

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MEDICINE HAT
CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION held by Google Meet and recorded on
February 9, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.**

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Dick Mastel	Trustee, Board Chair
Robert Risling	Trustee, Vice-Chair
Kathy Glasgo	Trustee
Peter Grad	Trustee
David Leahy	Trustee
Dwayne Zarichny	Superintendent of Schools
Chuck Hellman	Deputy Superintendent
Greg MacPherson	Secretary Treasurer
Hugh Lehr	Associate Superintendent Learning Services
Sandra Richard	Religious Education Coordinator
Terri Ball	Coordinator of Early Childhood Services
Chelsey Lybbert	Executive Assistant to the Superintendent (Recorder)

OPENING PRAYER

Note: The opening prayer was led by Deacon Robert Risling.

Note: The meeting was chaired by Mr. Dick Mastel, Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – January 12, 2021

3727 Motion. Robert Risling: "THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 12, 2021 be approved as circulated."

Carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE ACTION AGENDA

3728 Motion. David Leahy: "THAT the Action Agenda dated February 9, 2021 be approved as circulated."

Carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Note: A Community Response meeting was held on February 8, 2021. Mr. Lehr and other representatives from all over the community met virtually. Medicine Hat and area have been approved for mobile crisis unit for up to 6 months (3 full time workers) which is well needed and will be a great asset to our community.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Grade 8 Religious Education Resource Update & Status of Kindergarten (Richard)

Note: The Grade 8 program will be implemented in fall of 2021.

Note: Pearson is creating a resource for kindergarten to be implemented in 2022.

Note: Mrs. Sandra Richard will be retiring at the end of June 2021. Chair Mastel thanked Mrs. Richard for all of her great work over the years and noted what a very valuable asset she has been to MHCBE.

BOARD WORK PLAN

Education Plan Update (Zarichny)

Note: An example school plan from Rocky View School Division, that follows the new assurance model, was shared with the Board.

Note: The new assurance model requires a much larger amount of stakeholder engagement. Surveys have been developed for students, staff and parents/guardians. Surveys are to be complete by February 12th. All information will then be compiled and shared with the Board at the planning session on February 25th.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Strategic Priorities Update (Zarichny)

Note: Standing report. These strategic priorities will be revisited as part of the assurance model process beginning with the planning meeting on February 25th.

MHCBE Child Development Checkups 2021 (Ball)

Note: Our division is planning to host child development checkups this spring after not having them for the past few years. We want to reach out to families and share information about our ELP and kindergarten programs and offer our support if parents have concerns about their child's development.

Communications Report (Hallas)

Note: Mr. Zarichny let the Board know that two new billboards have been put up with registration information for the division (one by Holy Family Parish and one by the Baptist Church near CEC).

Note: Mrs. Lybbert reported on behalf of Mrs. Hallas who was not in attendance. Mrs. Lybbert updated the board with registration numbers: 104 new registrants K-12 and 1442 reenrollment for K-12 in the first week of registration. Online registration has gone very smoothly this year.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Calendar 2021-2022 (Hellman)

Note: Mr. Hellman asked all stakeholders for their feedback for the 2021-2022 calendar in October and collected feedback until the end of January. He then created a draft calendar to share with the Board.

Note: On the Board workplan it states March as the month for calendar approval.

3729 Motion. David Leahy: "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education table the approval of the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar until the March Board meeting."

Carried unanimously.

Note: Mr. Hellman will share the draft calendar with the ATA and all other stakeholders to review before the March Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) Negotiation Committee (Grad)

Note: Nothing to report.

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Negotiation Committee (Mastel)

Note: Nothing to report.

Teacher Board Advisory Committee (Glasgo)

Note: Nothing to report. Next meeting scheduled in March.

Support Staff Board Advisory Committee (Risling)

Note: Nothing to report.

CUPE Support Staff Board Advisory Committee (Leahy)

Note: Nothing to report.

Student Board Advisory Committee (Mastel)

Note: Nothing to report.

Audit Committee (TBD)

Note: The Audit Committee has not been constituted yet.

Sisters of Charity of St. Louis Arts and Performance Center Committee (Leahy)

Note: Nothing to report.

Alberta School Boards' Association – Zone 6 Representative (Grad)

Note: See attached report.

Note: Mr. Grad asked the Board and Senior Administration if they are in favor of creating a video for the Edwin Parr nominee. All agreed that the video is important and should be completed.

Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA) Representative (Mastel)

Note: Nothing to report. Next meeting: February 10, 2021.

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation Representative (Mastel)

Note: See attached report.

Note: Director Mel Derzaph is leaving the Education Foundation Board. Please let Dick Mastel or Rob Stroh know if you know of anyone who would like to become a board member.

Parent Association Representative (Glasgo)

Note: Met January 25, 2021. Highlights from the meeting were discussions about Friends of McCoy and the Sisters of Charity of St. Louis Arts and Performance Center Committee. Parents also asked whether our division is able to do anything to alleviate childcare concerns for the November break as it is a concern for some.

Note: Next meeting: March 29, 2021.

Spiritual Leadership Scholarship Committee Representative (Leahy)

Note: Nothing to report.

Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) Representative (Grad)

Note: Recently had meeting via zoom to discuss provincial-wide vs. local negotiations.

CLOSING PRAYER

Note: The meeting closed with prayer led by Dick Mastel.

ADJOURNMENT

Note: The regular meeting was adjourned by the Board Chair.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM.

Dick Mastel, Board Chair

Greg MacPherson, Secretary Treasurer