

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools Parent Association Minutes
September 30, 2013

In Attendance: Laureen Getz, Kate Glass, Lana Johnson, Laurie Pearse, Stephanie Richards, Michele Plante, Candace Lambert, Garry Andrews, Stan Aberle, Corinne Hordos-Goyer.

Meeting was held at the Central Board Office, called to order at 7:01 pm by Candace Lambert.

1. Opening Prayer led by Stan Aberle.
2. Introductions were made by each individual at the meeting.
3. Agenda approved by Michele Plante and Laurie Pearse.
4. Approval of minutes from September 24, 2012, AGM, by Laurie Pearse and Michele Plante.
5. Motion to dissolve current executive by Corinne Hordos-Goyer and Laurie Pearse. Stan Aberle was chosen to chair the elections of executive for 2013/2014.

Executive elected for the 2013/2014 school year for Medicine Hat Catholic Schools Parent Association are as follows:

- A) Chair - Candace Lambert
- B) Vice Chair - Laureen Getz
- C) Secretary/Treasurer - Kate Glass
- D) Board Representative - Laureen Getz

Candace Lambert
Laureen Getz
Kate Glass

Kate will make an appointment with Servus on 13 Ave to have the bank account signing authority updated. Regarding Account # 600108215113, Corinne Hordos-Goyer will be removed as a signing member. The new Executive Candace Lambert, Laureen Getz and Kate Glass will hold signing authority for the 2013/2014 school year.

The election portion of the meeting was closed and Candace Lambert chaired the rest of the regular meeting.

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6. Central Office Report - Dr. Garry Andrews spoke about his new position. He felt very welcomed coming into the district and had a positive first impression of staff and students. A brief history of his time in education was given. The board will look for a new superintendent and his role will be to lay the groundwork for a smooth transition for the future. School year off to a good start with Faith Development Day, good enrollment and positive achievement results. Wayne Schlosser came into the meeting and reported that attendance is up 23 students more than in the budget, final attendance numbers will be available on Sept. 30. He also reported the Accountability Results report will be out on Oct 2, due to the flood many PAT's and Diplomas were not written, this will affect the results. It was also reported that the new SLA's will replace the PAT's starting with grade 3 in 2014.

7. ATA Update - Bernie Kinch, ATA rep was not present but sent greetings and stated that the ATA supports Parent Association and they will be covering the \$400.00 PA membership fees for all councils. We thank the ATA for their support.

8. Trustee Board Report - Stan Aberle encouraged us to read the board bulletin in the school newsletters and to go to the website to look at minutes and agendas. There will not be an election as all seats have been filled, there will still be the plebiscite vote in Bow Island. He said it is great to see parents come to PA and said try to get more parents involved at your meetings. School Act is being reviewed, go online to give feedback.

Questions were asked as to why custodian hours were cut, Special Ed facilitators cut, media hire needed. All answers were budget related. Custodial hours had to be adjusted due to decline in budget, they will be reviewed as the year goes on and final student count is known. Principals and custodians had input on how best to use hours given. Special Ed facilitators are hired based on needs and budget. Communications hire, Stan said he did research and most school districts have one. They would like a communication person to help with talking to the media and preparing documents etc. Parents at the meeting questioned this and did not approve of this expense with such a tight budget.

9. A. Chair Report - Candace Lambert - our bylaws and constitution are on the board website to review. There are also copies of past minutes and agendas under documents under PA.

B. Secretary/ Treasurer - Bank Balance as of Aug 31 is \$ 1268.54 with a cheque for \$400.00 from the ATA for fees to be added.

C. Board Representative - Laureen Getz - Board meeting was Sept. 10. New Superintendent was introduced. New trustees will advertise and hire the new superintendent. Special board meeting will be on Nov. 26 to approve fall budget and financials. Enrollment is up and staffing is down from preliminary budget. The board discussed extending the French Immersion program further into high school if enrollment goes up. There is no money for a teacher so it will be offered online for now. Next meeting set for Oct. 8.

10. School Reports - School Reps present gave an update on their AGM's, their new council members and upcoming school events and activities.

11. Old Business - none to report.

12. New Business - The Meeting dates were set for the upcoming year. Oct 28, Nov 25, Jan 27, Mar 31, May 26.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.