



# Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School

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## School Council MINUTES

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6:30pm MMH Art Room

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

**Call to order** – 6:33pm

### **Welcome and Introductions**

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion: Ashley Bourassa  
Second: Kaila Ulch

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

- Professional Learning
  - Grade 5 Numeracy Residency – Literacy lead teacher, Michaela Demers, will be in to model teach the new programming
  - School Based PL day – January 31 – No School for students
    - Staff continue to focus on new curriculum implementation
- Information Updates
  - Town Hall February 4 at Victoria Park
    - Parents will receive information asking for volunteers to attend
  - Kindergarten to grade 5 New and returning student registration opens on January 20, 2025 to allow time to get projections in for the new staffing process. It is incredibly important that registrations come in early – numbers are what determine staffing for the following school year.
  - Grade 5 grandfather for 2025-2026 school year – any current grade 4 students who are heading into grade 5 are welcome to stay at the school they have been attending regardless of boundary changes. Siblings can also attend, but only for 1 year.
  - 122 MMH students could be switched to West Coulee, based on current addresses – however 45 students could be eligible for grandfathering.
  - Staffing process for MMH and West Coulee Station
    - Applications will be opened division wide K-12, all teachers with continuing contracts can complete a form expressing interest.
    - Dean Hawkins (principal) and Robbie Charlebois (Superintendent Human Resources) will short list and do the interviewing.
    - After West Coulee is staffed, there will be staffing shuffles across the division based on where teachers transfer from.
- Exciting Events from December
  - Grade 5 Volleyball Pizza party
  - Winter Gala – GREAT feedback

- Principal for the day, Lunch with the principal
- Caroling in the gym – always fun
- Upcoming Events
  - January 9: Ribbon Skirt and Shirt Day
  - January 13-15: Grade 5 Numeracy Residency with Michaela
  - January 14/14: Grade 2 Field Trips to Helen Schuler Nature Center
  - January 14-16: Grade 5 Basketball Clinic
  - January 20: Kindergarten, New and Returning student registration opens
  - January 23: Spirit Assembly – Honesty 9:00am
  - January 27: Grade 5 Basketball begins
  - January 28: Hot lunch Tu/Th Kinder, Grade 1, 2, 3
  - January 29: Hot Kunch M/W Kinder, Grade 4, 5
  - January 30: No classes for EEP ONLY, Awesome Hair or Hat Day
  - January 31: No School PL Day

### **Committee Reports:**

- *Hot Lunch - Ashley Bourassa*
  - Papa Johns in January
  - Quesada in March
  - Little Caesars in April
  - May, June are still TBD
- *Staff Appreciation – Sara Prete*
  - December Hand warmers for teachers
- *Division School Council – Danica Forsyth*
  - Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> so report to come at the next meeting
- *Social Media – Ashley Bourassa*
  - *Nothing new to report*

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

- Budget 2024/2025
- Upcoming Expenses
  - Family fitness month(s) is coming up – once it is decided how this will be formatted, we will have a better idea on how much money it may cost
- Update on request to society for the field trip allotments (direct to school)
  - To be voted on during the society meeting

### **Special Events – Indie Fyfe**

- Feedback on Winter Gala
  - Pamphlets, Hot Chocolate, Supplies – some leftover to use next year
  - Very busy – well attended, a lot of positive feedback
- MMH Family Fitness Month(s)
  - A take-home bingo card seems more doable for students, discussion on how this could be formatted.

- Sara Prete will look into Coulee Climbing to see if the space could be rented for a family night
- Discussion on whether we could get skating or swimming time reserved for MMH families. Michelle Hood will connect with the city to gather information about what is reservable.
- Kerry Taylor will look into an Amazing Race opportunity through our Mental Health Capacity Building team.
- Kerry Taylor will connect with the Pronghorns, Kodiaks, and the Hurricanes to see what opportunities are available through them.

**Discussion Items from Attendees:**

- N/A

**Trustee Report: Given on behalf of Andrea Andreachuk**

- Everyone is welcome at Town Hall
- The Board took part in honouring 100 years of Women as trustees – the city welcomed them for a presentation.

Board Meeting Highlights: Dec. 17, 2025 - [Board Meetings | Lethbridge School Division](#)  
Live Stream - [Board of Trustees Meeting Dec. 17 - YouTube](#)

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5

**Adjournment: 7:16pm**

*Motion: Sara Prete*

*Second: Danica Forsyth*