

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

**2019**

## **NOVEMBER BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**



**Herald  
School**

**WHERE  
ALL THE  
PIECES FIT**

## **POLICY UPDATES**

### **Policy 634: Banned Substances**

The possession and/or use of banned substances/paraphernalia on school grounds, in school buildings and facilities, on school property or at school-related or sponsored events ***is a health, safety, and environmental hazard.***

No students, staff or visitors are permitted to use banned substances at any time, including non school hours:

- in a building, facility, or vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by the MHPSD;
- on school grounds/property (including athletic fields & parking lots owned, leased, rented or chartered by MHPSD);
- at any school-sponsored or school-related event on-campus or off-campus.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Herald School** leaders shared strategies to develop a positive school culture and advance strength in literacy. Herald is realizing marked improvements in school culture by investing in enhanced communication, implementation of team sports, comprehensive school health, professional development, arts opportunities and incentive programs like SWARM.

**Early Literacy Framework:** Stacey Miner and Diane Cartier shared the critical importance of a strong and dynamic early literacy framework. In order to create an optimal learning environment, we need to invest in our teachers and provide a clear and consistent instructional focus on the building blocks of literacy. We aim to connect, inquire, collaborate, and reflect, building literacy into everything we teach. Literacy is the concrete foundation that students need to be successful in school.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

The human resources team gave an update to the board on the work being done to enhance staff wellness and OH&S.

Share your ideas! Do you have an initiative that will benefit the health & wellness of our MHPSD family? Talk to your site wellness champion or contact Sarah.Scahill@sd76.ab.ca, 403.528.6723.



## RECOGNITION & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Many of the schools held Remembrance Day ceremonies. We would like to extend our appreciation to the staff for helping students recognize the importance of this day.



Teacher Mme Kennedy and student from Ecole Connaught School place a wreath in remembrance.

## ITEMS FOR ACTION

- 1) Audited Financial Statements 2018-2019
- 2) 2020-2021 School Calendar
- 3) Board Committee Appointments
- 4) Policy 634: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
- 5) Policy 634: Banned Substances
- 6) Policy 722: School Physical Activities
- 7) Junior High Locally Developed Course

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

## 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**

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## NEXT BOARD MEETING – DEC 10, 2019

### 5:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

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

