



2023

MAY BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. CHHS Theatre Arts Students Travel to New York

Students in the CHHS Theatre Arts Program travelled to New York City for an 8 day educational adventure with their teacher Jennifer Davies. Walking 30,000 steps per day, students attended 4 Broadway performances, visited local landmarks, tasted incredible foods and much more. Students learned from North America's most talented performers, explored diverse hands-on learning opportunities and collaborated with youth from across the world, participating in the Broadway Student Summit at Pearl Studios. **Fun fact:** The last time the theatre arts program went to New York was in 2018 and half of the students from that trip have now pursued an education in theatre arts.

- [NEW YORK CITY PRESENTATION VIDEO](#)

2. Early Literacy Framework

Members of the Dr Roy Wilson Learning Centre early literacy team (the director, teachers, an EA, admin, occupational therapist, physio therapist and speech/language therapist) presented on the framework in action. Early intervention through play-based learning is offered through the early learning program, kindergarten, and play & learn. The framework focuses on developing a child's language, social skills, communication, gross and fine motor control, as well as helping to regulate emotions, problem solve, navigate transitions/routines and build physical literacy. The early learning framework develops future learners through play, by building, pretending, getting messy, moving and exploring.

- [EARLY LEARNING FRAME WORK PRESENTATION \(PDF\)](#)

ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. 2023-2024 Spring Budget Release

The Board approved the spring budget release with MHPSD in a deficit position for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The budget presentation included a plan to address the deficit. Staff allocation is on par with enrollment and despite a reduction of 22 teaching positions (through completion of temporary contracts, retirements or resignations) MHPSD will maintain current class sizes.

- [2023-2024 MHPSD BUDGET](#)

2. Education Plan 2022-2026

The education plan provides a roadmap for the future of MHPSD. Currently in the second year of our four year plan, an update on our progress and adjustments was presented:

- [2022-2026 EDUCATION PLAN - YEAR 2](#)

3. Policy 532 - Healthy Interactions.

- [POLICY 532 – HEALTHY INTERACTIONS](#)

4&5. Reauthorization of Locally Developed Courses

Locally developed courses for middle and high school were approved as presented.

STUDENT TRUSTEES

Medicine Hat High School students were welcomed to the meeting: Aryanna Rowinski and Tyson Van Ham

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 9

PD Day - No school for students

JUNE 29

LAST DAY OF CLASSES - Early dismissal



RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Kiskihkeyimowin

(geese - kih - kay - mo - in) Tipi's pictured on pg 1

MHPSD hosted Kiskihkeyimowin, which is a Plains Cree meaning "sharing good teachings". Grade 4 and 10 students learned through Blackfoot, Cree and Métis teachings in traditional Tipis. The event was held in partnership with the Medicine Hat College and Miywasin Friendship Centre. Special thanks to sponsors Methanex, South Country Co-op, Cancarb, Southland Transportation and Saamis. Students gained an understanding through age appropriate stories and hands on teachings, such as circle of courage, medicine wheel, hide story, beading, drumming, wood flute, finger weaving, making dream catchers, learning traditional dances & games, Tipi raising, talking circle and smudging. Presenters included Elder Charlie Fox and other valued leaders in the Indigenous community. The event aimed to promote understanding and appreciation of Indigenous culture in our community as we actively take steps toward Truth and Reconciliation.

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.

UNIVERSAL GOALS

1. OPTIMAL LEARNING
2. THINKING & ACTING INCLUSIVELY
3. WELLNESS
4. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

MHPSD FAMILY WHERE KIDS COUNT!

NEXT BOARD MEETING

JUNE 29, 2023 5:30 P.M.

Board meetings will be held in the MHPSD central office board room at 601 1st Ave SW. Board packages will be available the Friday prior to the meeting, contact joni.treen@sd76.ab.ca for more information.

