

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD at Catholic Education Centre, 1251 – 1st Avenue S.W., Medicine Hat, Alberta on DECEMBER 13, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Peter Grad	Chair	<i>Via Tele-Conference</i>
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	Absent
Amanda Crowley	Religious Education Coordinator	
Della Dewald	Executive Assistant	

Note: Vice-Chair Mrs. Jodi Churla chaired the meeting. Mr. Peter Grad, Chair joined the meeting via tele-conference.

OPENING PRAYER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

2562 Motion. Dick Mastel: "THAT the Minutes of November 08, 2011 be approved as circulated".

Carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

2563 Motion. Kelly Van Ham. "THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held November 24, 2011 be approved as circulated".

Carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE ACTION AGENDA

2564 Motion. Stan Aberle. "THAT the Action Agenda dated December 13, 2011 be approved as amended".

Carried unanimously.

Note: Amendment: Add: Item #9 - Policy Review

APPROVAL OF THE NON-ACTION AGENDA

2565 Motion. Kelly Van Ham. "THAT the Non-Action Agenda dated December 13, 2011 be approved as amended".

Carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Note: Ambassador for Catholic Education – Miss Adrianna Hansen from St. Michael's School in Bow Island was recognized for the "Great Kid Award" from the Government of Alberta for her outstanding contributions to her community as a volunteer, an event organizer and her involvement in charity work. Adrianna was also the recipient of the Archie MacPhail Scholarship presented by the Catholic Schools' Education Foundation. The Board acknowledged Adrianna as an Ambassador for Catholic Education.

Note: Ambassador for Catholic Education – Miss Meredith Van Roessel from St. Michael’s School in Bow Island was recognized for her charity in donating her hair to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces for sick children who lose their hair due to medical conditions on two separate occasions. The first time Meredith donated 14 inches and the second time 9 inches. Meredith also raised \$600 the first time for the Terry Fox Foundation, and again a second time she raised \$1000. The Board acknowledged Meredith as an Ambassador for Catholic Education.

Note: Ambassador for Catholic Education – The Board acknowledged the Senior High Volleyball Team from Monsignor McCoy High School for their accomplishment of the Silver Medal at the Provincial Championships. The Coaches Mrs. Shonna Barth and Mrs. Sarah MacDonald were recognized for their leadership and dedication. The players were recognized for their contribution to their school community. The Board acknowledged the Coaches and Players as Ambassadors for Catholic Education.

PRESENTATION – MISSION MEXICO

Note: Representatives from Mission Mexico were in attendance to present the Board with an overview of the Immersion Retreat attended by a number of staff members from our Division to the Centre for Intercultural Dialogue on Development in Cuernavaca Mexico. By providing education to those at the Immersion Retreat, it is the hope that those same individuals will then return to their own countries to advocate for the injustices in Mexico. The group thanked the Board for creating the opportunity to attend; a special thank you was extended for Father Fred Monk for making it all possible.

ST. MICHAEL’S SCHOOL BOW ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEW

Note: The Board reviewed the four (4) recommendations in the St. Michael’s School High School Program Review document submitted by the consultant. A motion to move in-camera was then made.

MOTION TO MOVE IN-CAMERA

2566 Motion. Stan Aberle: “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 6:42 p.m.

MOTION TO MOVE OUT-OF-CAMERA

2567 Motion. Dick Mastel: “THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education move out of camera”.

Carried unanimously.

Note: The Board moved out-of-camera at 7:00 p.m .

2568 Motion. Stan Aberle. “THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education authorizes administration to undertake the provincial and Board mandated processes in order to assist the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education as it considers the closure of the high school programming at St. Michael’s School in Bow Island”.

Vote: In Favor: Jodi Churla, Peter Grad, Stan Aberle, Dick Mastel
Opposed: Kelly Van Ham

Carried.

Note: The vote was asked to be recorded.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW

2569 Motion. Dick Mastel. "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve first reading of Policy 1 - Division Foundational Statements".

Carried unanimously.

2570 Motion. Kelly Van Ham. "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve first reading of Policy 2 - Role of the Board".

Carried unanimously.

2571 Motion. Stan Aberle. "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve first reading of Policy 7 - Board Operations".

Carried unanimously.

2572 Motion. Dick Mastel. "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve first reading of Policy 8 – Committees of the Board".

Carried unanimously.

2573 Motion. Kelly Van Ham. "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve first reading of Policy 11 – Board Delegation of Authority".

Carried unanimously.

APPENDIX " B"

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Note: St. Patrick's School Utilization – Over utilization continues to be an issue at St. Patrick's School. Beginning in the 2012 – 2013 school year, a hard cap will be applied to cross attendance and registration. Students who do not live in the natural attendance zone will not be able to register unless there is a sibling that already attends and will be in the school next year; this practice is known as "grandfathering".

Note: Rezoning St. Michael's School Medicine Hat and St. Francis Xavier School Attendance Boundaries

2574 Motion. Peter Grad. "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve that the attendance zone to St. Michael's School to include the area in Crescent Heights East of Division Avenue and North of 20th St. N.E. including Northlands to be rezoned to St. Francis Xavier School.

Carried unanimously.

Note: St. Michael's School has a fine arts focus and as a result is open to all students division-wide, with bussing provided to eligible students from all attendance zones, parents living in this new attendance zone may continue to send their children to St. Michaels' School to access the fine arts program; those parents living in this new attendance zone that are

not interested in the fine arts program will register at St. Francis Xavier School.

