

Board Agenda

February 27, 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

I N D E X

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

CENTRAL OFFICE – 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. **PRESENTATION**
 - 1. Therapy Dog in a School Setting
- IX. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 1. Thank You from Division Students
- X. **RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
 - 1. Congratulations to the Staff at Herald School
- XI. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**
 - 1. 2024-2025 Division Calendar
 - 2. International Off-Site Activity: Request for Final Approval
- XII. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**
 - 1. Coordinating Committee

XIII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. School and Community Relations

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT



MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
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REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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.

CW

MOTION

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.

CW

V. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT DELEGATES

The Board of Trustees welcomes Medicine Hat High School student delegates!

CW

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, January 23, 2024**, and **Tuesday, February 13, 2024**, as well as the minutes of the Special and In-camera meetings held on **Tuesday, February 13, 2024**.

CW

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VIII. PRESENTATION

1. Therapy Dog in a School Setting

Murphy is a three-year-old red golden retriever, who is working as a therapy dog at Elm Street School and Medicine Hat Christian School with Family School Liaison Worker, Candace Rapuano. Therapy animals provide physical, psychological, and emotional benefits to those they interact with, typically in facility settings such as healthcare, assisted living, and schools. Candace will share with you the anticipated as well as unexpected benefits of having Murphy working in our schools each week.

TH/CP

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You Cards from Division Students

Students have sent correspondence expressing appreciation for being awarded scholarships.

Callie Johnson	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Isaac Stehr	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Ava Zelantini	Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

CW

X. RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Congratulations to the Staff at Herald School

Nancy Hoffman contacted the Medicine Hat Public School Division with praise for the staff at Herald School. Her granddaughter attends Herald, and this is her last year, so Nancy wanted to be sure that we recognize how wonderful and amazing staff there are stating: "it's the cleanest, most well run, efficient schools I have ever seen". She specifically mentioned Miss. McCutchan, grade 6 teacher, as always going above and beyond, and that whoever hired her found a gem. Her granddaughter used to hate school but in the last 6 years at Herald, has fallen in love with it.

CW/MD

XI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. 2024-2025 Division Calendar

Mr. Peters will provide an update on feedback and changes to the drafted 2024-2025 Division Calendar.

It is recommended that the Board approve the Division Calendar enclosed for the 2024-2025 school year.

JP

[Enclosure No. 1](#)

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2. International Off-Site Activity: Request for Final Approval

At the September 26, 2023, Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees a request was presented on behalf of Crescent Heights High School Students (Theatre Arts Program) and Lead Teacher, Jennifer Davies, for an out-of-country trip. The trip was approved, in principle, subject to various conditions. All conditions set out by the Board have now been met.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees give final approval for these students to travel to Los Angeles, and Anaheim, California for the period Tuesday, March 26, 2024, to Sunday, March 31, 2024.

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XII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee held their meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024. The meeting minutes are enclosed for information.

YS/MD

[Enclosure No. 2](#)

XIII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. School and Community Relations

This is a new procedure and exhibit developed to ensure any materials and resources shared with our parents, staff or students are in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of Medicine Hat Public School Division.

[904 AP 002: Partner and Guest Materials and Resources](#)

[904 E 002: MHPSD Event Application & Organization Approval Form](#)

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