



Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School

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School Council Meeting Minutes

May 1st, 2025 @ 6:30pm MMH Art Room

In Attendance: Indie Fyfe, Adam Grenier, Jodi Anderson, Kaira Cale, Kaila Ulch, Danica Forsyth, Cynthia Figueroa, Vanessa Hengerer, Kerry Taylor, Lindsay Wehrwein, Sherese Speelman (teacher representative)

Call to order – 634 pm

Welcome and Introductions: Indie Fyfe

Approval of April Minutes: Motion: Jodie
Second: Kaila

Approval of Agenda: Motion: Kaila
Second: Kaira

Principal's Report: Kerry Taylor

Reminder to all parents that May and June are very busy , please ensure you are staying up to date and checking the calendar.

- Professional Learning
 - Professional Learning for May 20 – AM New Report card PM – school vision and Planning
- Information Updates
 - School Travel plan project partnership – looking for families or volunteers to participate. This will include approximately 1 hour of time, walking the paths around the school and looking at the traffic and pedestrian safety around the school. School would like to see updated crosswalk in front of the school. It has been noted that very few students who ride bikes or scooters to school wear helmets. Discussion from attendees noted that lights at crosswalk north of the school would also be helpful. Please reach out to Kerry if interested in participating. School will send out more information.
 - Budget at division has been approved. It is a challenging budget and will need to include staff raises. Schools are looking at ways of saving money and across the division things will look different. School budget is to be set by the end of May. Kerry will bring next year budget to June meeting.
 - Annual Assurance plan – school is looking for feedback as they begin planning for next year. Assurance survey results will not be available until November. Discussion from attendees about going over assurance plan in council meeting or having separate meeting dedicated for this purpose. Consensus was for separate meeting. Kerry will send dates to Indie and Kaira and asked that they be sent out to parents.
- Exciting Events
 - Run/ Walk club starts tomorrow. Parents are welcome to join their students each Friday morning in May.

- Welcome to Kindergarten night is May 29th, 6-7 pm. School asked that parents share this date with any families joining the school for kindergarten in the fall. Discussion from attendees about having society and council representatives there to address parents. Kaira and Danica plan to attend.
- Upcoming events:
 - May 1 school council meeting 630 pm
 - May 8 Grade 1 Travelling Lab coats
 - May 12 Grade 1 Travelling Lab coats
 - May 13 KONA Ice Day for school
 - Mrs Lowe to fort Whoop up
 - Mrs McNally to Fort Whoop up
 - May 14 Mrs. Lacanilao to Fort Whoop up
 - Mrs Fischer to Fort Whoop Up
 - GS Lakie Administration visit to Grade 5
 - MMH Spirit Book Club
 - May 15 Decades Dress up Day – dress in your favorite decade’s clothes
 - May 19th – Victoria Day – No School
 - May 20th – School PL – NO school for students
 - May 21 – Digital wellness day
 - Grade 4 Human Growth and Development
 - Grade 3 trip to Devil’s Coulee
 - GS Lakie Guitar Show 1015 am
 - May 22 Grade 4 Human Growth and Development
 - Grade 3 trip to Devil’s Coulee
 - Grade 2 – Lethbridge STEM day – Lethbridge Polytechnic
 - May 27th – D-Spot
 - May 28th – D Spot
 - Final MMH Spirit Book Club Meeting
 - May 29th – Welcome to Kindergarten 6-7 pm

Committee Reports:

- *Hot Lunch - Ashley Bourassa (not in attendance) – Little Ceasars profit was \$328.45, was late but had trouble navigating labels. Lunches were delivered on time. Succession Planning organization/ booking and organization/distribution. Sara Prete has been helping, Cynthia reports that she can help with hot lunch for the remainder of the year.*
- *Staff Appreciation – Sara Prete (not in attendance) – Kerry reported staff appreciated Key chains that were made. 1 staff appreciation left for the school year. Kerry plans to call Sara to discuss plans.*
- *Division School Council – Danica Forsyth*
 - Review of DSC meeting April 7th. Learning Session was on Inclusive education. Discussed limitations of division with supports and hiring into them. Reviewed that with weighted moving average fee structure students don’t come with allocated support. Division has struggled to hire supports including a vacant OT for their mat leave as there were no applicants. Division has been looking at alternatives and possibly partnering with Medicine

Hat College. There is an Inclusive Education parent advisory panel starting with first meeting scheduled today.

