

Minutes

Provincial Executive Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2017

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

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

PRESENT:

Sandy Nemeth	Vice-President (acting chair)
Robyn Wiebe	Vice-President
Floyd Martens	Past President
Patty Wiebe	Director Region #2
Alan Campbell	Director Region #3
Vaughn Wadelius	Director Region #4 (via teleconference)
Cheryl Smukowich	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

REGRETS:

Ken Cameron	President
Della Perih	Director Region #1
Kathleen McMillan	Director Region #5

Sandy Nemeth called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

1.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Campbell/Smukowich

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

1.2 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Collins/Campbell

THAT the minutes of the Provincial Executive meeting held December 5, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Carried

2.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.0 DELEGATIONS

1. Manitoba Rural Learning Consortium (mRLC) (timed item 10:00 a.m.)

Robyn Wiebe, who serves on the Board of Directors for the mRLC, welcomed and introduced Eileen Sutherland and Lori Tighe, Co-Directors with the Consortium.

Eileen and Lori highlighted the work and support mechanisms available to rural Manitoba schools. Since its inception six years ago, the mRLC has been providing supports to address the unique educational challenges facing smaller divisions, with a focus on consultation, coaching and collaboration. Being a cooperative, school divisions in return engage in networking activities.

Currently, mRLC'S outcomes are focused on improving numeracy and literacy. Two action research projects in the works are Numeracy Action and School Self Review. The mRLC's website contains a wealth of information accessible to all principals and teachers.

Robyn thanked Eileen and Lori for their time and sharing the history and work of the mRLC.

4.0 FOR ACTION/DECISION

1. MSBA Budget (in-camera)
2. Executive and Executive Director Evaluations (in camera)

Collins/Smukowich

THAT the Provincial Executive move in-camera at 9:02 a.m.

Carried

Collins/Wiebe, R.

THAT the Provincial Executive move out of in-camera at 9:50 a.m.

Carried

5.0 FOR DISCUSSION

1. Winter Regional Meetings
 - a) Format

Executive members reviewed the format and approved the agenda for the upcoming January Regional Teleconference meetings. Josh Watt provided an overview of the process for the teleconferences.

b) Executive resolutions

The proposed Executive resolutions concerning by-law amendments and consolidated policies in the areas of Human Resources and Funding and Financial Matters were reviewed and approved. These Executive resolutions will be included in the January Regional Teleconference meeting packages.

2. Education Partners Liaison Meeting update

Josh Watt summarized the December 12, 2016 Education Partners Liaison meeting which included all Executive officers from MASS, MASBO, MTS and MAPC. The mandate of the committee is to engage government in conversations around important educational issues. Two meetings have been scheduled before June 30, 2017 and updates will be shared post meetings.

3. Executive Retreat Planning

Sandy Nemeth entertained suggestions and feedback regarding date(s) and location for the spring Executive Planning Retreat. Administration will follow up on the various proposed ideas and will report back at the February meeting.

4. Consolidated Policies

- a) Funding and Financial Matters
- b) Human Resources

Executive reviewed the proposed association consolidated policies on Funding and Financial Matters (to replace the current policies on Finance) and Human Resources (to replace the current policy on Employee Relations). The approved policies will be included in the January Regional Teleconference packages for consideration by the membership.

5. Convention Business

Executive members considered and provided requested feedback with respect to the Friday business day of the annual convention. Feedback shared will be incorporated into the program by the convention planning committee and staff. An update will be shared at the February meeting.

6.0 INFORMATION REPORTS (Printed)

- a) Executive/Staff Activity Reports
 - Josh Watt, Executive Director – Strategic Priorities Update
- b) Correspondence (PRINTED)
- c) Correspondence (EMAILED)
- d) Publications (PERUSAL FOLDER)

7.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

February 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m. MSBA Office

Sandy thanked everyone for their participation. Cathy Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

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