

Board Agenda

May 23, 2023



**Medicine Hat Public Board of Education
Operating as Medicine Hat Public School Division**



MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPERATING AS MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023

CENTRAL OFFICE – BOARD ROOM

SCHOOL DIVISION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

**601 – First Avenue S.W.
Medicine Hat, Alberta
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- II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
- III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING**
- IV. TREATY 7 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
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MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
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REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023 - 5:30 P.M.

CENTRAL OFFICE – BOARD ROOM

A G E N D A

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It is recommended that the Board move to Committee of the Whole to discuss certain confidential matters.

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III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

IV. 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.

CW

V. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT DELEGATES

The Board of Trustees welcomes Medicine Hat High School student delegates: Aryanna Rowinski and Tyson Van Ham.

CW

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on **Tuesday, April 25, 2023**, and **Tuesday, May 9, 2023**, and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, April 25, 2023**, and **Tuesday, May 9, 2023**.

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VIII. PRESENTATIONS

1. International Trip – New York City, New York

Crescent Heights High School Theatre Arts Program Students travelled to New York from April 11 to April 18, 2023. Teacher and trip organizer Jennifer Davies will present to the Board on their experiences and educational highlights.

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2. Early Childhood Services / MHPSD Service Delivery

Medicine Hat Public School Division offers a robust early learning program in our schools and in our community. We will hear from the team about what early intervention looks like in action.

[Early Years Framework](#)

TH/JS

IX. RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. KisKihkeyimowin

MHPSD hosted KisKihkeyimowin, which is a Plains Cree meaning "sharing good teachings," pronounced (geese - kih - kay - mo - in), where grade 4 and 10 students from MHPSD learned about Blackfoot, Cree and Métis cultures, teachings in traditional Tipis. The event was held in partnership with the Medicine Hat College and the Miyasin Friendship Centre.

KisKihkeyimowin created an opportunity for students to connect with Blackfoot, Cree and Métis cultures and gain a deeper understanding and respect through age-appropriate stories and rich hands-on teachings. Students participated in the circle of courage, medicine wheel, hide story, beading, drumming, wood flute, finger weaving, making dream catchers, learning traditional dances & games, Tipi raising, talking circle, smudging, and listening to traditional story telling. Presenters include Indigenous leaders, Elders, knowledge keepers and other valued members of the Indigenous community. The event aimed to promote better understanding and appreciation of Indigenous culture within our community as we actively take steps toward Truth and Reconciliation.

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X. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Budget 2023-24 Spring Release

As per the Education Act the Board is presented in May with a budget proposal for the upcoming school year. The Spring Release is built on best estimates available at the time. An update will be provided in the fall on actual student numbers.

It should be noted that the budget is in a deficit position for 2023-24 fiscal year. We will present the plan to the Board for consideration and approval.

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Forthcoming Enclosure No. 1
Presentation [Enclosure No. 2](#)

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2. **Education Plan**

The 2023-24 Education Plan (EP) will be shared for review. This is our school division's new 4 Year Education Plan. Development process of the plan and how it fits into the overall assurance process will be shared. Highlights of the plan will be provided as well.

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Forthcoming Enclosure No. 3

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3. **Policy 532 – Healthy Interactions**

This policy has been revised. It is recommended that the Board approve the updates to this policy as presented.

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[Enclosure No. 4](#)

4. **Reauthorization of Locally Developed Courses – Junior High / Middle School**

Request to reauthorize the following locally developed junior high school courses:

Course Name	Start Date	End Date
Film Studies 7-9	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Leading from the Middle 7-8	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Leadership 9	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Recreation Education 7-9	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Sports Prep 9	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Learning Strategies 7-9	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Sports Performance 7-9	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Fitness Pursuits 9	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Athletics Institute 7-9	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Discovery Design Challenge	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
ESL Beginner English Language Development	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
ESL Introduction to Mathematics	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
ESL Introduction to Science	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
ESL Introduction to Social Studies	9/1/2023	8/31/2027

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the reauthorization of these junior high/middle school courses.

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5. Reauthorization of Locally Developed Courses – High School

Request to reauthorize the following locally developed high school courses:

Course Name	Start Date	End Date
Audio 15	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Audio 15	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Audio 25	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Audio 25	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Audio 35	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Audio 35	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Dance 15	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Dance 15	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Dance 25	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Dance 25	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Dance 35	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Dance 35	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Performing Arts 15	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Performing Arts 15	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Creative Writing and Publishing 15	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Creative Writing and Publishing 15	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Creative Writing and Publishing 25	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Creative Writing and Publishing 25	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Creative Writing and Publishing 35	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
Creative Writing and Publishing 35	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
ESL Introduction to Science 15	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
ESL Introduction to Science 25	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
ESL Introduction to Canadian Studies 15	9/1/2023	8/31/2027
ESL Introduction to Canadian Studies 25	9/1/2023	8/31/2027

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the reauthorization of these high school courses.

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XI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Division Council of School Council

The DCSC held their meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023. The meeting minutes are enclosed for information.

CW/MD

[Enclosure No. 5](#)

XII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Edwin Parr Banquet

The Board attended the Edwin Parr Banquet on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, in support of our exceptional first year teachers nominated for this award!

2. Healthy Interactions

The Administrative Procedure and the exhibit for the Healthy Interactions Policy have both been updated.

[532 AP 001 Healthy Interactions](#)

[532 E 001 Mediation Process for Resolution Form](#)

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