



# Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School

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## School Council MINUTES

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6:30pm MMH Art Room

***In Attendance: Kerry Taylor, Lindsay Wehrwein, Ashley Bourassa, Michelle Hood, Andrea Andreachuk, Kaila Ulch, Sara Prete, Danica Forsyth, Jodi Anderson, Adam Grenier, Kaira Cale, Vanessa Hengerer, Indie Fyfe, Megan Paul, Cynthia Figueroa***

***Call to order – 6:31pm***

***Welcome and Introductions: Andrea Andreachuk – Board Trustee***

***Approval of Agenda: Motion: Ashley Bourassa***

***Second: Kaila Ulch***

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

- ***Staff Professional Learning Focus***
  - K-5 New Curriculum: Numeracy, ELAL, PE, Science – access to new resources – MathUp
    - Focus on outcomes and aligning assessment practices and reporting to families with new curricular outcomes
    - Mikaela Demers is going to come into work with the grade 5 teachers as the lead numeracy teacher
- ***Information Updates***
  - Informational video #2 from Director and Instruction Erin Hurkett
  - Outcomes Based Report Card Pilot – MMH has 11 teachers piloting it. The template was shown (in draft format).
    - It has a legend of 1 (underdeveloped), 2 (inconsistent), 3 (fairly consistent), 4 (highly consistent) for student achievement of outcomes.
    - As well as NCA (Not Currently Applicable), INS (Insufficient Evidence), EAL (English as Additional Language), ISP (Instructional Support Plan with goals).
    - Below that, every Learning Outcome is listed per subject for teachers to assess.
    - Lots of feedback and discussion was had regarding making the wording clear for parent understanding. A QR code was shared to provide feedback to the division.
  - West Lethbridge Elementary Boundaries were approved at the October 29 Board Meeting. Country Meadows and Garry Station to move to West Coulee Station.
    - Concern was raised that MMH has zero opportunity to welcome growth and the new school will be over capacity very soon with the growing communities that are zoned for it. The worry was the elementary boundaries will change once again very soon.
    - Students in Grade 5 will have the option to attend MMH for Grade 5 in 2025-2026 – option will be extended to their siblings and will apply EXCLUSIVELY for the 2025-2026 school year.
  - Town Hall Topics
    - Send any topics to Kerry that you would like her to bring up at the town hall meeting.
  - Wish list items
    - To be discussed with society

- *Exciting Events from October*
  - First Spirit Assembly
  - Parent Teacher Interviews – great turn out
  - Dance-a-thon
- *Upcoming Events*
  - Nov. 8: Remembrance Day Assembly
  - Nov. 11: Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL
  - Nov. 12: Division PL – No School for Students
  - Nov. 13: Digital Wellness Parent Night – GS Lakie Middle School
  - Nov. 14: World Diabetes Day
  - Nov. 15: Roc Your Mocs
  - Nov. 20: Lockdown Practice
  - Nov. 22: Report Cards Published at 11am
  - Nov. 26 & 27: Hot Lunch
  - Nov. 28: Spirit Assembly – Courage 9am
  - Nov. 29: Grade 5 Volleyball Tournament

### **Committee Reports:**

- *Hot Lunch - Ashley Bourassa*
  - January is not set because pizza hasn't been approved on healthy hunger, nor is Subway or Edo. Hopefully this will come soon.
  - Distribution was great in the last couple months
- *Staff Appreciation – Sara Prete*
  - October had little pumpkin treats delivered to teachers that was nut free, gluten free, and dairy free.
- *Division School Council – Danica Forsyth*
  - Meeting was on the Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and there is a navigating technology presentation coming up at Lakie
  - Conversation was had about town hall topics and whether the location should be reconsidered due to capacity
  - Poverty intervention talking about Mindful Munchies because funding runs out at the end of December so they need to know how they will pivot
  - Trustees and Mike Nightingale were apologetic that the emergency meeting wasn't advertised very well, which stopped some parent engagement from happening.
- *Social Media – Ashley Bourassa*
  - Nothing new to report

### **Treasurer's Report: Vanessa Hengerer**

- The engagement grant came in
- Classroom allotments - \$6000 is being requested from society so that each grade level can get a \$1000 per grade level for classroom libraries/resources

### **Special Events: Indie Fyfe**

- Winter Gala December 11 5:30-7:00
  - Hot Chocolate/cups/candy canes – Kerry will get Indie numbers for purchasing

- ASCE Funding for Family Fitness Month(s)
  - Tabled for our next meeting

**Discussion Items from Attendees:**

- Kindergarten Discussion – Sara Prete
  - A survey will be sent out by Kerry Taylor finding out what parents will prefer for next school year if it is full or half days.
  - Some people felt passionately about half day options and some preferred full days.

**Trustee Report: Andrea Andreachuk**

- A little introduction – Andrea is a retired 39-year veteran teacher who was at Allan Watson prior to the move of those students to Mike Mountain Horse in 1987. She taught grade 1, kindergarten, and grade 3. And she raised 3 children who all became teachers - 4 generations in all.
- LCI moved above MMH and Nicholas Sheran in capital funding due to accessibility issues that the school is facing. The intentions were good when the emergency meeting was called, and it was stressed that trustees absolutely care about all students.
- Trustees feel they really listened to stakeholders about the boundary changes – all results of surveys were released.
- Contact Sandy at the city of Lethbridge if you are interested in doing safe walks around your school.
- Discussion was had about the vast number of assessments that were required by the government in September.
- The new report card was discussed and the QR code handed out to deliver feedback
- Lethbridge Business Awards gave LethSD the Truth & Reconciliation Award – Joel Tail Feathers gave a great speech.
- Kindergarten numbers have been dropping in the division – piloting the programs for stay and play at Nicholas Sheran and Senator Buchanan.
- Community advisory panel for inclusive education is being created
- Dec. 9, 1924 the first two women were elected to the school board so an event is going to be held to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Board Meeting Highlights: Oct. 22 - [Board Meetings | Lethbridge School Division](#)

Live Stream - [October 22 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting - YouTube](#)

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, Jun. 5

**Adjournment: 8:26pm**

*Motion: Kaira Cale*

*Second: Adam Grenier*