

DIVISION COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCIL 2021-2022

Alexandra Middle School	Michael	Filgas	Chairperson
Connaught School	Heather	Hunt	Chairperson
Crescent Heights High School	Karen	Saffran	Chairperson
Crestwood School	Heidi	Mack	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	Karen	Johnson	Chairperson
Herald School	Tessa	Myers	Chairperson
Medicine Hat Christian School	Jenna	Brost	Chairperson
Medicine Hat High School	Rebeca	Rothfus	Chairperson
River Heights School	Karla	Tweten	Co - Chair
	Megan	Loran	Co - Chair
Ross Glen School	Jessie	Ruckaber	Chairperson
Southview School	Emily	Nakamura	Co - Chair
	Ashley	Dutchak	Co - Chair
Vincent Massey School	Ammy	Blenner-Hassett	Chairperson
Webster Niblock School	Laura	Coroy	Chairperson
Hub Parent Representative	Heidi	Mack	Chairperson
Division Council Co-Chair	Chelsey	Cowan	
Division Council Co-Chair	Joni	Hunter	
Recording Secretary	TBD		
Board Representative	Catherine	Wilson	
ATA Parent Representative	Darcy	Nielson	
Principal Representative	Todd	Samuelson	

DIVISION COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: Thursday, January 13, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order (Chair)

2. Roll Call for Attendance (Chair)

3. Adoption of Minutes (Chair)

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Division Council of School Council Meeting held on [October 14, 2021](#).

4. Treaty Land Acknowledgement (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. Alberta School Council Association (Chair)

The [ASCA Annual Conference](#) will be held in person on April 22 and 23, 2022 in Edmonton, followed by a hybrid Annual General Meeting on April 24, 2022.

[Resolutions and Preparing for AGM](#)

If you plan on representing your school council at the AGM there is some information on voting, terms and proposed resolutions.

6. Policy and Procedure (M. Davidson)

The Board has approved a newly drafted Policy for staff mirroring an existing policy for students (612)

- [Policy 503: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments](#)

7. Items for Discussion

Covid-19 Update

Our response to COVID-19 and the impact of the pandemic on staff and students.

Quarter System Review

Teachers, staff and students from various disciplines have been asked for their input to assist the Board with their decision to either continue with the quarter system or return

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

to semester system. A recommendation will be brought forth to the Board for formal approval at the regular meeting January 25, 2022.

*A draft Division Calendar for 2022-2023 will be shared at the next meeting.

Student Trustee / Student Voice

In December Mr. Davidson met with our two high schools and Coulee Collegiate to provide proposed options for developing a Student Senate or Student Trustee.

*The working committee will be invited to the next DCSC meeting to provide more information.

8. Items for Information

The Hub and Pathways are on the move! (M. Davidson)

The relocation of the Hub and Pathways Program is planned to occur in February 2022. The Hub operates out of Southview school and the Pathways Program is in the Y location (across from Time Hortons). The Y Location will now house another great program for our student called the Alternative Suspension Program.

Alternative Suspension Program (T. Hensel)

The YMCA has received funding to support an Alternative Suspension Program in Medicine Hat. This program supports students ages 12-17 in a YMCA facility. The YMCA Alternative Suspension Program's goal is to reduce future suspensions and disciplinary sanctions by offering participants an opportunity to turn their time away from school into a positive experience that encourages person growth, the development of social skills and autonomy.

Enclosure: Alternative Suspension Presentation

EA and Teacher Substitutes (M. Davidson)

The Division is looking to recruit more subs.

The HR Team is looking at recruiting out of the Medicine Hat College graduating students.

Trustee School Allocations

Mrs. Yvonne Sissons	Connaught School, Dr. Ken Sauer School, Vincent Massey School
Mr. Pat Grisonich	Alexandra Middle School, Southview School, Medicine Hat High School
Mr. Rick Massini	Crestwood School, Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre, Elm Street School, George Davison School
Ms. Deborah Forbes	Crescent Heights High School, Webster Niblock School, Medicine Hat Christian School
Ms. Catherine Wilson	River Heights School, Ross Glen School, Herald School, The Hub School

Future Meeting Dates:

- Thursday, March 10, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
- ASCA Annual Conference: April 22 to 24, 2022
- Thursday, May 12, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

School Council Parking Lot Conversations

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