

Board Agenda

May 28, 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, MAY 28, 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. Early Childhood Services / MHPSD Service Deliver Model, Play n Learn, Circle of Security
 - 2. Student Delegates: Student Mental Health Concerns and Supports
- IX. **RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
 - 1. Kiskihkeyimowin
- X. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**
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 - 2. Education Plan
 - 3. International Off-Site Activity: Request for Final Approval
- XI. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
 - 1. Alberta School Councils' Association Conference and Annual General Meeting
 - 2. City of Medicine Hat
 - 3. Medicine Hat Public School Division Pancake Breakfast

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT



MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
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REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 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.

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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.

STUDENT DELEGATE

V. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT DELEGATES

The Board of Trustees welcomes Medicine Hat High School Teacher, Ricky Hildebrand, in attendance with Medicine Hat High School student delegates: Andrea Perez, Sonak Saha, Alexis Unreiner and Madison Zilkie.

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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, April 23, 2024, Monday, April 29, 2024 and Tuesday, May 14, 2024.**

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VIII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Early Childhood Services / MHPSD Service Delivery Model, Play n Learn, Circle of Security

Previously the Early Childhood presentations have featured the Early Years Framework and our school based ELP and Kindergarten programs. This year's presentation will explore the Community Early Learning program and the positive impact this program has on the children and families in our community and for our school division.

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2. Student Delegates: Student Mental Health Concerns and Supports

The student delegates will present to the board on how students at Medicine Hat High School feel about the awareness of and access to mental health supports as well as their perceptions on teacher skill and training regarding student mental health.

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IX. RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Kiskihkeyimowin

This year's Kiskihkeyimowin event, meaning "sharing good teachings" in Plains Cree, brought together grade 4 and 10 students for an immersive learning experience. Hosted at Medicine Hat College from May 6 to 10, 2024, the event fostered reconciliation by allowing students to connect with Indigenous leaders, Elders, knowledge keepers, and other esteemed community members.

Through interactive activities and presentations, students embarked on a journey of discovery into the rich traditions of Blackfoot, Cree, and Métis cultures. This fostered a deeper understanding and appreciation for Indigenous perspectives and ways of life.

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X. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Budget 2024-2025 Spring Release

As per the Education Act the Board is presented in May with a budget proposal for the upcoming school year. The Spring Release is built on best estimates available at the time. An update will be provided in the fall on actual student numbers.

It should be noted that the budget is in a deficit position for 2024-25 fiscal year. We present the plan to the Board for consideration and approval.

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2. Education Plan

The 2024-25 Education Plan (EP) will be shared for review and approval. This is our school division's new 4 Year Education Plan. Development process of the plan and how it fits into the overall assurance process will be shared. Highlights of the plan will also be provided.

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

At the June 29, 2023, Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees a request was presented on behalf of both Medicine Hat High School and Crescent Heights High School Students (Japanese Exchange Program) and Lead Teacher, Glen Mori, 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 Japan for the period Friday, July 19, 2024, to Saturday, August 3, 2024.

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XI. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Alberta School Councils' Association Conference and Annual General Meeting

The Alberta School Conference Association held their Conference and Annual General meeting on April 26 to 28, 2024. An update will be provided from those that attended.

2. City of Medicine Hat

The City of Medicine Hat has requested MHPSD participate in the City of Medicine Hat's voluntary water restrictions to reduce water usage because of the present water shortage and drought situation in Southern Alberta. As a result, MHPSD Facilities will be reducing our field watering by 25%, and all requests to turn on sprinklers for year-end fun days will not be granted. If the water shortage and drought situation improve then Facilities will re-evaluate this in conjunction with the City of Medicine Hat.

3. Medicine Hat Public School Division Pancake Breakfast

The Board of Trustees and the School Division will be hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast for all staff on Friday, June 28th from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. at Medicine Hat High School.

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