

RECORD OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD IN THE **BOARD ROOM** IN THE **SCHOOL DIVISION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE** ON **TUESDAY,**
JUNE 24, 2025, AT 5:30 PM.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Catherine Wilson, Pat Grisonich, Deborah Forbes, Rick Massini,
Yvonne Sissons

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Tracy Hensel, Superintendent of Schools
Leanne Dulle, Secretary Treasurer
Cody Edwards, Associate Superintendent: Student Services
Corey Sadlemyer, Associate Superintendent: Learning
Jason Peters, Associate Superintendent: Human Resources
Carla Carrier, Director of Learning & Partnerships

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Krasilowez, Communications Manager
Nyaruah Ruach, Medicine Hat High School Student Delegate
Jeeya Gupta, Medicine Hat High School Student Delegate
Mike Fehr, Teacher at Alexandra Middle School, Red Rock Bike Club
Brian Heidinger, Teacher at Dr. Roy Wilson School, Red Rock Bike club

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Hope Schick

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It is recommended that the Board move to the Committee of the Whole to discuss certain confidential matters.

98. R. Massini

CARRIED

The Board moved to the Committee of the Whole at 3:17 PM.

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 5:30 PM.

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.

The Hub School Land Acknowledgement video was shared

V. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees welcomed our student delegates Nyaruach Ruach and Jeeya Gupta from Medicine Hat High School.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THAT Minutes of the Regular and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, May 27, 2025**, and **Tuesday, June 10, 2025**, be approved as presented.

VIII. PRESENTATION**1. Red Rock Mountain Bike Club**

Mike Fehr and Brian Heidinger provided the Board with an update on the Red Rock Mountain Bike Club, highlighting recent successes, student impact, and valuable partnerships. They also addressed ongoing challenges such as sustainability and program growth.

Since its inception four years ago, the club has received \$13,000 in sponsorship funding, have eight bike instructors, and acquired five club-owned bikes through support from local businesses. The club has served 105 students to date, averaging 42 participants per year, with approximately 30 students participating each ride. Of these, 80% are from middle schools and 20% from high schools. Notably, 60% of the students involved do not participate in traditional sports. The presenters shared highly positive testimonials from both students and parents regarding the program's impact.

A coach training session is scheduled to take place in July where students earn high school credits.

The club's goals include achieving long-term sustainability through self-funding, maintaining low barriers to entry, awarding high school credits, increasing membership retention, and further differentiating the program to meet a range of student interests.

M. Fehr and B. Heidinger left meeting at 6:01

2. Literacy and Numeracy Achievement – Data-Driven Growth through Intentional Practice

Mrs. Carla Carrier, Director of Learning & Partnerships, provided an encouraging update on student achievement across the division, highlighting significant gains in literacy and numeracy as shown in recent screening data. These improvements demonstrate the collective impact of system-wide efforts focused on aligning instruction and making evidence-informed decisions.

Key areas of focus included:

- The critical role of intentional instructional planning, embedded professional learning, and responsive intervention strategies.

- Examples of how educators and schools are effectively leveraging data to guide instruction and address the diverse needs of students.
- Next steps aimed at sustaining momentum through ongoing collaborative inquiry and capacity building supported at the divisional level.

This update underscores the importance of strategic alignment across schools, professional learning that directly supports divisional priorities, and a strong culture of using data to inform and improve educational practices.

IX. RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Dick Baker Legacy Award

Trustee, Rick Massini was recently recognized by the Public-School Board Association for the Dick Baker Legacy Award! Congratulations Mr. Rick Massini! To read more visit [PSBAA News](#).

2. Honoured Educator Awards

Douglas Ashmore	Kelly Pitman	Todd Samuelson
Shonna Barth	David Ridgedale	Quinn Skelton
Troy Bartman	Corey Sadlemyer	

Congratulations to the Division's 2024-2025 Honoured Educators!

X. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. 2025-2026 School Fees

Bailey O'Reilly, Director of Finance asked the Board to approve the following Administrative Policy:

As per Administrative Procedure 628 AP 001 – Student Fees, the fees that require Board approval prior to application were presented.

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the changes to Administrative Procedure 628 AP 001 – Student Fees.

CARRIED

101. P. Grisonich

B. O'Reilly left meeting at 6:40

2. International Off-Site Activity: Request For Approval in Principle

It is recommended that the Board approve, in principle, an international off-site activity for students from Crescent Heights High School represented by teachers, Jennifer Davies and Dustin Look, to travel to London, United Kingdom for the period April 7 to April 14, 2026, subject to the following conditions:

- a) that the destination and the submitted itinerary are approved at the Division level;
- b) that all informed consent forms are signed by parents;
- c) that a [Consent for Children Travelling Abroad](#) be completed and signed by each parent;
- d) that each student is in possession of a passport, valid for at least six months beyond the expected return date.

- e) that there is no cost to the Board, other than the cost of substitute teachers to replace designated supervising teachers traveling on the trip;
- f) that all funds related to this trip be managed by the School Bookkeeper using the School Trip Accounting Template (720 E 015);
- g) that all volunteer forms, including criminal record check with vulnerable sector search, are completed and approved;
- h) that all students and chaperones are required to obtain School Division Travel Insurance;
- i) that the Lead Teacher continues to monitor all travel advisories and ensure students and parents are aware that the trip could be modified or cancelled based on travel advisories for the destination(s);
- j) that the Lead Teacher comply with all criteria set out in Policy 720: Off-Site Activities.
- k) that all required transportation forms are completed and approved;
- l) that students are provided opportunities for fundraising to offset their travel cost.

THAT the Board of Trustees give approval in principle for the Crescent Heights High School Drama Program for an international trip to London, United Kingdom for the period Tuesday, April 7, 2026, to Tuesday, April 14, 2026, as presented.

102. D. Forbes

CARRIED

3. World Teacher Day

In recognition of World Teachers' Day, which is observed annually on October 5th, it is recommended that the Board approve the delivery of a card and fruit basket to each MHPSD school as a gesture of appreciation for our teachers.

Deliveries, potentially carried out by Board members, are suggested to take place between October 1st and 3rd.

XI. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Election Update

The candidate information package for the 2025 School Board Election can be found on the Division and City of Medicine Hat websites.

2. Fall Conferences: Save the Date

The Alberta School Board Association's Fall General Meeting will be held November 16 (evening) to 18, 2025 at the Westin in Edmonton (10135 100 Street N.W.).

The Public-School Board Association's Fall General Assembly will follow on November 19 (evening) to 21, 2025 at the Double Tree by Hilton West Edmonton (16615 109 Avenue).

Consider inviting student delegates to these meetings.

3. Recognition

Thank you to Corey Sadlemyer for his dedicated service to the MHPSD.

XI. ACTION ARISING OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

THAT Personnel Item **#2025-07** be approved as presented.

103. R. Massini

CARRIED

THAT Personnel Item **#2025-08** be approved as presented.

104. P. Grisonich

CARRIED

Jurisdictional, School and Program Review

THAT the Board approve the amended changes to Policy 104 Jurisdictional, School and Program Review.

105. Y. Sissons

CARRIED

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

106. D. Forbes

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER