

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 29, 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
Katrina Corbett, Division Principal of Specialized Programs
Kim Edwards, CASA Mental Health Support
Justin Boodhoo, CASA Mental Health Support
Nyaruaach Ruach, Medicine Hat High School Student Delegate
Alexis Unreiner, Medicine Hat High School Student Delegate
Maia Peterson, Crescent Heights High School Student Delegate
Alyssia Morris, Crescent Heights High School Student Delegate
Shyanne Mossey, Crescent Heights High School Student Delegate

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Hope Schick

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

72. 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 5:30 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.

Vincent Massey School's Land Acknowledgement video was shared

V. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees welcomed our student delegates.

Students representing Medicine Hat High School are Alexis Unreiner and Nyaruach Ruach.

Students representing Crescent Heights High School are Maia Petersen, Alyssa Morris, and Shyanne Mooney.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

73. P. Grisonich

CARRIED

VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THAT Minutes of the Regular and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, March 25, 2025** and **Tuesday, April 8, 2025** be approved as presented.

74. Y. Sissons

CARRIED

VIII. PRESENTATION

1. CASA & Specialized Program Update

Katrina Corbett, Division Principal of Specialized Programs, along with CASA staff members Kim Edwards and Justin Boodhoo, presented an update on the partnership between the school division and CASA Mental Health.

This collaboration supports a mental health classroom—The Den—located at Southview School for students in grades 4 to 6. The program offers a comprehensive range of services, including individual and group therapy, personalized academic instruction, medication review and management, psychoeducation sessions for parents and caregivers, professional development for school staff, and structured transitions back to students' home classrooms.

Students typically spend five months in The Den, followed by five months of support within their regular classroom. Referrals are initiated at the school level in consultation with families. Up to 12 students can be registered in the CASA classroom.

In its first 18 months of operation, the program has demonstrated significant growth and has positioned itself as a model for other school divisions across southern Alberta. As the initiative develops, data collection and statistical analysis will become standard components.

Efforts are ongoing to advocate for the establishment of a CASA House in Medicine Hat.

K. Corbett, K. Edwards and J. Boodhoo left meeting at 6:15

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

Thank You Message

The Board received a thank you message from Crescent Heights High School student Trey Davenport for receipt of the Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship.

X. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Professional Learning and PSBC Meeting Update

The PSBC meeting took place on April 10–11, 2025, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in West Edmonton. Mr. Massini and Mr. Grisonich were in attendance.

Around 20 MLAs attended the MLA reception, where it was emphasized that PSBC is the sole organization advocating exclusively for public schools. During the event, Mr. Massini and Mr. Grisonich had a one-on-one discussion with Justin Wright, the local MLA, to reinforce the message that public schools require increased funding.

The following day, Trustees took part in five professional development sessions. Topics included: *“What is Sharenting and Why Should it Matter to School Divisions?”*, *“Governing a Unique Rur-ban School District (Grasslands Public)”*, *“Shifting from Compromise and Winning to Conversation and Possibility”*, *“Don’t Meth with Us”*, and a keynote address focusing on the current provincial and federal political landscapes.

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

THAT the Board **approve** the 5 nominees as recipients for The Friends of Education award.

75. R. Massini

CARRIED

XII. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

76. D. Forbes

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER