

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC
BOARD OF EDUCATION held by Google Meet on
September 8, 2021 at 2:30 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
Heather Irvine	Religious Education Coordinator
Derrian Hallas	Communications Officer
Chelsey Lybbert	Recorder

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

OPENING PRAYER

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

APPROVAL OF THE ACTION AGENDA

3796 Motion. Leahy: "THAT the Agenda dated September 8, 2021 be approved as circulated."

Carried unanimously.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion on Masking Requirements in Schools

Move In-Camera

3797 Motion. Leahy: "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education move In-Camera." 2:38 pm

Carried unanimously.

Move Out of In-Camera

3798 Motion. Leahy: "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education move out of In-Camera." 3:21 pm

Carried unanimously.

3799 Motion. Leahy "THAT the Board of Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education directs administration to come up with a list of enhanced COVID measures to be implemented in MHCBE schools on Monday, September 13, 2021".

Carried unanimously.

Discussion on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Note: September 30th has been named a national statutory holiday for Truth and Reconciliation. The Alberta Government has not yet adopted this day as a provincial statutory holiday; instead has left it up to each employer to decide.

- Note: Other school divisions across the province have marked this day as “non-operational” to observe the stat. Since this day was implemented after MHCBE’s 2021-2022 calendar was approved it was not accounted for as a non-operational day.
- Note: Senior Administration brought this day to the Board’s attention in June 2021 as a potential calendar day change. When discussed in June the Board decided that education around Truth and Reconciliation needs to be focused on during this day. The Board dedicated September 30th as an operational day when students K-12 will learn about Truth and Reconciliation in each school.
- Note: After further discussion the Board decided to leave the day as an operational day and dedicate it to education on Truth and Reconciliation. Each school will have an assembly and learning activities focused around Residential Schools and Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th.
- Note: An additional item of the Board Retirement Banquet 2020-2021 was discussed.
- Note: The Board decided due to high COVID-19 cases the in-person banquet will be canceled at Medicine Hat Lodge. The Board asked that retirees be given an option of an outdoor BBQ or gift card in lieu of a banquet.

ADJOURNMENT

- Note: The special meeting was adjourned by the Board Chair.
- Note: The meeting adjourned at 3:51 pm.

Dick Mastel, Board Chair

Greg MacPherson, Secretary Treasurer