



FEB BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Alternative Learning Team (ALT)

The ALT offers services that target complex communication, specialized programming, behaviour emotional support for students and professional capacity building for staff. With three teachers, an educational assistant and an occupational therapist, the team shares the belief that educational practices should be flexible and responsive to the strengths, needs, and learning preferences of individuals and the school community as a whole. Classrooms across Alberta are becoming more complex, students arrive with greater needs than they did in the past. Always committed to meeting people where they are at, this team plays a critical role in supporting the mental health needs of our MHPSD family.

Their approach is kind, supportive and paced appropriately for each unique situation, always focused on building relationship first. Making people feel seen, heard and valued is paramount to their success. Regulation is the foundation of addressing complex behaviour, with education on best practices layered throughout. We want to help people understand the science behind this work, starting with the brain, layered with regulation strategies, wrapped together with an individual support plan and sensory plan. They proudly honour student voice as a critical component of their work.

The team shared video testimonials (linked in the presentation below) from stakeholders about the impact of this support model.

- [ALTERNATIVE LEARNING TEAM PRESENTATION](#)

2. Student Senate - Dress Code Survey

The Board is passionate about inspiring student voice in order to shape our future. A student dress code survey was designed to create engagement between high school students and the Board. Senate delegates from Medicine Hat High School discussed the results with Trustees

- [STUDENT SENATE SURVEY RESULTS](#)



**SOUTHVIEW STUDENTS
VOLUNTEER FOR LOCAL
CHARITY EVENT**

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAR 17 PD DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Terry Riley



TERRY'S PRESENCE WAS REMARKABLE AND WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN; HIS SERVICE TO OUR BOARD WAS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOOD PEOPLE COME TOGETHER TO DO GREAT THINGS FOR STUDENTS.

RECOGNITION & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Board requested a moment of silence to honour **Terry Riley** as a former educator and trustee. He was an avid and effective advocate for MHPSD, for public education, teachers and students.

STUDENT TRUSTEES

Medicine Hat High School students were welcomed to the meeting: Madison Zilkie and Sonak Saha.

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.

UNIVERSAL GOALS

1. OPTIMAL LEARNING
2. THINKING & ACTING INCLUSIVELY
3. WELLNESS
4. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

MHPSD FAMILY WHERE KIDS COUNT!

NEXT BOARD MEETING

MAR 28, 2023 5:30 P.M.

Board meetings will be held in the MHPSD central office board room at 601 1st Ave SW. Board packages will be available the Friday prior to the meeting, contact joni.treen@sd76.ab.ca for more information.

