

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING OF THE MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC
BOARD OF EDUCATION held at the Catholic Education Centre
on February 11, 2025 at 2:45 p.m.**

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Kathy Glasgo	Board Chair
Robert Risling	Vice-Chair
Bernie Kinch	Trustee
David Leahy	Trustee
Dick Mastel	Trustee
Dwayne Zarichny	Superintendent of Schools
Nick Gale	Deputy Superintendent
Greg MacPherson	Secretary Treasurer
Hugh Lehr	Associate Superintendent Learning Services
Heather Irvine	Religious Education Coordinator
Derrian Hallas	Communications Coordinator
Chelsey Lybbert	Executive Assistant to the Superintendent (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

Note: The meeting was chaired by Kathy Glasgo, Board Chair.

OPENING PRAYER

Note: Deacon Risling led the opening prayer.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Note: Dr. Zarichny read the land acknowledgement.

PRESENTATIONS

None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING – January 14,
2025**

4138 Motion. Kinch: “THAT the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Public Board Meeting held on January 14, 2025 as circulated.”

Carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4139 Motion. Leahy: “THAT the agenda dated February 11, 2025 be approved as circulated.”

Carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

School Parish Relations Committee

Note: Minutes included in the board agenda package.

Religious Education Coordinator

Note: Report included in board agenda package.

BOARD WORK PLAN

Approval of 2026-2027 School Calendar

Note: Mr. Gale presented the draft 2026-2027 school calendar. The calendar was drafted based on the board’s parameters set in January. These parameters were set based on feedback from 450 stakeholders who responded to the calendar survey.

Note: Mr. Gale reported that the ATA local supports this calendar and they are pleased that it is a balanced calendar.

4140 Motion. Mastel: “THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve the attached draft of the proposed 2026-2027 school calendar.”

Carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Strategic Priorities Update

Note: Report included in board agenda package.

Bill 27 – Opting in to Class Discussion

Note: Dr. Zarichny updated the board on the changes to Bill 27 which now requires parents/guardians to “opt-in” instead of “opt-out” to human sexuality education in schools.

Note: AP 206 – Human Sexuality Education is being updated to fit the new legislation. It will be presented at the March public meeting.

Communications Report

Note: Report included in board agenda package.

Note: February registration has opened and over half of students have already been re-enrolled for 2025-2026.

Note: Mrs. Hallas reported that there was a lot of media coverage this past month including a viral kindergarten reel.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

2026-27 and 2027-28 International Education Fees

Note: Mr. MacPherson presented on behalf of the Director of International Education. Mr. Hopkins requested to increase 3 fee areas: tuition, homestay and activity fees.

4141 Motion. Risling: “Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve the International Education Fees for 2026-27 and 2027-28 as presented.”

Carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) Negotiation Committee

Note: Nothing to report.

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Negotiation Committee

Note: Nothing to report.

Teacher Board Advisory Committee

Note: Next meeting is scheduled for March 25th.

Support Staff Board Advisory Committee

Note: Nothing to report.

CUPE Support Staff Advisory Committee

Note: Nothing to report.

Student Board Advisory Committee

Note: Next meeting is scheduled at Notre Dame Academy on March 3rd.

Audit Committee

Note: Nothing to report.

Holy Trinity Academy Update

Note: Dr. Zarichny reported that the Holy Trinity Academy Project Manager just received the final documents from the architect and sent them to procurement. Tender should be posted by mid-February.

Alberta School Boards' Association - Zone 6 Representative

Note: Next zone meeting is scheduled for February 12th.

Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association Representative

Note: Nothing to report.

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation Representative

Note: Report included in board agenda package.

Parent Association Representative

Note: Nothing to report.

Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) Representative

Note: Nothing to report.

CLOSING PRAYER

Note: The meeting closed with prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

Note: The meeting was adjourned by the Board Chair.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM.

Kathy Glasgo, Board Chair

Greg MacPherson, Secretary Treasurer