

Medicine Hat Public School Division

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DIVISION COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**Date and Time:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**Location:** Virtual via TEAMS**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **Call to Order** Chair, Joni Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. **Roll Call for Attendance**

Crestwood School & AMS	Amy	Leprieur
George Davison School	Stephanie	Trepanier
Medicine Hat Christian School	Jenna	Brost
Hub / Pathways	Stephanie	Williams
Division Council Chair & Elm Street School	Joni	Hunter
Board Representative	Catherine	Wilson
Superintendent	Mark	Davidson
Associate Superintendent, Human Resources	Jason	Peters
Director of Student Programming	Cody	Edwards
Communications Coordinator	Lee	Krasilowez
A.T.A. Local President	Michael	Jerred
Principal Representative	Ashton	Weisgerber
Recording Secretary	Joni	Treen

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

Chair, Joni Hunter, present the Minutes of the Division Council of School Council Meeting held on [October 12, 2023](#) for adoption. A motion was made by Stephanie Williams to adopt the minutes, second by Karen Saffran; all in favor.

4. **Treaty Land Acknowledgement**

Chair, Joni Hunter, shared a Treaty Land Acknowledgement.

5. **Alberta School Council Association**

Save the date! [ASCA School Councils Conference](#) is April 26 and 27 at the Delta Marriott Edmonton South Conference Centre. The ASCA 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is Sunday April 28th.

Prepare for the AGM! If you plan on representing your school council at the AGM, see the ASCA website (link above) for information on voting, terms, and proposed resolutions.

6. Items for Discussion

Draft Division Calendar 2024-2025

Jason Peters, Associate Superintendent, provided an overview of the drafted Division Calendar for next year. The calendar is similar to Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education and Prairie Rose School Division. All three local school divisions have the same start date for students and from February to June is the same.

Jason asked for feedback from the group:

What do you like about the Calendar?

- There was a lot of positive feedback about beginning the school year in September.
- Liked that the school divisions attempt to be aligned with start date and breaks.

What do you not like about the Calendar?

- There was a request to have November 1st off instead of November 8th to have 2 long weekends instead of one 4-day weekend (no school the day after Halloween).

Any considerations or suggestions for this calendar, or future calendars?

- No future considerations.

[Enclosure No. 1: Division Calendar 2024-2025](#)

Annual Education Results Report (AERR)

Cody Edwards, Director of Student Programming, provided an overview on the AERR results. The AERR includes the MHPSD four universal goals, success criteria and areas that the Division should focus on.

Information is gathered from a variety of sources and analyzed to create this document. Those sources include: Local Assurance Survey, Alberta Education Assurance Survey, OurSchool Survey, PAT and Diploma Exam Data, and collaboration with staff, students, families and school councils!

Cody provided a summary of survey data and shared how it relates to each of the Universal Goals: Optimal Learning, Thinking and Acting Inclusively, Wellness and Truth & Reconciliation.

The report, as well as the Financial Summary and Three-Year Capital Plan can be found on the MHPSD website:

[AERR 2023](#)

[Appendix A: Assurance Summaries Alberta](#)

[Appendix B: Provincial Achievement Test & Diploma Summary Report](#)

Student Engagement with the Board

Cody Edwards, Director of Student Programming, provided an overview of a Student Leadership Engagement Session held on Thursday, November 30. The session was organized to gain student perspective on their learning experiences.

Students in grades 8 through 12 were invited to Central Office for a pizza lunch and conversations with the Board and executive team. The students provided feedback on both positive and more challenging experiences and appreciated the opportunity to share.

7. Items for Information

Reminder: School Council Annual Reports

These reports are due September 30 each year. If you have not submitted a report for 2022-2023, please do so.

[School Council Annual Report Template](#)

2023-2024 Trustee School Allocations

Yvonne Sissons	Connaught School, Elm Street School, Crestwood School
Pat Grisonich	Crescent Heights High School, Dr. Ken Sauer School, Vincent Massey School, Webster Niblock School
Rick Massini	River Heights School, Herald School, Medicine Hat High School, Medicine Hat Christian School
Deborah Forbes	Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre, Ross Glen School, Southview School
Catherine Wilson	Alexandra Middle School, George Davison School, The Hub/Pathways, Coulee Collegiate, Central Office, Warehouse

Future Meeting Dates:

- Thursday, March 7, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. (Virtual)
- ASCA Annual Conference: April 26, 27 and 28, 2024
- Thursday, May 9, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. (In-Person)

ADJOURNMENT 7:41 p.m. a motion was made by Joni Hunter to adjourn, second by Stephanie Williams. All in favor.