

Board Agenda

April 23, 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, APRIL 23, 2024

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**
- VIII. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - 1. International Off-Site Activity: Los Angeles and Anaheim, California
 - 2. Optimal Learning Coaches
 - 3. Minecraft in Education – Future Builders
- IX. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 1. Thank You Card
 - 2. Letters form Grade 6 Social Studies
- X. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**
 - 1. Reauthorization of Locally Developed Courses – High School
 - 2. International Off-Site Activity: Request for Approval in Principle
- XI. **ACTION ARISING OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT**



MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPERATING AS MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 - 5:30 P.M.

CENTRAL OFFICE – BOARD ROOM

A G E N D A

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.

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V. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT DELEGATES

The Board of Trustees welcomes Medicine Hat High School student delegates: Andrea Perez, Sonak Saha, Alexis Unreiner and Tyson Van Ham.

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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, March 26, 2024, Tuesday, April 9, 2024, Wednesday, April 10 and Tuesday, April 16, 2024.**

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VIII. PRESENTATIONS

1. International Off-Site Activity: Los Angeles and Anaheim, California

Crescent Heights High School Students in the Theatre Arts Program travelled to Los Angeles and Anaheim, California, from Tuesday, March 26, 2024, to Sunday, March 31, 2024. Teachers and students that went on the trip, will present to the Board on their experiences and educational highlights.

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2. Optimal Learning Coaches

The OLC Team will walk trustees through some stories of practice to highlight the variety of ways that we have been responsive to the needs of our system. Throughout the year we have been responsive to Admin/School Needs, Student Needs, Teacher Needs, and Research & Best Practice. We are excited to share the impacts of our work within the optimal learning environment and how it has made a difference for the staff and students of our division.

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3. Minecraft in Education – Future Builders

Trustees will learn about a partnership between Microsoft Canada (Minecraft), the City of Medicine Hat and our Division. This has facilitated a project for students that allows them to solve urban planning issues through Minecraft. Curricular outcomes and student testimonials will be provided.

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IX. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You Card

The Board received a thank you card from a substitute teacher for the recognition of Substitute Appreciation Week.

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2. Letters from Grade 6 Social Studies

Mr. Travis Boser is a Grade 6 Humanities Teacher at Dr. Ken Sauer School.

During a unit on Local Government, he tasked students to pick a cause that they care about and write a letter to a local government official about it. Several students chose school related items, as they learned about the school board setup in the unit as well. These letters were addressed to Superintendent Davidson.

Mr. Boser has shared the letters that students wrote, covering a wide variety of topics, in hopes of a response.

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[Enclosure No. 1](#)

X. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Reauthorization of Locally Developed Courses – High School

Request to reauthorize the following locally developed high school courses:

Course Name	Version	Course Code	First Approved	Last Approved
ESL Expository English 15	5 Credits (2010-2024)	LDC1513	2023-2024	2023-2024
ESL Expository English 25	5 Credits (2010-2024)	LDC2513	2023-2024	2023-2024
ESL Introduction to Mathematics 15	5 Credits (2007-2024)	LDC1350	2023-2024	2023-2024
Holocaust Studies 15	3 Credits (2020-2024)	LDC1787	2023-2024	2023-2024

Holocaust Studies 25	5 Credits (2020-2024)	LDC2787	2023-2024	2023-2024
Holocaust Studies 35	5 Credits (2020-2024)	LDC3787	2023-2024	2023-2024
Improvisational Theatre 15	3 Credits (2013-2024)	LDC1551	2023-2024	2023-2024
Improvisational Theatre 15	5 Credits (2013-2024)	LDC1551	2023-2024	2023-2024
Improvisational Theatre 25	3 Credits (2016-2024)	LDC2551	2023-2024	2023-2024
Improvisational Theatre 25	5 Credits (2013-2024)	LDC2551	2023-2024	2023-2024
Improvisational Theatre 35	5 Credits (2013-2024)	LDC3551	2023-2024	2023-2024
Improvisational Theatre 35	3 Credits (2016-2024)	LDC3551	2023-2024	2023-2024
Theatre Performance 15	5 Credits (2007-2024)	LDC1367	2023-2024	2023-2024
Theatre Performance 25	5 Credits (2007-2024)	LDC2367	2023-2024	2023-2024
Theatre Performance 35	5 Credits (2007-2024)	LDC3367	2023-2024	2023-2024

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the reauthorization of these high school courses.

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2. International Off-Site Activity: Request for Approval in Principle

It is recommended that the Board approve, in principle, an international off-site activity for students from Crescent Heights High School and Medicine Hat High School represented by teacher, Georgia Bull, to travel to Honolulu, Hawaii for the period Saturday, March 15, 2025, to Saturday, March 22, 2025, subject to the following conditions:

- a) that the destination and the submitted itinerary are approved at the Division level;
- b) that all informed consent forms are signed by parents;
- c) that a [Consent for Children Travelling Abroad](#) be completed and signed by each parent;
- d) that each student is in possession of a passport, valid for at least six months beyond the expected return date.
- e) that there is no cost to the Board, other than the cost of substitute teachers to replace designated supervising teachers traveling on the trip;
- f) that all funds related to this trip be managed by the School Bookkeeper using the School Trip Accounting Template (720 E 015);
- g) that all volunteer forms, including criminal record check with vulnerable sector search, are completed and approved;
- h) that all students and chaperones are required to obtain School Division Travel Insurance;
- i) that the Lead Teacher continues to monitor all travel advisories and ensure students and parents are aware that the trip could be modified or cancelled based on travel advisories for the destination(s);
- j) that the Lead Teacher comply with all criteria set out in Policy 720: Off-Site Activities.

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Non-Local or Overnight 720 E 005 [Enclosure No. 2](#)

International AIP 720 E 010 [Enclosure No. 3](#)

Financial Summary [Enclosure No. 4](#)

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

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

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