

**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,
OCTOBER 22, 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
Cody Edwards, Associate Superintendent: Student Services
Jason Peters, Associate Superintendent: Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT: Alexis Unreiner, Student Delegate, Medicine Hat High School
Jeeya Gupta, Student Delegate, Medicine Hat High School
Nyaruah Ruach, Student Delegate, Medicine Hat High School
Chudier Ruach, Student Delegate, Medicine Hat High School
Maia Peterson, Student Delegate, Crescent Heights High School
Liam Sparks, Student Delegate, Crescent Heights High School
Tricia Unreiner, George Davison Principal
Brittany LeBlanc, George Davison Family and Support Liaison Worker
Tricia McPhail, George Davison Vice-Principal
Corilie Corsie, George Davison Classroom Support Teacher

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Corey Sadlemyer, Associate Superintendent: Learning
Carla Carrier, Director of Learning & Partnerships

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Hope Schick

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:18 PM.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

13.Y. Sissons

CARRIED

The Board moved to the Committee of the Whole at 3:20 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.

V. BOARD MEETINGS

THAT Committee of the Whole meetings of the Board of Trustees of Medicine Hat Public School Division be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month and that the Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees be held on the 2nd Tuesday at 3:15 and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., excluding December 24th. This schedule to remain in effect until amended by Board resolution.

14.Y. Sissons

CARRIED

VI. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees welcomed our student delegates!

Students representing Medicine Hat High School are Jeeya Gupta, Alexis Unreiner and Nyaruach Ruach, Chudier Ruach, Student Delegate, Medicine Hat High School

Students representing Crescent Heights High School are Maia Peterson and Liam Sparks in attendance.

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

15. R. Massini

CARRIED

VIII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THAT Minutes of the Regular and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, and Tuesday, October 8, 2024 be approved as presented.

16. D Forbes

CARRIED

IX. PRESENTATIONS

Integrated School Support Program ISSP Presentation – George Davison School

The Integrated School Support Program (ISSP) is a facilitated collaboration between George Davison School, the Calgary Police Youth Foundation, and the broader ISSP community of schools. The funding for this grant from the Calgary Police Youth Foundation will be completed in March 2025.

The George Davison team shared their ISSP experience, including program outcomes, and the observed impact on students and families.

Since all our staff are involved with this program, we are meeting all the criteria of the five essential goals: Meals & Nutrition, Physical Education, Positive Police Presence, After School Program, and Mental Health Professional.

We have introduced numerous clubs, provide supportive transitions, Equity in Access with a cultural liaison worker, and have many community collaboration which has impacted our school significantly.

Support from a full-time Family School Liaison Worker is a large component with our success. It has been helpful in reducing the number of individual sessions and is able to provide more programming for all the student body.

Our board members and student delegates were impressed by this program and appreciated that you share your resources with all the schools in the division.

6:20 T. Unreiner, B. LeBlanc,
T. McPhail, C. Corsie left the
meeting

X. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Policy 300: Emergency and Crisis Management

This policy has been revised and shared for feedback. It is recommended that the Board approve the update to the policy as presented.

THAT the Board approve changes to Policy 300: Emergency and Crisis Management.

17.Y. Sissons

CARRIED

2. Policy 508: Administrative Appointments

This policy has been revised and shared for feedback. It is recommended that the Board approve the update to the policy as presented.

THAT the Board approve changes to Policy 508: Administrative Appointments.

18.P Grisonich

CARRIED

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

Thank You Card from Student

Medicine Hat High School student, Ryder Cooke, sent a thank you card for receiving the Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship.

XII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Public School Boards' Association of Alberta – Fall Conference

Mr. Pat Grisonich, Mr. Rick Massini, and Mrs. Tracy Hensel attended the PSBAA Fall Conference and Annual General Meeting in Edmonton on October 16 to 18, 2024.

Our Minister of Education presented our government's objectives: keep our public education system world class, build more schools, review funding to boards, strengthen literacy and numeracy and bolster career education, recognizing 35 years of representing public education.

Infrastructure panels discussed the growth in metro populations, P3 builds, and new school builds instead of modernization.

ADM panel discussed capital planning roles and made reference to the manual in creating 3-year capital plans.

The PD session introduced Governance vs Operations suggesting partnerships and goals.

During the Annual General Meeting, the budget was approved.

2. Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee held their meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024, where the 2024-25 fall enrolment summary and policy and procedure updates were presented.

3. **Division Council of School Councils'**

The Division Council of School Council held a meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2024 which included elections, Education Foundation information, Virtual vs In-Person meetings, review of operating procedures, policy and procedures, personal digital devices and Alberta School Council Association Funding.

XIII. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Updated Administrative Procedures and Exhibits

The Board of Trustees has received updates to several procedures and exhibits. All Division procedures can be found on our website www.mhpsd.ca

XIV. **ACTION ARISING OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

No action items from the Committee of the Whole meeting.

XV. **ADJOURNMENT**

19.D. Forbes

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.



CHAIR



SECRETARY TREASURER