

# Minutes

## Provincial Executive Meeting

### Monday, December 4, 2017

**UNOFFICIAL until approved by the Provincial Executive**

*Leadership, advocacy and service for Manitoba's public school boards*

191 Provencher Boulevard, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
9:00 A.M.

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Sandy Nemeth	Vice-President
	Alan Campbell	Vice-President (via teleconference)
	Floyd Martens	Past President
	Patty Wiebe	Director Region #2
	Lena Kublick	Director Region #3
	Leslie Tucker	Director Region #4 (via teleconference)
	Cheryl Smukowich	Director Region #5
	Kathleen McMillan	Director Region #5
	Cathy Collins	Director Region #6
	Josh Watt	Executive Director
	Heather Demetrioff	Director, Education and Communication Services
	George Coupland	Director of Labour Relations
	Andrea Kehler	Executive Assistant
<b><u>REGRETS:</u></b>	Ken Cameron	President
	Kelli Riehl	Director Region #1

Sandy welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She shared that trustee Jerry Sodomlak of River East Transcona S.D. would be observing today's meeting save for the in-camera portion.

#### **1.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- Add: 4.3 – Service Delivery to First Nations Education Authority (associate membership)  
5.6 – Safe and Responsible Retailing of Cannabis Act  
5.7 – North Forge – Innovation Call for Provincial Early Years Literacy/Numeracy Strategy  
5.8 – AMM Convention Debrief (in-camera)

**McMillan/Collins**

**THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.**

**Carried**

## **1.2 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**Collins/Kublick**

**THAT the minutes of the Provincial Executive meeting held November 6, 2017 be approved as circulated.**

**Carried**

## **2.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### 1. Minister of Education and Board Chairs meeting at convention

Further discussion on the process for this year's Board Chairs meeting with the Minister at convention was undertaken. The determination was that boards would be solicited to submit questions for the Minister in advance of the annual general meeting. This process would permit a more productive and focused meeting with the Minister.

## **3.0 DELEGATIONS**

### 1. Division Scolaire Franco-Manitobaine Presentation, Bernard Lesage and Alain Laberge (timed item 12:45 p.m.)

Sandy welcomed Bernard and Alain to the meeting and invited them to present. Bernard expressed the concerns that DSFM has for French language students in our province in light of the recent changes within the Bureau de l'éducation française (BEF) specifically the elimination of the Assistant Deputy Minister's position. Bernard indicated that their board has requested a meeting with Minister Wishart to present those concerns. DSFM was invited to share the outcome of the discussions with the Minister with MSBA.

## **4.0 FOR ACTION/DECISION**

### 1. Committee Update

**Kublick/Collins**

**THAT the following committee re-appointments be approved.**

Re-Appointment:

- a) Manitoba Schools Insurance (MSI)
  - *Bob Jesson, Lord Selkirk S.D.*

**Carried**

2. Presidents' Council Award criteria (group nominations)

The Executive considered a division's request to nominate a group of individuals for the 2018 Presidents' Council Award. The Executive determined that a group nomination would be acceptable, as it was previously awarded to a group. Administration will advise the inquiring board of the decision.

3. First Nations Education Authority

At the 2011 Convention, member boards passed the resolution on Associate Memberships for First Nations Education Authorities. The benefits of associate membership includes access to non-confidential information, communications and publications of the association; attendance at a variety of events/training session, the annual general meetings and convention; as well as direct services on a fee-for-service basis plus expenses.

Nelson House Education Authority recently expressed an interest in an associate membership. The Executive contemplated various fee-for-service schedules and directed administration to draft a schedule for their consideration and approval in the coming weeks.

**5.0 FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Convention committee update

Sandy and Heather provided an update on the work of the convention planning committee. The committee is pleased to have secured the keynote speaker for the annual general meeting as well as the closing entertainment for the banquet Friday evening.

2. Request for Action – Executive Authority

The Executive reviewed the draft response to the request for action around Executive Authority arising out of Region 1. The document highlights the various legislative acts and sources of Executive Authority by which the Executive is bound, and offers several recommendations to clarify and mitigate future confusion via amendments to some documents and practices.

**COLLINS/KUBLICK**

**THAT the draft report regarding the request for action on Executive Authority be referred to independent legal counsel.**

**Carried**

3. Nominating committee mandate revision

Floyd has served as chair of this committee the last many year in his capacity as Past President. He has proposed that the composition of this committee could simply be the three (3) most immediate past presidents who continue to serve as a school trustee. Executive supported this change to the Nominating Committee mandate. The trustees at large currently serving on this committee will continue until such time as their terms expire.

**McMillan/Kublick**

**THAT the Provincial Executive move in-camera at 1:00 p.m. to discuss items 5.4, 5.5 and 5.8.**

**Carried**

4. PC Caucus Delegation (in-camera)

5. Education Partners Meeting (in-camera)

**Martens/Wiebe**

**THAT the Provincial Executive move out of in-camera at 1:40 p.m.**

**Carried**

6. Safe and Responsible Retailing of Cannabis Act

Josh provided an update on his discussions with Government relative to the minimum legal age for consumption of cannabis. The association had indicated a preferred age of consumption of 21, given the brain research that demonstrates there are important cognitive and developmental impacts from cannabis use amongst youths. Josh shared the announcement will take place Tuesday, December 5.

7. North Forge – Innovation Call for Provincial Early Years Literacy/Numeracy Strategy

Josh shared that to date, he had not received any submissions or feedback relative to the request of member boards to share their innovative ideas to improve early childhood literacy and numeracy in Manitoba. That said, the deadline for receipt of responses on the seven questions outlined in the memo is December 16.

Josh also provided a summary of the province's information session held on this subject on November 23.

8. AMM Convention Debrief (in-camera)

**6.0 INFORMATION REPORTS (Printed)**

a) Executive/Staff Activity Reports

- Josh Watt, Executive Director
- Sandy Nemeth, Vice-President
- Floyd Martens, Past President
- Lena Kublick, Director, Region 3
- Heather Demetriooff, Director, Education and Communication Services – 2018  
Regional Meetings/New Trustee Orientation dates – November 29 and 30, 2018.  
Space is currently on hold at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg.

b) Correspondence (PRINTED)

c) Correspondence (EMAILED)

**7.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

January 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m. MSBA Office

Sandy thanked everyone for their participation and Cathy Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

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