

Board Agenda

June 25, 2024



**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, JUNE 25, 2024 - 5:30 P.M.

CENTRAL OFFICE – BOARD ROOM

SCHOOL DIVISION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

601 – First Avenue S.W.
Medicine Hat, Alberta
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- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- II. **MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
- III. **RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING**
- IV. **TREATY 7 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- V. **INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT DELEGATES**
- VI. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- VII. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
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 - 2. Learning Disruption
 - 3. APPLE Schools
- IX. **RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
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- X. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**
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 - 2. Crestwood School Logo
 - 3. World Teacher Day
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 - 2. Alberta School Boards' Association: Spring General Meeting
 - 3. Coordinating Committee
 - 4. Division Council of School Councils'

XII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Alberta School Boards' Association Award

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT



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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:

Jeeya Gupta
Andrea Perez

Aryanna Rowinski
Sonak Saha

Tyson Van Ham
Madison Zilkie

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VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, May 28, 2024**, and **Tuesday, June 11, 2024**.

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VIII. PRESENTATIONS

1. The Parent Group

Ayman Kaiden (Cultural Liaison Worker) and Brittany Leblanc (Family School Liaison Worker) explore the positive impact of culturally relevant programming offered this year to newcomer families, students and educators. A wide range of learning opportunities were developed for students, staff and families to encourage cultural humility and foster a sense of belonging for all within the division. Families were invited to participate in Parenting Foundations sessions, which covered topics relevant to supporting newcomer parents raising children in Canada. The program was met with enthusiasm and engagement has grown steadily with each session. Information about the objectives achieved by this program, as well as next steps for the upcoming year will be shared during the presentation.

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2. Learning Disruption

The Alberta Government has acknowledged gaps in literacy and numeracy achievement post pandemic. As a result, grant funding was provided to school divisions to address this concern. In consultation with school administrators the Learning Department responded to this need and funding allocation by adding an additional Optimal Learning Coach ('OLC') to our team and by engaging in intensive coaching cycles at our schools based on our division and provincial screening data. Using our understanding of literacy and numeracy instruction, the professional learning provided, and the resources curated and purchased in our division, we engaged in developing a thoughtful model to embed coaching cycles in our schools. Through data driven goals, OLC's collaborated with Admin Teams and teachers to engage in the Continuum of Coaching to further develop instructional practices that would impact student achievement in literacy and numeracy. Our division and schools experienced significant growth in student achievement in both literacy and numeracy resulting in an impressive number of our students identified at-risk in the fall screen administration moving out of the at-risk category in the spring post-test administration.

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3. APPLE Schools

APPLE Schools is an innovative school-focused health promotion initiative. This organization impacts the lives of more than 30,000 students annually in 97 schools across Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, and Northwest Territories by improving their lifelong eating, physical activity, and mental health habits. The mission of APPLE Schools is to inspire and empower school communities to lead, choose, and be healthy by recommending and supporting measurable and sustainable changes.

Medicine Hat School Division currently has two Apple Schools. Vincent Massey will share their journey as a first year APPLE School.

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IX. RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Honoured Educator Awards

The recipients of the Honoured Educator Award include all teachers retiring from service in the 2023-2024 school year.

Mike Canadine

Joanne Kennedy

Susan Nelson

Mark Davidson

Ed Kruger

Sheldon Regier

Michel Farmer

Sandra Mason

Wendy Smid

Congratulations to the Medicine Hat Public School Division's 2023-2024 Honoured Educators!

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X. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. 2024-2025 School Fees

As per Administrative Procedure [628 AP 001 – Student Fees](#), the fees that require Board approval prior to application will be presented.

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2. Crestwood School Logo

Crestwood School is proposing a new logo and is seeking Board approval. As per [Policy 210.2 – Team Names, Logos, Colours and Mascots](#) it is recommended that the Board approve Crestwood School's logo as presented.

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[Enclosure No. 2](#)

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3. World Teacher Day

October 5th is celebrated annually as World Teacher Day.

It is recommended that the Board approve a card and fruit basket to be delivered to all MHPSD schools in appreciation of our teachers.

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XI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Public School Boards' Association of Alberta: Spring General Assembly

The Public-School Boards' Association held their Spring General Assembly in Calgary on May 31 and June 1, 2024. An update will be provided to the Board.

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2. Alberta School Boards' Association: Spring General Meeting public

The Alberta School Boards' Association business session and professional development session was held in Calgary on June 3 and 4, 2024. An update will be provided to the Board.

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3. Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee held meetings on Monday, April 22, 2024, and Monday, May 6, 2024. These meeting minutes are enclosed for information.

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[Enclosure No. 3](#)

[Enclosure No. 4](#)

4. Division Council of School Councils'

The Division Council of School Council's held a meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2024. The meeting minutes are enclosed for information.

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[Enclosure No. 5](#)

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1. Alberta School Boards' Association Awards

The [ASBA Award Packages](#) are available online.

- Community Engagement Award: due September 16, 2024
- School Board Innovation and Excellence Award: due September 16, 2024.

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