

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,**
APRIL 8, 2025, AT 3:15 PM.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Krasilowez, Communications Manager
Chelsea Hallick, Coordinator of Diverse Learning Services
Tara Krasko, ALT team
Jennifer Haga, ALT team
Terri Tabor, ALT team
Rachel Lesko, ALT team
Carie Czember, ALT team
Dave Van Leeuwen, Education Technology Lead Teacher

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Pat Grisonich

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Hope Schick

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM.

II. 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.

Video Land acknowledgement from Vincent Massey

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

68. Y. Sissons

CARRIED

IV. PRESENTATIONS

1. Alternative Learning Team

Previously known as the Behaviour Emotional Support Team (BEST), the Alternative Learning Team (ALT) provides Tier 4 support within the Medicine Hat Public School Division. The team—comprised of Chelsea Hallick (Coordinator of Diverse Learning Services), Tara Krasko (Occupational Therapist), Jennifer Haga (ALT Teacher Consultant), Terri Tabor (ALT Educational Support Coach), Rachel Lesko (ALT Teacher Consultant), and Carie Czember (Educational Support Coach)—shared the team's journey from its beginnings in 2017 to its current role, evolving to meet the dynamic needs of both students and staff across the division.

Initially, ALT focused its efforts solely on supporting classroom teachers and educational assistants. Over time, its scope has expanded to include Classroom Support Teachers (CSTs), Family Services Liaison Workers (FSLWs), and other service providers. Utilizing a responsive continuum of services, ALT aims to build sustainable, internal capacity within schools by supporting the implementation and maintenance of effective instructional practices and targeted interventions. One of ALT's core goals is to enhance schools' abilities to support diverse learners and to remain adaptable to emerging needs.

Although ALT offers services across all grade levels, the majority of their work to date has been concentrated in elementary schools. Schools typically access Tier 4 support for areas such as complex communication needs, behavioural emotional support, and specialized programming. ALT provides a range of support, including collaboration, consultation, and coaching—the most intensive form of which includes 10–12 days of embedded coaching alongside the school team, and includes an occupational therapy assessment.

As of the 2024–2025 school year, ALT has responded to 33 referrals to date, supporting 84 staff across 14 schools. In addition, the team has facilitated 12 professional development sessions for division staff on key topics such as the Escalation Cycle, Behaviour Support Plans, and Adapted versus Modified Programming.

C. Hallick, T. Krasko, J. Haga, T. Tabor, R. Lesko, C. Czember left meeting at 3:52 PM

2. Minecraft/Trades

Minecraft: Education Edition – Dave Van Leeuwen, Education Technology Lead Teacher, introduced the second year of our dynamic Minecraft collaboration with the City of Medicine Hat. This year, students are reimagining the former Central Park School site on Southeast Hill. Over 26 classes from 10 different schools are taking part in this immersive, hands-on project, using critical thinking and creativity to envision the future of this important community space.

We're also grateful to be partnering with Shawn Champagne, Senior Planner for the City of Medicine Hat.

The project launched on March 17th, with final submissions due by May 30th, culminating in a celebratory awards ceremony.

D. Van Leeuwen left the meeting 4:25

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Division Council of School Council

The Division Council of School Council held their meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2025. The meeting minutes are enclosed for information.

2. Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee held their meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025. The meeting minutes are enclosed for information.

VI. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

69. R. Massini

CARRIED

The Board moved to the Committee of the Whole at 4:25 PM.

VII. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 4:40 PM

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

Personnel Matter 2025-05

THAT the Board approve Personnel Matter 2025-05, based on the prorated value of 80%.

70. D. Forbes

CARRIED

IX. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

71. Y. Sissons

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 PM.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER