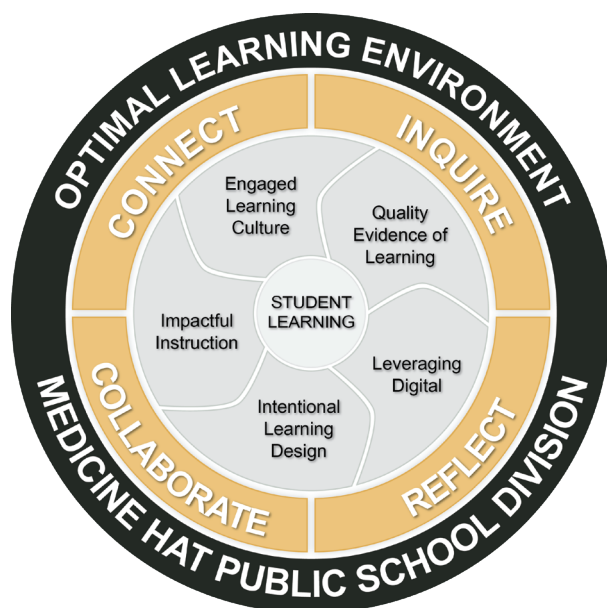




**TO LEARN. TO GROW.
TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD.**

DECEMBER BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

2019



PRESENTATIONS

Optimal Learning Coaches (OLCs) presented to the board this evening to update Trustees on the work being done in the third year of supporting teachers to create optimal learning environments for students. OLCs are part of a division team that provides front line, hands on support to teachers in instruction, curriculum and inclusive learning.

As teachers, OLCs provide transformational professional learning opportunities to other teachers, so they can meet the unique needs of students. Incredible things happen in #MHPSDfamily classrooms.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Over the next three months the Board will engage administrators, staff, students and families, seeking feedback about the impact of funding cuts from Alberta Education. The Board will collect and analyze stakeholder feedback to provide context when making important decisions about the 2020-2021 budget that will come out in the spring.

The Board is sensitive to the uncertainty that the budget cuts have caused and will work to minimize the impact across the Division. The Board is committed to advocating for, and protecting the most important priorities of, valued staff, students and school communities. **We are eager to hear what you have to say...**

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Medicine Hat Public School Division Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal Program Expenditure Plan for the program year 2019-2020 was presented for information. The projected costs of the IMR projects for 2019-2020 are \$3,499,368.

Alberta Education is providing capital funding of \$2,312,670 under the 2019-2020 Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) program. At present, the Division has \$1,186,698 of unutilized carry over of IMR funds from the previous year.

RECOGNITION & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Board wishes to recognize all schools for their holiday performances, including Christmas concerts, band concerts, celebrations, extravaganzas and activity evenings. Staff and students generously host their communities, families and friends to share in their celebration.



Susan Nelson,
kindergarten
teacher at Elm
Street School,
works with a
student on
letter
recognition.

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.

FIVE UNIVERSAL GOALS

1. Provide **optimal learning environments** to all learners
2. Approach all people with an **inclusive mindset**
3. Foster a **culture of wellness**
4. Develop **leadership skills** among all members of the school community
5. Determined **focus on First Nation, Métis and Inuit student success**

ITEMS FOR ACTION

- 1) Policy 206: Regular Board Meetings
- 2) Policy 206.1: Public Participation at Board Meetings
- 3) Policy 206.2: Meetings of Committee of the Whole
- 4) Policy 206.3: Special Board Meetings (new)
- 5) Policy 206.4: Minutes of Board Meetings
- 6) Policy 208: Board Committees
- 7) Policy 208.1: Audit Committee

All items for action were approved as presented. For more information please reference meeting minutes which will be distributed upon approval.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING – JAN 28, 2019

5:30 p.m. School Sharing Presentation from **Dr Ken Sauer School**

6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Board meetings are held in the MHPSD Central Office - Board Room, 601 1st Ave SW.

