



# Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School

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## School Council MINUTES

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6:30pm MMH Art Room

**In Attendance:** Megan Paul, Kaira Cale, Jodi Anderson, Megan Gemmill, Indie Fyfe, Lindsay Wehrwein, Kerry Taylor, Michelle Hood, Laura Keffer-Wilkes, Danica Forsyth, Sara Prete, Kaila Ulch, Kinsley

**Call to order** – 6:57pm

### **Welcome and Introductions**

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion: Kaira Cale  
Second: Megan Gemmill

### **Principal's Report: Kerry Taylor**

- Professional Learning
  - Continuing to discuss and support staff as we begin to build School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports.
    - Some substantial changes have been seen over the first few months, which is exciting.
  - SIVA Training – Supporting individuals through valued attachment
    - LethSD supports staff members attending training on the importance of building relationships with kids as a first strategy. Followed by staff self care, and finally personal safety pieces.
    - We are a “hands off” school and don’t touch the students unless they are in imminent danger. When students are in moments of big feelings and escalated, it doesn’t bring them down when you exert force on them. We do everything we can before physically touching students. About 70% of MMH staff is now trained.
  - Professional Learning Day – Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – No School for Students
- Information Updates
  - BOOST Update: Maureen Kambeitz has been hired (.45) and will be sharing BOOST instruction time with Megan Palmer. Focus will be on Grade 2 and 3 students in need of foundational skill development – letter/sound recognition & phonological decoding skills.
    - Funding has been dramatically decreased, we have space for about 24 students and a list of over 100.
    - We will do progress reporting throughout so that we have the opportunity to move kids in and out as they show improvement.
  - 2024-2025 Kindergarten registration opens January 22. Online registration available
    - Continuing to offer alternating full day programming until at least 2025 when boundaries change.
  - University of Lethbridge Intern Teachers: Ms. Abigail Salter (Mrs. Lowe), Ms. Vivian Ou (Mrs. Lac), Ms. Hana Bissett (Mrs. Seaman) here until April 19.
  - Alberta Ed. Mandatory Assessments in grade 1 – January 10 – 26

- These support funding for the Boost programming
- This Month's Exciting Events
  - Grade 5 Basketball – 3 Teams, 6 volunteer teachers
  - Spirit Assembly – January 25<sup>th</sup>
- Upcoming Events
  - January 16 – Hot Lunch Deadline
  - January 25 – Spirit Assembly – Honesty
  - January 30 – Grade 1 & 2 Hot Lunch
  - January 31 – Grade 3, 4, 5, Hot Lunch
  - February 2 – PL Day No School For Students
  - February 6 – Division Town Hall
  - February 14 – Donut Day
  - February 15 – Pink Shirt Day
  - February 16 – Grade 1& 2 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School
  - February 19 – Family Day – No School
  - February 20-21 – No School
  - February 22-23 – Teacher's Convention – No School for Students
  - February 29 – Spirit Assembly – Love

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### **Committee Reports:**

- *Hot Lunch - Ashley Bourassa*
  - *Booster Juice was successful*
  - *Pizza is the next one, get your orders in online*
- *Special Events – Indie Fyfe*
  - *March Family Fitness Month*
    - This year we would like to do a hybrid model of coming up with 3 activities per week that kids can do with family/friends. Sign off that they did them and bring in slips to draw for prizes. It would be great to colour code slips as they return per grade level, so we can see all levels represented.
    - MMA nights were the most successful, and it would be great to repeat that, offering it twice this time. This would cost approx. \$200 and would be a bonus entry for anyone who attending.
    - Draws would all be finished and everything wrapped up prior to the Good Friday (Easter Break).
- *Staff Appreciation – Sara Prete & Danica Forsyth*
  - Little gifts will be given out prior to the February break to teachers/support staff.
  - Staff appreciates the hot hands that were given out in December
- *Division School Council – Danica Forsyth*
  - Meeting has not happened yet. Division School Council minutes
- *Social Media – Ashley Bourassa*
  - No new items to be discussed

**Treasurer's Report: Laura Keffes-Wilkes**

- The last cost that came out was the Winter Gala, and it was a successful event

**Discussion Items from Attendees:**

- Town Hall is Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, likely at Victoria Park High School from 6:30-8:30pm

Board Meeting Highlights: Dec. 19, 2023 - [Board Meetings | Lethbridge School Division \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](#)

Live Stream - [Dec. 19 Board of Trustees Meeting \(youtube.com\)](#)

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- March - 5th
- April - 9th
- May - 7th
- June - 4th

**Adjournment: 8:09pm**

*Motion: Indie Fyfe*

*Second: Kaira Cale*