monthly board meeting agenda. The ASBA is proud of the good work being done across the province. The ASBA is always looking at ways to better communicate with members and to have members involved.

Representative to Support Staff Board Advisory Committee – Mrs. Regina Durst

Note: The first meeting of the school year was held January 29, 2014. A new Chair and Secretary were identified. Some topics of discussion included: PD opportunities; notifications added to pay stubs with messages about pay ie: greater or lesser because of certain circumstances (staff would very much appreciate this information on an ongoing basis and meetings be held three times a year with the first one before Dec 1 of the school year. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2014.

Representative to Parent Association – Reverend Mr. Robert Risling

Note: This is a great group with great discussion. Discussions points included: Head Lice Notification within schools: parents would like to know more about the policy and what the responsibility of schools and or parents are; Catholic Education Symposium; Workshop for Parent Councils; Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week, Pink Shirt Day to support anti-bullying; Brown Bag Lunch Program highlighted in the Medicine Hat News (do our schools use this program?), this program is available through the Medicine Hat Food Bank and Food Drives. Each school then shared their individual school reports. The next meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic School Board Office; this will not be a regular meeting, but rather, it will be a facilitated workshop hosted by the Alberta Home School Council Association.

Representatives to Salary Negotiations – ATA – Mr. Peter Grad

Note: It was noted that a contract has been reached.

Representative to Salary Negotiations – CUPE – Mr. Dick Mastel

Note: No report.

Spiritual Leadership Scholarship Award Medicine Hat – Mrs. Regina Durst

Note: No report.

Spiritual Leadership Scholarship Award Bow Island – Mrs. Natalie Van Tryp

Note: No report.

Student Board Advisory Committee – Mr. Peter Grad

Note: Administration is arranging this meeting. Letters have been sent to the parents of the students asked to participate on this committee. The first Student Board Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for some time in the spring of 2014.

C2 Committee – Reverend Mr. Robert Risling

Note: A meeting was held on January 23, 2014. Representatives from the ATA, Administration, Teachers and Jim Rubilak, a facilitator from Alberta Education, were present. We are moving toward finding ways that we can help teachers be more effective by lessening their workload in areas that are not related to teaching. There was lots of discussion about Inspiring Education and Curriculum Re-Design. Teacher's feel workload is going to be increased rather than decreased. Student reporting, supervision and technology were also discussed. It was noted we are at our technology capacity and there is frustration.

ADJOURNMENT

Note: The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Peter Grad, Board Chair

Della Dewald, Executive Assistant