

RECORD OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD IN THE **BOARD ROOM** IN THE **SCHOOL DIVISION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE** ON **TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**, AT 3:15 PM.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Catherine Wilson, Pat Grisonich, Deborah Forbes, Rick Massini, Yvonne Sissons

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Tracy Hensel, Superintendent of Schools
Leanne Dulle, Secretary Treasurer
Corey Sadlemyer, Associate Superintendent: Learning
Cody Edwards, Associate Superintendent: Student Services
Jason Peters, Associate Superintendent: Human Resources
Carla Carrier, Director of Learning & Partnerships

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Krasilowez, Communications Manager
Alexis Unreiner, Student Delegate, Medicine Hat High School
Alyssa Morris, Student Delegate, Crescent Heights Hat High School

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Hope Schick

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

46. Y. Sissons

CARRIED

The Board moved to the Committee of the Whole at 3:16 PM.

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 5:31 PM

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.

V. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees welcomed our student delegates!

Student representing Medicine Hat High School was Alexis Unreiner.

Student representing Crescent Heights High School was Alyssa Morris.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

47. P. Grisonich

CARRIED

VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THAT Minutes of the Regular and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 and Tuesday, January 14, 2025 and the Special Meetings held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 be approved as presented.

48. R. Massini

CARRIED

VIII. PRESENTATION

Careers – Trades

Mr. Sadlemyer, Associate Superintendent: Learning, provided our Trustees with an update on the opportunities students are engaging in this year through Dual Credit programming and Work Experience, as well as how junior high students are being supported. The Off-Campus and Work Experience programs are facilitated by four key members and focus on dual credit, collegiate and career pathways initiatives, work experience, Grade 9 -10 transitions, and Grade 4-9 programming.

Dual credit participation has significantly increased over the last four years. The tuition fees MHPSD pays to support student programming has increased from \$1,500 in the 2020-21 school year to \$73,000 in 2024-25 which include Vet Technician Assistant, Health Care Aide and Introduction to Trades.

An application is underway with Prairie Sky Collegiate, involving MHPSD, Grasslands School Division, Lethbridge Polytechnic, and other regional schools. Additional partners include the BILD Association, Brooks RCMP, and the Chamber of Commerce.

With these new partnerships, high school students will have access to career pathways in trades, health sciences, and criminal justice. Junior high programming will also be expanded.

Our work experience program will shift focus from being credit-driven to pathway-driven, aligning more with long-term career goals.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

Several of our students have sent correspondence expressing appreciation for being awarded scholarships.

Eden Boyd	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Hannah Connell	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Carter Curliss	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Makena Duncan	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Ella Ferguson	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Jasmin Fischer	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Georgia Gavey	Grant Henderson Reward Scholarship
Georgia Gavey	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Alexis Hanna	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Tavia Hannay	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Tanner Hiebert	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Elizabeth Holland	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Ainsley Hyde	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Colby Kirschenman	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Kiana Kirschenman	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Kemah Kohlman	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

Alexa Koley	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Brianna Martin	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Brianna Martin	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Kate Riley	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Raven Roset	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Ronin Sylyski	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Hannah Thompson	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Ayla Watkins	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Chantel Wagner	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Jeffrey Warwick	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Brooklyn Watson	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

X. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee held their meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024.

They were provided with updates from Teacher Voice Committee on October 24, 2024, Student Engagement Session on December 3, 2024, and policy/procedure updates.

2. Division Council of School Councils'

The Division Council of School Councils held their meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2024.

Trustees are encouraged to remind their school councils about the ASCA School Councils Conference taking place on April 26 and 27, 2025, and the available online PD sessions. We are also seeking feedback from school council members on whether there would be interest in having Trustees host the online PD sessions at the Board Office.

A continued challenge is the difficulty in engaging parents in school councils, which remains an ongoing issue across the province.

XI. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. MLA Justin Wright

MLA Justin Wright met with Trustees and Executive staff and toured several of our schools on Monday, January 20, 2025.

It was a successful day, with the MLA spending 8 hours with us, engaging in meaningful conversations. We encouraged everyone to share their concerns and issues openly, maintaining honesty and professionalism.

There are very positive signs of a strong, collaborative relationship forming with him. We are also proud of the schools that were toured, as they were noted for their cleanliness and overall presentation.

2. 2025 State of City

The 2025 State of the City was held on Tuesday, January 28, at the Medicine Hat Lodge. Our Trustees along with Superintendent Hensel were in attendance.

3. Southeastern Alberta Teachers' Convention

The Southeastern Alberta Teachers' Convention will be held at the Medicine Hat College on February 20-21, 2025.

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XII. ACTION ARISING OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

No action items from the Committee of the Whole meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

49. P. Grisonich

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER