

Board Meeting Minutes May 8, 2025

VISION - Westwind School Division will be a collaborative community of engaged learners that inspires all students to realize their full and complete potential

MISSION - The mission of Westwind School Division is to foster engaging and student-centred learning environments that will inspire each student to strive for personal excellence and allow all learners to thrive.

VALUES

Continual Learning - We provide high-quality learning opportunities for all and will continuously collaborate to empower, challenge, and inspire every student and employee to be a successful and continual learner.

Excellence - We desire and constantly pursue excellence and hold high expectations for students, staff, and ourselves. We establish and communicate high student expectations regarding academics, attendance, achievement, behaviour, citizenship, and extracurriculars.

Relationships - We prioritize and foster strong, respectful relationships in the communities we serve and continually seek to strengthen those relationships by demonstrating integrity, respect, trustworthiness, collaboration, and transparency in everything we do.

Empathy - We teach and model empathy in our schools and continuously strive to build safe, caring, and inclusive learning environments that foster kindness and compassion.

TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT - We respectfully acknowledge that this event is taking place on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy in Southern Alberta.

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- Board Chair Jim Ralph called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Trustees Present

- Doug Smith
- Josh Smith
- Jim Ralph
- Tami Tolley
- Ross Blackmer
- Anna-Joyce Frank
- Rod Wendorff

Others Present

- Darren Mazutinec - Superintendent
- Peter Wright - Secretary-Treasurer
- Austin Nunn - Assistant Superintendent
- Pam Boyson - Executive Assistant
- Genevieve Boyd - Communications Officer

- Approval of Agenda

- Doug Smith offered the prayer.
- Approval of Agenda

Motion 2025 - 34 was moved by Tami Tolley to approve the revised agenda.

Those who voted in favor:

Doug Smith
Josh Smith
Jim Ralph
Tami Tolley
Ross Blackmer
Anna-Joyce Frank
Rod Wendorff

Motion carried.

- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
 - April 2, 2025

Motion 2025 - 35 Moved by Doug Smith to approve the minutes as presented.

Those who voted in favor:

Doug Smith
Josh Smith
Jim Ralph
Tami Tolley
Ross Blackmer
Anna-Joyce Frank
Rod Wendorff

Motion carried.

- Public input, 3 minutes per person to a maximum of 15 minutes

May 15 - CHS Native Honour Night 6 pm

May 21 - ASBA Zone 6 Mtg, noon, Horizon Bd Office, Taber

May 21 - Edwin Parr Evening, Heritage Inn Taber, 5:30 pm

May 29 - Board Mtg

May 29 - CHS Grad Ceremony, 6 p.m.

May 30 - CHS Grad Banquet & Dance, 6:30 pm

May 30 - Stirling Grad Dinner & Ceremony, 6 pm

June 18 - ASBA Zone 6 Mtg, Lethbridge

June 19 - WAS Grad Ceremony

June 19 - MTV Grad 6 pm

June 19 - SGJHS Awards Evening 6:30 pm

June 20 - RJHS Awards 9:30 am

June 20 - CJHS Awards, 8:45 am

June 20 - RES Fairwell Event 10:30 am

June 1-3 - ASBA SGM, Calgary
June 9 - Div Sch Council, Raymond, 9 am
June 12 - BBQ

June 20 - RHS Grad 7 pm Victoria Sports Park
June 25 - MHS Grad 6 pm Tom Karen Gym

- **Reports**

- Superintendent Report - Mr. Darren Mazutinec
 - i. Month in Review
- Secretary-Treasurer - Mr. Peter Wright
 - i. Month in Review
- Assistant Superintendent - Mr. Austin Nunn
 - i. Month in Review
- Communications Report - Ms. Genevieve Boyd
 - i. Month in Review
- Department Head Report O&M - Brad Sommerfeldt

- **Committees**

- Management Committee
 - i. May 5th employee meeting
 - ii. May 2-5 ATA teacher vote results
 - iii. May 13 TEBA Zoom meeting
- Student Engagement Committee
- Board ATA Liaison Committee
 - i. May 8, 2025, 3 pm.
- ASBA Zone 6

- **Trustee PD Reports**

- **Policies & Procedures**

- Board Policy 20: Parent, Communication, Engagement, & Partnership
- Board Policy 1 - Divisional Foundation Statements

Motion 2025 - 36 Moved by Ross Blackmer that, after review, no changes will be made to Board Policy 1 - Divisional Foundational Statements, and Board Policy 20 - Parents, Communications, Engagement and Partnership.

Those who voted in favor:

Doug Smith
Josh Smith
Jim Ralph
Tami Tolley
Ross Blackmer
Anna-Joyce Frank
Rod Wendorff

Motion carried.

- **Discussion & Information Item**

- Donations

- i. Paramount Resources Ltd, \$2500 to MHS to support students facing financial barriers.

Motion 2025 - 37 Moved by Ross Blackmer to approve the donation as presented.

Those who voted in favor:

Doug Smith
Josh Smith
Jim Ralph
Tami Tolley
Ross Blackmer
Anna-Joyce Frank
Rod Wendorff

Motion carried.

- Shia Firstrider - Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award

- i. Shia Firstrider, a Grade 2 student at Cardston Elementary School, has been selected as one of only 12 students across Alberta to receive the 2025 Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award, presented by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA).

- Board evaluation, Strategic Planning summary, and review documents.

- i. Mission, Vision, Values, and Guiding Principles work continued.

- MHS Travel Request

- i. The Superintendent reviewed the Magrath High School travel request. He encouraged the Board to approve the application.

Motion 2025 - 38 Moved by Ross Blackmer to approve the MHS travel request as presented.

Those who voted in favor:

Doug Smith
Josh Smith
Jim Ralph
Tami Tolley
Ross Blackmer
Anna-Joyce Frank
Rod Wendorff

Motion carried

- Junior High New Curriculum update
 - 1. Science
 - 2. Humanities
- First Nations Lunch and Grade 12 Breakfasts season begins.
 - i. Updates from two of these meetings
- Finalized Grad Attendance

Motion 2025 - 39 Moved by Tami Tolley to go in camera at 10:45 am.

Those who voted in favor:

Doug Smith
Josh Smith
Jim Ralph
Tami Tolley
Ross Blackmer
Anna-Joyce Frank
Rod Wendorff

Motion carried

- In-Camera

Motion 2025 - 40 Moved by Rod Wendorff to come out of in camera at 12:15 pm.

Those who voted in favor:

Doug Smith
Josh Smith

Jim Ralph
Tami Tolley
Ross Blackmer
Anna-Joyce Frank
Rod Wendorff

Motion carried

- Public input, 3 minutes per person to 15 minutes
- Trustee Josh Smith left the meeting at 12:16 pm.

Motion 2025 - 41 Moved by Doug Smith to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 pm.

Those who voted in favor:

Doug Smith
Jim Ralph
Tami Tolley
Ross Blackmer
Anna-Joyce Frank
Rod Wendorff

Motion carried

- Next Board Meeting - May 29, 2025