

Board Agenda

October 25, 2022



**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

I N D E X

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022

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 TRUSTEES**
- VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
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 - 1. Thank You Card
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 - 1. Family School Liaison Workers
- X. RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
 - 1. World Teacher Day, Truth and Reconciliation Day and Mental Health Awareness Day!
 - 2. Parent Engagement Event in Partnership with the Medicine Hat College
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XIV. ADJOURNMENT



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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022 – 5:45 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.

CHAIR

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.

CHAIR

V. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees welcomes our student delegates representing Medicine Hat High School: Andrea Perez and Aryanna Rowinski.

CHAIR

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on **Tuesday, September 27, 2022**, and **Tuesday, October 11, 2022**, and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, September 27, 2022**, and **Tuesday, October 11, 2022**.

CHAIR

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You Card

Nyla Knodel sent a thank you card for being awarded the Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship.

CHAIR

IX. PRESENTATION

1. Family School Liaison Workers

Family School Liaison Workers (FSLWs) play an important role as part of the school-based team to ensure that social and emotional needs of students are met within the context of an inclusive educational system. FSLWs become the link that connects school, home, and community to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive approach to student wellness. By nurturing positive and productive relationships, FSLWs support student learning and success using a strength-based approach. Working together as a team, FSLWs provide a responsive network of support that is individualized for each student. The result is a flexible, responsive, and evolving system of support that assists students in reaching their full potential as learners. The goal of this presentation is to highlight the ways in which our FSLW team supports students through a therapeutic lens, a whole school approach to inclusion, and via collaborative community partnerships.

TH/CP

X. RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. World Teacher Day, Truth and Reconciliation Day and Mental Health Awareness Day!

MHPSD celebrated the important work of teachers on World Teacher Day, delivering fruit baskets to schools. The second National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was honoured in schools with teachings and heartfelt messages from our FNMI Team. It is essential that we stop the stigma surrounding mental health, so we can connect with and support one another. We proudly showed our support on Mental Health Awareness Day by wearing bright colored clothing to help start new conversations about how we can care for one another.

CHAIR

2. Parent Engagement Event in Partnership with the Medicine Hat College

In recent years, and especially since the pandemic, mental health needs of children and youth have significantly increased to the point that it has been challenging for systems to support these needs effectively. We have partnered with Medicine Hat College to offer an in-person presentation for parents and caregivers to address various aspects of understanding mental health needs for children and youth aged 6-18. MHPSD School Councils used 2021-22 Alberta School Council Engagement Grant funding to partner with the Medicine Hat College, the Brandon Niwa Legacy Fund (The Beej Project) to hold sessions for parents & caregivers of children and youth to better understand mental health needs.

CHAIR

XI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Approval in Principle: International Trip to New York City, New York

It is recommended that the Board approve, in principle, an international off-site activity for Jennifer Davies, representing students from Crescent Heights High School (Theatre Arts Program) to travel to New York, USA for the period Tuesday, April 11, 2023, to Tuesday, April 18, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

- a) that the Secretary Treasurer's Department give initial approval to the destination and that the submitted itinerary be approved;
- b) that the Division's student informed consent forms be signed by all parents;
- c) that there be no cost to the Board, other than the cost of substitute teachers for approved supervising teachers traveling on the trip;

- d) that all funds related to this trip be managed by the School Bookkeeper at your location.
- e) that the School Trip Accounting Template be completed and submitted to the Secretary Treasurer's department no later than 20 days after your trip;
- f) that all volunteer forms are completed including criminal record checks;
- g) that all students and chaperones are required to obtain the School Division Travel Insurance (medical, trip cancellation/interruption and baggage);
- h) that the Principal/Teacher responsible continue to monitor and keep track of the travel advisories and ensure that students and parents are aware that the trip could be cancelled;
- i) that the Principal/Teacher comply with all criteria set out in Policy 720;
- j) that a letter be signed by each parent granting permission for their child to travel out-of-the-country with another specifically named adult;
- k) that each student be in possession of a passport, valid for at least six months beyond the expected return date.

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[Enclosure No. 1](#)

[Enclosure No. 2](#)

XII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Enrolment Update

Mr. Labossiere will provide an update on enrolment.

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[Enclosure No. 3](#)

2. Medicine Hat High School Performance

[PUFFS! Presented by The MHHS Theatre Co.](#)

Dates: December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

3. Crescent Heights High School Performance

[Aladdin Jr. Performance are at the CHHS Wahl Harker Theatre.](#)

Dates: November 30, December 1, 2, at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and December 3 at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT