

Board Agenda

September 24, 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, SEPTEMBER 24, 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**
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MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
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REGULAR MEETING
CENTRAL OFFICE – BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 - 5:30 P.M.

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 delegate, Alexis Unreiner.

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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, June 25, 2024**, and **Tuesday, September 10, 2024**.

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VIII. PRESENTATIONS

1. International Off-Site Activity: Japan

Both Medicine Hat High School and Crescent Heights High School Students (Japanese Exchange Program) and Lead Teacher, Glen Mori travelled to Japan from Friday, July 19, 2024, to Saturday, August 3, 2024. Glen Mori, Rachael Robinson (CHHS Teacher/Chaperone) and students Avery Warriner and Ethan Mellish are here to present to the Board on their experiences and educational highlights of the trip.

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2. Our Collective Journey

Our Collective Journey, a partner organization in the successful Mental Health Grant application, contributes to and supports a comprehensive Mental Health Continuum of Supports. OCJ representatives Ryan Oscar (Director of Operations & Education) and Tara Schneider-Pichette (Director of Programs & Coaching) will share information about the Resilience Coach framework, the utilization of services, stakeholder feedback, and more.

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3. Division Professional Learning Plan

The Learning Department will share along with an elementary school and a secondary school in our system how we are achieving system cohesion in our understanding and professional practice in relation to assessment. We will highlight how we are moving through the Stages of Implementation and ensuring that schools and teachers can customize their learning, so professional learning is relevant for schools and teachers while impacting student learning.

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IX. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence with Minister of Education

The Board sent a letter to the Minister in May 2024 outlining concerns regarding grant funding not keeping pace with rising costs. The initial letter and the Minister's response are enclosed for information. In late July 2024, Alberta Education announced additional funding for the 2024/25 school year mainly in the form of a 1.1% increase in base grants. The Division appreciates the Minister and Department hearing the concerns of School Divisions and revising the funding for the upcoming school year.

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[Enclosure No. 1](#)

[Enclosure No. 2](#)

2. Thank You Cards from Students

The following students have sent thank you messages for scholarships received:

Tessa Wasyluk
Sadee Toews
Conor Aasman
Lukas Wihnan
Julia Schafer
Ava Zelantini

Debra Bitz Memorial Scholarship
Grant Henderson Memorial Scholarship
Lyle Aleman Memorial Scholarship
Lyle Aleman Memorial Scholarship
Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
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X. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. 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 represented by teacher, Jennifer Davies, to travel New York City, USA for the period Wednesday, April 23, 2025, to Monday, April 28, 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. 3](#)

International AIP 720 E 010 [Enclosure No. 4](#)

Financial Summary [Enclosure No. 5](#)

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XI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education and Canadian School Boards Association Conference

Trustee, Deborah Forbes, attended this annual conference in Toronto, Ontario on July 3 to July 5, 2024. An update will be provided to the Board.

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2. Public School Boards' Council Meeting

Trustee, Pat Grisonich, attended the PSBC gathering in Grande Prairie from August 7 to 9, 2024. An update will be provided to the Board.

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XII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Schedule of School Council Meetings

The meetings for Medicine Hat Public School Division school councils:

[2024-25 School Council Meeting Schedule](#)

2. Professional Learning Session

Medicine Hat Public School Division staff attended a professional learning session, with motivational keynote speaker, Jessica Janzen.

Jessica delivered a message of finding joy and resiliency, empowering others to transform challenges into unlimited possibilities. Jessica shared her profound approach to taking both positive and negatives experiences from real life and finding moments of joy to inspire and motivate others.

For more than 10 years Jessica has been sharing her life experiences, research, and motivating and inspiring others to embrace resiliency, lean into personal growth, claim big dreams and achieve them, use pain as rocket fuel, and find joy in both the mountain top moments and dark valleys. She equips the audience with tools, insights, and strategies for navigating challenges and finding a renewed sense of Joy.

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