- Division Meeting included discussion of capital plan being passed but not school fees due to large discrepancy in fees across the division.
- Reviewed evergreening policy in division and that devices ultimately are sent to recycling centre in Calgary and division receives 74 cents per pound. Discussion around when devices are bought from school council / society to determine who remains ownership either they are directly donated to the school and become school property or remain society property. Discussed importance of clearly stating in minutes who retains ownership. Discussion from attendees that our council has historically directly donated items to school and become school property ie. Flip form risers
- Reviewed that this is a challenging budget due to 0% increase in Base grant funding.
- ASCA AGM Report
 - Review of meeting and that Lethbridge had 6 school councils represented and only 104 votes being cast across the province
 - Reviewed results of advocacy resolutions
 - Pilot Program for Electric School Buses – was defeated
 - Mandatory Funding for Specialist Teachers in Elementary School – passed
 - Sunlight is the Best Disinfectant, mandatory Public reporting on the state of public schools – was defeated
 - Discontinue timed testing of K-3 – passed (all 4 motions)
 - Online Safety was broken into 3 motions
 - Recommendation to each board forming a committee to address bullying, racism, online harms, physical harm, and threats to student safety and well being – was defeated
 - Recommendation that board establish teaching regarding online harms for student and resources for parents passed
 - Recommendation that board ensure student records are encrypted and verify that third parties comply with standards and safeguards for unauthorized access – passed
 - ASCA is now offering ASCA Access pass to use ASCE grant monies and have dedicated speaker series available both for live viewing and recorded sessions to increase parent access. Video introduction can be viewed here:
<https://youtu.be/JeUqaAF48w?si=nrvixuCBJNkJBawz>

- *Social Media – Ashley Bourassa (not in attendance) – Succession planning*
 - Thank you for posting about the Family Fitness Evenings

Treasurer's Report: Vanessa Hengerer

- Budget 2024/2025 – Remains in balance
- There is remaining \$250 in ASCE monies available
- Upcoming Expenses
 - Family Fitness Bingo Prizes
 - April Staff Appreciation

- Kona Ice
- Sports Day

Special Events – Indie Fyfe

- **MMH Family Fitness Month** – Was a big success, had more participation across all three events than we have seen for a few years. Open Gym night was best attended. Next year will be looking at spreading events throughout the school year.
 - Student Bingo Participation Breakdown
 - *EEP = 3 Students*
 - *Kinder = 11 Students*
 - *Grade 1 = 30 Students*
 - *Grade 2 = 53 Students*
 - *Grade 3 = 28 Students*
 - *Grade 4 = 32 Students*
 - *Grade 5 = 30 Students*
 - *Top Classes for Participation: Ms. Cross (16), Ms. Petkau (12), Ms. Bourassa (12)*
 - Email was sent to school council list with pictures of prizes and list of winners.
- **Succession Planning**
 - Discuss AGM Date – Discussion from attendees that having meeting following meet the teacher might be different as the school is exploring options of possibly changing how meet the teacher will be done in the fall. Other schools have had success doing a meet the teacher in the week prior to school starting and allowing families to bring in supplies early. Decision has not been made. Fall AGM Date set for September 9th at 630 pm in the Art room.
 - Hot Lunch , Social Media and Laminating (once weekly in the learning commons) Ashley is willing to help anyone willing learn the ropes over the course of May and June – Discussion from attendees that school is willing to have someone come once a month if that will work better, or that day of the week is also flexible. School is appreciative of this support.
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- **Kona Ice Day**
 - May 13th 12:30-3:30
 - Need one volunteer to help out – Cynthia Figueroa willing to help
- **Sports Day (Hotdog Days)**
 - June 12th: Gr. 3-5
 - June 19th: K-Gr. 2
 - Need 3-4 Volunteers/Day – Kaira Cale, Danica Forsyth, Cynthia Figueroa and Ashley Bourassa will help. School will clarify times.

Discussion Items from Attendees:

- *Laminating volunteer – see above*
- *ASCE grant alternative – see above*

Trustee Report (If Trustee is Present):

- Trustee Andreachuk sent regrets – did come to the school before easter break and brought all the classes a treat. Sent messaging with Kerry to remind parents there is a community conversation scheduled for May 7th and that the Smile Cookie Campaign runs until May 4th and that 100% of proceeds go to supporting Poverty Intervention committee that helps with school snacks and lunches for students in need.

Board Meeting Highlights: Apr. 15, 2025 - [Board Meetings | Lethbridge School Division](#)

Live Stream - [March 25, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting](#) – No Stream Available for Apr. 15 Meeting

Future Meeting Dates:

- June 5 @ 630 pm in the Art Room.

Adjournment: 744 pm

Motion: Vanessa

Second: Kaila