

# 2022

## OCT BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

**TO LEARN. TO GROW.  
TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD.**

### 2022 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING



The Board is pleased to announce that **Catherine Wilson (pictured left) was appointed to the chair** position by acclamation. Catherine is serving her third term on the Board and third term as chair. We are grateful for Catherine's willingness to lead and her

commitment to students in our MHPSD family. **Pat Grisonich (pictured right)** was appointed to the position of vice chair by acclamation. Pat is a passionate member of the team and looks forward to serving his second term as vice chair.



#### Students are at the Heart of MHPSD

The board has assisted high schools in developing a **Student Senate**, a unique engagement model for robust communication amongst trustees, students and teacher mentors. Students will share their collective voice and influence change throughout MHPSD. Ricky Hildebrand is grateful to guide the Student Senate at MHHS, where there are eight active members, made up of students in grades 10 – 12. MHHS students Andrea Perez and Aryanna Rowinski attended this meeting. Student representatives are excited to be engaged at this level and to have a seat at the table, bringing forward the views of the students into board decisions. CHHS student senate members will join the board meetings in the near future.

### RECOGNITION & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### 1. World Teacher Day, Truth and Reconciliation Day and Mental Health Awareness Day

MHPSD celebrated the important work of teachers on World Teacher Day, delivering fruit baskets to schools. The second National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was honoured in schools with teachings and heartfelt messages from our First Nations, Métis and Inuit team. We proudly showed our support on Mental Health Awareness Day by wearing bright colored clothing to help start new conversations about how we can care for one another. It is essential that we stop the stigma surrounding mental health, so we can connect with and support one another.

#### 2. Parent Engagement Event in Partnership with MHC

In recent years, and especially since the pandemic, mental health needs of children and youth have significantly increased to the point that it has been challenging for systems to support effectively. We partnered with Medicine Hat College to offer an in person presentation for parents and caregivers to address various aspects of understanding mental health needs for children and youth aged 6-18. MHPSD School Councils used 2021-22 Engagement Grant funding to partner with the Medicine Hat College and the Brandon Niwa Legacy Fund (The Beej Project) in order to bring this presentation to Medicine Hat.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**NOV 7-11** NOV BREAK - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



**EVERY CHILD MATTERS!**  
RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DAY FOR  
TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

## ITEMS FOR ACTION

### 1. International Offsite Activity

The Board approved an international offsite activity for Jennifer Davies, representing students from Crescents Heights High School to travel to New York in 2023.

## ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 1. Enrolment Update

[Enrolment for 2022-2023](#) is 7085 students as at September 30, 2022. This is an increase of 39 students over this time last year and 112 students more than projected in the spring budget.

### 2. Upcoming Fine Arts Performances

- [MHHS Theatre Co. presents PUFFS!](#)  
Dec 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 from 7 - 10 p.m.
- [Crescent Heights High School - Aladdin Jr.](#)  
Nov 30, Dec 1 & 2 from 5 - 7 p.m.  
Dec 3 from 2 - 5 p.m.

## TREATY 7 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy and the people of Treaty 7 Region in Southern Alberta. We honour and acknowledge the homeland of the Métis people. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us.

## UNIVERSAL GOALS

1. OPTIMAL LEARNING
2. THINKING & ACTING INCLUSIVELY
3. WELLNESS
4. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

**MHPSD FAMILY  
WHERE  
KIDS  
COUNT!**

# NEXT BOARD MEETING

**NOV 29, 2022 5:30 P.M.**

Board meetings will be held in the MHPSD central office board room at 601 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW. Board packages will be available the Friday prior to the meeting, contact [joni.treen@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:joni.treen@sd76.ab.ca) for more information.

