

2022

SEPT BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

**TO LEARN. TO GROW.
TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD.**

PRESENTATION

Mountain Bike Club

Teachers Brian Heidinger and Mike Fehr presented on the newly formed mountain biking club for all MHPSD students in grades 7-12. The club offers students another extra curricular pathway where they can build confidence and grow in their physical and mental health while developing a sense of belonging amongst mountain bikers at all skill levels. They aim to get students connected in a relaxed environment where they can support one another and grow together. Students learn bike safety and they are taught how to apply good maintenance practices, so they can explore 14kms of dedicated mountain biking trails in Medicine Hat.

By raising awareness and understanding their short term goal is to create community connections so they can build their inventory of club owned loaner bikes and grow to provide more opportunities for students.

RECOGNITION & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

First Nations Métis & Inuit Speaker Series

We were honoured to have **Jed Roberts, CFL Alumni** from the Edmonton Elks and former Grey Cup Champion share his message with students as part of our First Nations Métis and Inuit guest speaker series during the week of Sept 12.

Born in Canada, Jed grew up all over North America. At the age of four, Jed had trouble hearing and speaking. He was diagnosed with a nerve condition in both ears and wasn't expected to talk. He was determined to overcome his disability and that determination carried through to his football career where he twice recovered from serious injuries and returned to form. But there is much more to Jed than just football. When Jed was growing up, his dad worked for the Métis Association of Ontario and as a result, often travelled to Métis communities. However, by his own admission, Jed had no real awareness of his Métis heritage. Knowing that Jed had a lot to offer Canada's Métis people, his dad worked on his football skills while he began to instill a knowledge of the family's Métis ancestry. Jed's father taught him about his Métis heritage and how to be an even better person than he was a football player.

Jed encouraged students to dream big, work hard at achieving goals and to find mentors that help guide the way. Not only did Jed address thousands of students, he also made the time to attend a few MHPSD football practices during his stay in Medicine Hat.



**JED ROBERTS, CFL ALUMNI
INSPIRES MHPSD STUDENTS**

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCT 7 PD DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

OCT 10 THANKSGIVING - SCHOOLS CLOSED



**DR KEN SAUER STUDENTS EXPLORE
IN THEIR OUTDOOR CLASSROOM**

ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Program Closure

The Saamis REAL and McMan REAL programs haven't had registration in excess of 4 years as the provided services were shifted into schools and the Pathways program. As per [Administrative Procedure 724 P.002](#) and section 62 of the Education Act, the Board passed a motion to close the Saamis REAL (1489) and McMan REAL (1527) programs effective June 30, 2022.

2. International Offsite Activity

The Board approved an international offsite activity for Michelle Schneider, representing students from Crescents Heights High School to travel to New York in 2023.

TREATY 7 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy and the people of Treaty 7 Region in Southern Alberta. We honour and acknowledge the homeland of the Métis people. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us.

UNIVERSAL GOALS

1. OPTIMAL LEARNING
2. THINKING & ACTING INCLUSIVELY
3. WELLNESS
4. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

MHPSD FAMILY WHERE KIDS COUNT!

NEXT BOARD MEETING

OCT 25, 2022 5:30 P.M.

Board meetings will be held in the MHPSD central office board room at 601 1st Ave SW. Board packages will be available the Friday prior to the meeting, contact joni.treen@sd76.ab.ca for more information.

