

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MEDICINE HAT
CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION held by Google Meet and recorded on
April 13, 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
Derrian Hallas	Communications Coordinator
Sean Rooney	Communications Officer
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 Dick Mastel, Board Chair.

PRESENTATION OF EDWIN PARR AWARD

Note: Taylyn Weisgerber was honoured as MHCBE's nominee for the Edwin Parr Award for 2021. She was nominated by Robert Dumanowski who was also in attendance. Mr. Dumanowski spoke about her time commitment, dynamic personality, caring, teaching rigor and faith practice. Miss Weisgerber thanked the Board for the nomination and expressed her love for teaching at MHCBE.

Note: The Edwin Parr Zone 6 Banquet has been cancelled this year due to COVID. ASBA will be sharing videos from each division virtually to honor all the nominees.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – March 9, 2021

3745 Motion. Robert Risling: "THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 9, 2021 be approved as circulated."

Carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – March 22, 2021

3746 Motion. Kathy Glasgo: "THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting held March 22, 2021 be approved as circulated."

Carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE ACTION AGENDA

3747 Motion. Peter Grad: "THAT the Action Agenda dated April 13, 2021 be approved as circulated."

Carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Retirement Dinner (Mastel)

Note: The 2021 retirement dinner is booked for June 14th and a maximum of 35 people can be in attendance (if current restrictions lift for restaurants). Mrs. Lybbert has also booked a secondary date for the fall if the board would like to postpone the dinner (September 23rd). A larger room has been booked for the fall, which will accommodate up to 50 people. A finalized date will be decided at the May board meeting.

Note: Regardless of the date of the dinner we will move forward with the online retirement gift program.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catholic Education Week (Richard)

Note: Catholic Education week is May 10th – 14th. Mrs. Richard has been in touch with the parishes to have prayer at all the masses on May 9th. School banners will also be at the front of the churches.

Note: Mrs. Richard is working with Mrs. Hallas to create a communication regarding the 5 marks of a Catholic school which will include messaging from our stakeholders (Board Chair, Superintendent, teacher, student and a parent). May 13th is World Catholic Education Day; all staff and students are encouraged to wear blue.

Monsignor McCoy Grad 2021 (Richard)

Note: Mrs. Richard is meeting with Father Iqbal and Monsignor McCoy Vice-Principal, Rob Burzminski to discuss options for grad 2021. Depending on COVID restrictions and where they are at in May, the grads may be able to attend grad mass at Holy Family and have it livestreamed so parents can watch virtually. More options will be discussed closer to the date.

Note: Deacon Risling commented on what a great job Mrs. Richard has done of Parish/School relations.

Note: Mrs. Richard asked for a trustee to sit on the "Face of Christ Award" Committee. Deacon Risling volunteered to sit on the committee.

BOARD WORK PLAN

ERIP Applications 2021 (Hellman)

Note: One eligible employee has requested ERIP and submitted their request before the April 1st cut off.

Note: Discussion regarding early retirement whether or not we have the budget to grant the request this year.

3748 Motion. David Leahy: "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education approve the ERIP application for employee #10318 for \$35,000."

Carried 3-2.

2021-22 Budget Plan (MacPherson)

Note: Alberta Education released funding profile and budget on March 31. MHCBE will receive the same funding as the 2020-2021 year although the grant funding has been changed.

3749 Motion. Kathy Glasgo: "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education hold a regular meet of the Board on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. to approve the 2021-22 Budget."

Carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Strategic Priorities Update (Zarichny)

Note: See report in agenda package.

Education Plan Update (Zarichny)

Note: The division priorities were set at the board discussion meeting on March 4th. Senior Administration is working on defining the division goals for each priority. Mr. Zarichny will be sharing out the goals prior to the next board meeting for the board to approve.

Note: MHCBE is working on setting up a dashboard page for our AERR measures. This will be completed in the summer months. A document will be generated this year for the end of May submission and then we will move to the dashboard format.

Health and Wellness Committee (Hellman)

Note: A steering committee has been formed for the division as well as a larger health and wellness committee which is comprised of health and wellness champions from each school. This committee is moving forward with new initiatives as a response to information in our stakeholder surveys which referenced the importance of mental health. This is in alignment with the board's new strategic priorities.

2021/2022 Modular Classroom Program (MacPherson)

Note: Alberta Education increased their investment in modular classroom program to \$85 million (from \$25 million). Requests have been submitted to Alberta Education for approval for the following: two modular classrooms for Notre Dame Academy; two modular classrooms at Mother Teresa School; one new modular St. Francis Xavier; a standalone portable at St. Michael's School.

Communications Report (Rooney)

Note: Mr. Rooney spoke about Faith Formation Day and all the media coverage in March. Communications are working with our website provider to update the MHCBE website in the next few months.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

2021 School Board Nomination Package (MacPherson)

Note: Board meeting days and times are set at the organizational meeting each year. An amendment to the School Board Trustee Information Package was presented to better reflect this information.

3750 Motion. Peter Grad: "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education amend the School Board Trustee Information Package as presented for inclusion into the Nomination Package for the October 18, 2021 School Board Election."

Carried unanimously.

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.

Support Staff Board Advisory Committee (Risling)

Note: Nothing to report. Meeting April 22, 2021

CUPE Support Staff Board Advisory Committee (Leahy)

Note: Nothing to report.

Student Board Advisory Committee (Mastel)

Note: Nothing to report. No meetings will be scheduled until COVID restrictions let up so the next meeting will likely not be until the fall.

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: A motion was passed at the last Friends of McCoy meeting to official name the theatre "Sisters of Charity of St. Louis Center".
On April 21st a virtual meeting will be held which will include presentations from 3 construction companies. Trustees have all been invited to this meeting as well as community members.

Note: A virtual concert will be held April 30 – May 2 to raise money for the center. There are 40 acts with the majority being former students who have moved on to professional careers.

Note: The official fundraising campaign will kick-off on October 1st – in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of Monsignor McCoy High School.

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

Note: Email updates were sent to trustees following the last ASBA meeting. The Edwin Parr video was completed and will be submitted.

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

Note: Nothing to report.

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation Representative (Mastel)

Note: Annual golf tournament postponed again due to COVID. Sponsoring an online 50/50. On website and social media. Closing date is June 8th. Prize is guaranteed at \$2000.00 or 50% of proceeds.

Parent Association Representative (Glasgo)

Note: Met virtually on March 29th. The meeting discussion included school fees and the Friends of McCoy virtual concert. The group also discussed ideas to get other schools involved in the Parent Association so that all are represented.

Spiritual Leadership Scholarship Committee Representative (Leahy)

Note: Nothing to report.

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

Note: A survey was sent out regarding meeting preferences. Mr. Grad will send feedback to TEBA.

CLOSING PRAYER

Note: The meeting closed with prayer led Kathy Glasgo.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Note: The meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Dick Mastel, Board Chair

Greg MacPherson, Secretary Treasurer