

Board Agenda

September 26, 2023



**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, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

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. **RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
 - 1. Advancing Association Business and Initiatives Award
- IX. **PRESENTATION**
 - 1. Elementary Students Cycling to School
- X. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 1. Thank You Cards from Students
- XI. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**
 - 1. International Off-Site Activity: Request for Approval in Principle
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- XII. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
 - 1. Division Professional Development
- XIII. **ACTION ARISING OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**
- XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**



MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
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REGULAR MEETING
CENTRAL OFFICE – BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 - 5:30 P.M.

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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MOTION

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.

CW

V. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT DELEGATES

The Board of Trustees welcomes Medicine Hat High School student delegates: Andrea Perez and Tyson Van Ham.

CW

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on **Thursday, June 29, 2023**, and **Tuesday, September 12, 2023**, and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Thursday, June 29, 2023**, and **Tuesday, September 12, 2023**.

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VIII. RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Advancing Association Business and Initiatives Award

Pat Grisonich, Trustee, and Vice Chair for Medicine Hat Public School Board was nominated for this award by Brian Callaghan from Canadian Rockies Public Schools. The Public-School Board Association of Alberta presented this award to Pat due to his commitment to Medicine Hat Public School Board and to the Association. Congratulations!

CW

IX. PRESENTATION

1. Elementary Students Cycling to School

Alex McCaig, a cycling enthusiast, and advocate for accessible and safe cycling pathways, has asked to present to the Board regarding a concern with the bylaws of the City of Medicine Hat. Specifically, he is concerned that the bylaw regarding riding on sidewalks is inappropriately connected to tire size, as opposed to the age of the rider. Mr. McCaig is seeking Board support for a measure to see the bylaw changed.

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X. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You Cards from Students

Thank you cards have been received from the following students that were awarded the Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship.

Sofia Cardona
Jena Harty
Anna Thomas

CW

XI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. 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 teacher, Jennifer Davies, to travel to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Anaheim, California for the period Tuesday, March 26, 2024, to Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 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.

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Non-Local or Overnight 720 E 005 [Enclosure No. 1](#)

International AIP 720 E 010 [Enclosure No. 2](#)

Financial Summary [Enclosure No. 3](#)

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

At the November 29, 2022, Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees a request was presented on behalf of Medicine Hat High School students on the Senior Girls Volleyball Team and Lead Teacher, Jarrett Bardal, 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 the Medicine Hat High School student trip to Hawaii, USA for the period Saturday, October 7, 2023, to Sunday, October 15, 2023.

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International Final 720 E 011 [Enclosure No. 4](#)

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XII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Division Professional Development

Dedicated educators kicked off the school year with enriched professional learning sessions. We were honoured to have the dynamic motivational speaker, David Irvine, start the day by reminding us that our authentic individuality is a precious asset that enriches the educational experience for everyone. As we stand on the threshold of a new school year, we will carry forward these important lessons:

Be Unique: Each one of us brings a distinct flavor to education, we will celebrate our diverse backgrounds, passions, and strengths as we inspire each other.

Be resilient: Just as we encourage our students to overcome challenges, we will confront obstacles with courage, adaptability, and a growth mindset.

Connect: Our authentic selves thrive in a supportive community; we will continue to build strong connections that uplift and nurture one another.

From innovative teaching techniques to fostering a growth mindset, we explored a variety of professional development opportunities. We look forward to a truly exceptional school year, filled with authentic connections, inspiring breakthroughs, and the unwavering pursuit of excellence!

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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