- Note: Budget Priorities and Assumptions 2012 – 2013. Annually the Board work plan outlines that in January of each school year Trustees establish priorities and assumptions for the upcoming budget year. Senior Administration briefed Trustees on some of the issues relating to budget assumptions and priorities. The budget deficit currently is at \$872,269. A review of how the Division arrived at this deficit included: *unsupported support staff increases, unsupported certificated staff increases, lack of funding for special education, cuts to budget not fully restored, class size funding cuts*; among others.
- Note: Zone 6 Chair and Superintendent Meeting with the Minister of Education on Monday, December 19, 2011. The Minister talked about *Tripartite and a sustainable funding formula; infrastructure; student engagement; empty schools; transportation; community resources; achievement and diploma exams; kindergarten and high school completion*. Sometime in January 2012 a “ten point plan” will be presented by the Minister of Education.
- Note: Tripartite Negotiations – Discussions are continuing in the province between the provincial government, ASBA and the Alberta Teachers Associations. “

APPENDIX “ C”

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

- Note: Quarterly Financial Report – Fiscal Accountability Report – A review of the 2011-2012 first quarter financial update was presented to the Board for information. We are on track with expenditures and revenues.
- Note: St. Thomas Aquinas Modulars – We have received permission from the Province of Alberta to demolish the two modulars at St. Thomas Aquinas School. We have also received permission to use the \$43,789 in the Deferred Capital Allocations towards the cost of the demolitions.
- Note: Urban School Insurance Consortium – The School Division is part of a thirteen (13) member group purchase plan with USIC; a new member has joined the consortium effective Nov 1, 2011 Rocky View School District.
- Note: Bow Island Transportation – Prairie Rose School Division transports the students that attend St. Michael’s School in Bow Island. We have been invoiced for \$1,614; a total of \$4,000 was budgeted.

APPENDIX “ D”

BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES

- Note: In accordance with Board Policy and in particular Policy 8 – Committees of the Board, the Board annually appoints representatives for various committees. The following appointments are effective December 13, 2011 for the 2011 – 2012 school year. The Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees announced the Board appointments as follows:

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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| Note: Medicine Hat Catholic Schools’ Education Foundation – | Mr. Kelly Van Ham |
| Representative to ACSTA – | Mr. Dick Mastel |
| Representative to Teacher Board Advisory Committee – | Mr. Dick Mastel |
| Representative to ASBA Zone 6 – | Mr. Peter Grad |
| Representative to Support Staff Board Advisory Committee – | Mrs. Jodi Churla |
| Representative to Parent Association – | Mrs. Jodi Churla |
| Salary Negotiations ATA – | Mr. Peter Grad |
| Salary Negotiations CUPE – | Mr. Dick Mastel |
| CUPE Staff Board Advisory Committee – | Mr. Kelly Van Ham |
| Spiritual Leadership Scholarship Board Representative BI – | Mr. Kelly Van Ham |

Spiritual Leadership Scholarship Board Representative MH –
Centennial Planning Board Representative –

Mr. Stan Aberle
Mr. Stan Aberle

MEETING WITH LIBERAL OPPOSITION LEADER

Note: The Board of Trustees and Senior Administration reviewed the meeting held with Liberal Leader Mr. Raj Sherman. The Board discussed our education priorities including facilities, local bargaining and RAP and Work Experience.

BOARD RETREAT – MARCH 2012

Note: The Board reviewed the date for the Board Retreat in 2012. It was determined that Monday, March 12, 2012 from 9 am to 4 pm will be the date. It will be held at the Catholic School Board Office; it was also determined that the Board will continue to expand on the board's strategic plan already in place.

JANUARY 2012 BOARD MEETING DATE

2575 Motion. Stan Aberle. "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education move the Tuesday, January 10, 2012 Board meeting to Monday, January 16, 2012".

Carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation – Mr. Dick Mastel

Note: The Foundation's AGM will be held December 17, 2011.

Representative to ACSTA – Mr. Peter Grad

Note: The AGM in November in Edmonton was a huge success. Father Penna was excellent speaker. Mr. Peter Grad thanked the Board for their support for supporting him in his endeavor for the Vice-Presidency of the ACSTA; although unsuccessful it was a great experience.

Representative to Teacher Board Advisory Committee – Mr. Dick Mastel

Note: No meeting has been scheduled and the group has not met.

Representative to ASBA Zone 6 – Mr. Stan Aberle

Note: Next meeting is Wednesday, November 14, 2011 in Lethbridge.

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

Note: Next meeting is January 18, 2012.

Representative to Parent Association – Mrs. Jodi Churla

Note: The meeting last month saw a presentation from AISI Coordinator Mrs. Jill Wilkinson regarding AISI and how it positively affects student learning. Next meeting is January 23, 2012 at Monsignor McCoy High School.

Salary Negotiations ATA – Mr. Stan Aberle

Note: No report.

Salary Negotiations CUPE – Mr. Dick Mastel

Note: No report.

Spiritual Leadership Scholarship Board Representative – Mr. Peter Grad

Note: No report.

Centennial Planning Board Representative – Mr. Stan Aberle

Note: Mr. Aberle presented a review of the Centennial Planning including the November 28, 2011 Flag Raising Day which was a huge success. The History Book Launch is scheduled for December 19, 2011 at St. Mary's School. As many Trustees as possible should plan to attend this exciting event.

ADJOURNMENT

Note: The Board Vice-Chair called the meeting adjourned.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Mrs. Jodi Churla, Vice-Chair

Mrs. Della Dewald, Executive Assistant