



2019

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

OCTOBER BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

TREATY 7 LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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.

SCHOOL SHARING PRESENTATION

Ross Glen School presented to the board about their strategies for an enhanced learning culture. The overarching theme focused on using data to inform school planning and practice, while meeting the unique needs of all students.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you cards were received from MHPSD students who have been awarded scholarships.

Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship:
Joshua Suelzle, Jayden Smith, Theo Van der Westhuizen.

RECOGNITION & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Welcome Back BBQ:** The board expressed appreciation to Outreach staff and wellness champions for organizing the annual welcome back BBQ.
- **Alberta Teachers' Association Inductees:** Congratulations to all teachers inducted to the Alberta Teachers' Association Local No. 1 in Oct.

ACTION ARISING OUT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Personnel Matter 2019-04 was approved as presented.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- **MHPSD enrolment** for Sept 30, 2019 is 7,406, a decrease of 82 students over Sept, 2018.
- **Alberta School Boards Association** general meeting will be held in Edmonton, Nov 17-19, 2019.
- **National School Boards Association** annual conference & exposition will be held in Chicago, Apr 4-6, 2020.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

The following were approved by the board:

1. Policy updates to align with changes to the Education Act.

- **Policy 200:** Role of the Board of Trustees
- **Policy 202:** Role of Trustees
- **Policy 202.1:** Trustee Code of Conduct
- **Policy 202.1:** Appendix Trustee Code of Conduct Sanctions

2. Renewal of locally developed courses.

- **Crescent Heights High School:** film studies (7-9), leading from the middle (7-8), leadership (9), recreation education (7-9), sports prep (9), learning strategies (7-9), sports performance (7-9), fitness pursuits (9).
- **Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre:** film studies (7-9), leadership (7-9), sports performance (7-9).

3. Authorization of locally developed courses.

- **Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre:** athletic institute (7-9).
- **Medicine Hat Christian School:** bible (1-9).

4. International off-site activity for Medicine Hat High School band students to travel to Spain and Portugal (Apr 9-18, 2020, with conditions).

5. International off-site activity for Medicine Hat High School baseball students to travel to Oahu, Hawaii (Feb 26-Mar 2, 2020, with conditions).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Minutes of the Sept **Coordinating Committee** meeting were attached for information.
- Minutes of the Oct **District Council of School Council** meeting were attached for information.

FIVE UNIVERSAL GOALS

1. Provide **optimal learning environments** to all learners
2. Approach all people with an **inclusive mindset**
3. Foster a **culture of wellness**
4. Develop **leadership skills** among all members of the school community
5. Determined **focus on First Nation, Métis and Inuit student success**



MHPSD, WHERE KIDS COUNT!

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- **Rick Massini** let his name stand and with no further nominations, was **declared the chair**.
- **Catherine Wilson** let her name stand and with no further nominations, was **declared the vice chair**.
- The board endorsed a meeting schedule for the 2019-2020 school year.

NEXT BOARD MEETING - NOV 26, 2019

5:30 p.m. School Sharing Presentation from **Herald School**

6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Board meetings are held in the MHPSD Central Office - Board Room, 601 1st Ave SW.

