

Monday, March 30, 2026

## ÉSCH/CHHS School Council Meeting Minutes

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In attendance: Mike Kukurudza, Quinn Skelton, Constable Brent Bohrn, Megan Hilgendorf, Pat Grisonich, Amy, Erin Vossler, Karen Saffran, Cara Bourgeois, and Audrey Goodwin.

### 1. Welcome and Call to Order by Karen at 18:30

- Land Acknowledgment
- Roundtable self-introduction of Principal, council members, parents/guardians, and school board trustees.

### 2. Review of Agenda, Previous Meeting Minutes

- Attendees reviewed the agenda.
  - Karen called for approval of the agenda, Erin approved, Cara seconded, all were in favour.
- Attendees reviewed the minutes from 2026.02.23.
  - Cara called for approval of the minutes, Erin approved, Karin seconded, all were in favour.

### 3. Reports

- Principal's Report

#### [OurSCHOOL Parent Survey](#)

- Looking for parent's perspective, please complete.
- Students in Grades 7-9 will complete during Foundations. High school students will complete during period three.

#### [Stakeholder Engagement](#)

- Trustees from the Medicine Hat Public School Division are looking for input regarding the future direction of public education in order to create the next 4 year plan.

## Enrollment

- Current enrollment is 1187, can expect maybe 10-30 more by the end of August.
- Approximately 670 students in junior high and 550 in high school.
- International students increase high school student numbers by approximately 50. They have great engagement, experiences and some are repeat students.

## International Students Host Families

- Information was disseminated by email to families. See this [website](#) and complete this [application](#) if interested.

## Staffing

- Staffing is very tight, administrators have to fill in daily.
- Complexity teams actually mean fewer substitute teachers in the system.
  - this is a district wide challenge

## • Trustee's Report

### Pat Grisonich

- Lots of professional development.
- Working on the budget.
- Upcoming retreat with administrators at the end of May.
- Trustees are attending parent council meetings across the district, there is good engagement.

### Quinn Skelton

- Raised awareness about the [Prairie Sky Collegiate](#).
  - Medicine Hat Public School Division has a partnership with Grasslands Public School Division and the Lethbridge Polytechnic where students can take college-level courses while in high school to earn high school credits,

AND post-secondary credits toward a certificate, diploma, degree, or apprenticeship.

- Complexity teams are being straightened out
- [Survey](#) responses will help direct future paths

Megan Hilgendorf

- Lots of professional development as a board to gain skills.
- PSPA and ASPA offer professional development working with other trustees in the province.
- Tracy Hensel is running a book club with a professional coach facilitating.
  - helps with understanding of roles and working with the central office team

- Executive Reports

- Chair

- Attended the coordinating committee and Council of Council meetings.
- [Screenagers Presentation](#)
  - they are looking for groups of schools to buy into it
  - cost is \$1000 USD if individual school or \$750 USD if you pair with other schools
  - course includes lesson plans for grades 3-12
    - could be a use for the engagement grant
- April 22, 2026 - presentation with [Paul Davis](#) on Social Networking Safety.
- April 25, 2026 - ASCA [conference](#) (hybrid format/Edmonton).
  - support available from Medicine Hat Public School Division
- ASCA Pass seminars
  - school has purchased [access](#) to online webinars and past recordings
  - use email: CHHS.Chair@sd76.ab.ca and password: Vikings2026! to login

#### 4. Discussion

- Guest Speaker - Constable Brent Bohrn
  - School Resource Officer position

- has been with the school for 4 years and will be there next year
- critical to school success
- acts as administrator and helps with discipline
- supports families, deals with substance abuse problems, performs wellness checks, and everything in between
- focuses on building relationships with students
- Background
  - 22.5 years with the police force
    - 7 years on patrol
    - 12 years with the traffic unit (tickets, impaired, collision reconstructions)
    - 4 years as school resource officer
      - 3 months at Medicine Hat High School, then Crescent Heights High School
- Role
  - deal with active threats (this is rare)
  - lock downs
  - keep youth out of the criminal justice system
    - resolve issues at low level
  - helping students
    - lost/stolen property (usually not actually lost, just misplaced)
    - we have a good school community!
  - helping students
  - teaching

- internet safety, EPIC lecture
  - tailored to Grade 7
    - deals with topics like friendship, extortion, etc.
    - updated to trends
  - drug presentations in Grade 8
  - learners course in Junior High
    - traffic safety, parking, moped, common infractions
  - Grade 9
    - consent and sexual assault
  - High School
    - contributes to forensics class, evidence collection scenarios and exhibits
    - teaches about impaired driving and toxicology
      - demonstrates roadside screening devices
      - fatal vision goggles
    - demonstrates police equipment and tools, indicates when they would be used
      - heavy armor vest and helmet demonstration
    - canine demonstration
    - EXO unit demonstration
      - bomb disposal robot
    - works with Mr. K and the administrative team, helps as needed

- peer conflict (is more common than bullying), lots is online, evenings and weekends
- mediating and conflict resolution
- advice to parents/guardians
  - if kids are struggling with anxiety, monitor their screen time/phones
    - social media is hard on kids
- parents/students can always reach out

## 6. Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned by Karen Saffran at 19:52.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2026 at 18:30. In person at the ÉSCH/CHHS cafeteria and virtual option available.