

DIVISION COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCIL 2023-2024

Alexandra Middle School	Heidi	Mack	Chairperson
Connaught School	Michelle	Millington	Chairperson
Crescent Heights High School	Tonielle	Pavlovic	Chairperson
Crestwood School	Ashley	Bainbridge	Chairperson
Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre	Megan	Nunweiler	Chairperson
Dr. Ken Sauer School	JJ	Kimber	Chairperson
Elm Street School	Joni	Hunter	Chairperson
George Davison School	Gicela	Cardona	Chairperson
Herald School	Desiree	Dumont-Crocker	Chairperson
Medicine Hat Christian School	Jenna	Brost	Chairperson
Medicine Hat High School	Tanya	Schaffer	Chairperson
River Heights School	Karla	Tweten	Co - Chair
	Megan	Loran	Co - Chair
Ross Glen School	Cassy	Whitford	Co - Chair
	Kristen	Haland	Co - Chair
Southview School	Andrea	Irvine	Chairperson
Vincent Massey School	Laine	Nash	Chairperson
Webster Niblock School	Laura	Coroy	Chairperson
Hub / Pathways	Stephanie	Williams	Chairperson

Division Council Past Chair

Board Representative

Superintendent

Communications Coordinator

A.T.A. Teacher Representative

Principal Representative

Recording Secretary

Karen	Saffran
Catherine	Wilson
Mark	Davidson
Lee	Krasilowez
Dustin	Look
Ashton	Weisgerber
Joni	Treen

DIVISION COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: Thursday, October 12, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Location: Central Office – Learning Centre

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order (Past Chair)

2. Roll Call for Attendance (Past Chair)

3. Adoption of Minutes (Past Chair)

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Division Council of School Council Meeting held on May 11, 2023.

[2023 May 11 – DCSC Minutes](#)

4. Treaty Land Acknowledgement (Past Chair)

I'd like to acknowledge that we are on Treaty 7 territory, the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Nations, including Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai, the Tsuut'ina, Nation and Stoney Nakoda First Nations. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.¹

5. Organizational Items

- Election of Division Council Chair / Vice-Chair (M. Davidson)
- Election of Parent Representative to sit on Coordinating Committee (Chair)

*Meeting dates: Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. December 4, February 5, May 6, 2024.

6. Virtual vs. in-Person Meetings (Chair)

A discussion of meeting format and preference for this group. Last year the first and last meetings were in-person and the other two were virtual.

7. Review of Operating Procedures (Chair)

In the [Operating Procedures](#) it is noted that a review will take place annually.

It is recommended that the COSC vote to approve Operating Procedures as presented.

**If approved have new Chair and Vice Chair sign.*

8. Policy and Procedures

The following policies, procedures and exhibits have been updated or newly drafted. Please review the changes and bring forward any questions or suggestions that you may have at the meeting:

¹ <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/indigenous-awareness/treaty-land-acknowledgement>

<u>Policy 506 – Policy 506: Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff (DRAFT)</u>	<u>Enclosure No. 1</u>
<u>626 AP 004: Student Personal Care (New)</u>	<u>Enclosure No. 2</u>
<u>626 AP 005: Identification and Management of Concussions (NEW)</u>	<u>Enclosure No. 3</u>
<u>626 E 005: Record of Student Personal Care (NEW)</u>	<u>Enclosure No. 4</u>

9. **Items for Discussion**

Alberta School Council Association Funding (M. Davidson)

Our finance department is in the process of applying for the 2023/24 - Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant. Schools should start making plans to spend the \$500 allocation in accordance with the guidelines. [G2 – Alberta School Council Engagement \(ASCE\) Grant](#)

“This grant provides funding to school authorities for each school in order to support school councils fulfilling their legislated responsibilities in the education system and enhancing parent involvement and engagement.”

Once the Division receives the funds in early December, the fund will be sent to schools.

Role of School Councils and Council of School Councils

Information on the role of School Councils and Council of School Councils can be found on the Alberta School Council Association website; [School Councils in Alberta](#) or the Medicine Hat Public School Division Website www.mhpsd.ca; Policy 900: [School Councils](#); Admin Procedure 900 AP 001: [School Councils](#); Policy 212: [Division Council of School Councils](#)

A letter was recently shared with Principals to distribute to their school communities in hopes of increasing participation in School Councils.

Dress Code in Secondary Schools

A discussion on the student senate survey results and the potential for standardization of dress code in all secondary schools.

Assurance Data

Discussion on parent connection and survey results.

Stakeholders; consider trends and issues that impact education.

10. **Items for Information**

Annual Reporting – School Council (M. Davidson)

Several School Councils have submitted their 2022-23 Annual Report. If you have not – there is a [Template](#) is on the MHPSD website.

School Council eNews

The Alberta School Council Association sends out their newsletters via email. If you would like to subscribe visit the ASCA website at <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/> or click [HERE](#).

ADJOURNMENT

School Council Parking Lot Conversations

Division Council Chairs would like to create an opportunity for sharing ideas, processes and build relationships.

Future Meeting Dates

- Thursday, December 7, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 7, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.
- ASCA Annual Conference: April 26, 27 and 28, 2024
- Thursday, May 9, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.