

Board Agenda

December 14, 2021



**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, DECEMBER 14, 2021

VIA ZOOM

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021 - 5:30 P.M.

A G E N D A

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. 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.

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III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on **Tuesday, November 23, 2021**, and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, November 23, 2021**.

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V. PRESENTATIONS

1. Tom Coffey and Yvonne Nickel

This delegation wishes to present to the Board their concerns regarding [Policy 546 COVID-19 Harm Reduction Policy](#) and other COVID-19 mitigation strategies.

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2. The Beej Project

Jennifer Kerslake, Director, Regional Community Engagement from the Medicine Hat College will provide a presentation to the Board on the Beej Project.

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VI. RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in STEM

Nicole Pocsik, high school team lead and Robin Duncan, high school science teacher, both from Crescent Heights High School, are the recipients of the [Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in STEM](#).

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VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Policy

The changes to Policy 530: Communications and Technology and the newly drafted Policy 503: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments were reviewed by the Coordinating Committee at their December 6, 2021 meeting. It is recommended that the Board approve policy 530 and policy 503 as presented.

Policy 530: Communications and Technology ([original Policy 530: Technology and Social Media Use](#)) [Enclosure No. 1](#)

Policy 503: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments [Enclosure No. 2](#)

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VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee held a meeting on Monday, December 6, 2021. The minutes are enclosed for information.

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[Enclosure No. 3](#)

IX. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Response Letter from the Minister of Education

Education Minister, Ariana LaGrange sent a response letter regarding our Board's request to cancel Provincial Achievement Tests and diploma exams for the 2021/22 school year.

[Enclosure No. 4](#)

2. Response Letter from the Minister of Environment and Parks

Minister of Environment and Parks, Jason Nixon sent a response letter regarding our Board's request to maintain the operation of Hidden Valley Ski Resort.

[Enclosure No. 5](#)

3. National School Boards Association: Annual Conference & Exposition

The [NSBA Annual Conference & Exposition](#) is scheduled for April 2–4, 2022 in San Diego.

X. 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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XI. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT