

Minutes

Provincial Executive Meeting

Monday, November 22, 2021

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

Via Zoom Video-Conference
9:00 a.m.

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Alan Campbell	President
	Sandy Nemeth	Vice-President
	Floyd Martens	Vice-President
	Sherilyn Bambridge	Director Region #1
	Leah Klassen	Director Region #2
	Lena Kublick	Director Region #3 (late)
	Murray Skeavington	Director Region #4
	Sandra Lethbridge	Director Region #5
	Julie Fisher	Director Region #5
	Yijie Jennifer Chen	Director Region #6
	Josh Watt	Executive Director
	Janis Arnold	Interim Director, Education and Communication Services
	Morgan Whiteway	Acting Director, Labour Relations and Human Resource Services
	Robyn Winters	Chief Financial Officer
	Darren Thomas	Risk Manager
	Andrea Kehler	Executive Assistant

Alan Campbell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.1 LAND AND TREATY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Before we begin today's meetings, I would like to acknowledge that the lands on which we are gathering are the lands of the St. Peter's or Selkirk Treaty and of Numbered Treaties 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, territories of the Anishinaabe Cree, Dene, Dakota and Oji-Cree peoples, and Traditional homeland of the Métis nation. We acknowledge the wrongs of the past and stand committed to building positive relationships rooted in a spirit of genuine reconciliation.

1.2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Add: 5.8 River East Transcona SD – Request for Action.

Klassen/Martens

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

1.3 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Lethbridge/Bambridge

THAT the minutes of the Provincial Executive meeting October 18, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Carried

Nemeth/Skeavington

THAT the minutes of the Special Provincial Executive meeting November 8, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Carried

2.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.0 DELEGATIONS

4.0 FOR ACTION/DECISION

1. Committee Update

Lethbridge/Fisher

THAT the Provincial Executive approves the following committee appointments.

Appointments:

- a) Aboriginal & Indigenous Education Action Planning Committee
 - *Holly Hunter, St. James-Assiniboia S.D.*
- b) Convention Planning Committee
 - *Penny Helgason, Evergreen S.D.*

Carried

2. MSBA 2022 Event Bookings

The Executive considered a proposal from Janis Arnold concerning various 2022 association professional development and business sessions including Fall General and regional meetings and the 2023 Annual General Meeting. It was also suggested at this time, that the Fall 2022 Candidate Information session be held virtually.

Lethbridge/Skeavington

Whereas the association recognizes the COVID-19 pandemic and/or division budget restraints may force cancellation bookings, now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that MSBA contract the Victoria Inn, Winnipeg to hold its fall general and regional meetings in December 2022 and the Delta Hotel, Winnipeg for its March 2023 Annual General Meeting and convention.

Carried

5.0 FOR DISCUSSION

1. Fall General and Regional Meetings

The Fall General meeting package was shared as information, with President Alan Campbell responding to a couple of questions. Select segments of the Fall General meeting will be recorded and shared via the password protected webpage www.localchoices.ca for members to access, should they not have been present during the live virtual event on November 27.

An additional topic of discussion under this agenda item included the potential introduction of an Executive resolution pertaining to corporate legal structure for the 2023 Annual General Meeting. Several Executive members have been approached by regional boards, both rural and urban, for such an Executive Resolution to be brought forward.

2. Request for Action

– Mountain View SD, Taxation of Otherwise Exempt Properties

Mountain View School Division submitted a request for action regarding Taxation on Otherwise Exempt Properties, with Mountain View Chair (also serving as Association Vice-President) Floyd Martens providing additional context to the written request. Executive Director Josh Watt indicated that Councillor Bryan Mayes with the City of Winnipeg is studying possibilities for the City of Winnipeg to exempt select divisional properties from municipal assessment as well.

Administration will draft a letter outlining these concerns to the attention of the Ministers of Education, Municipal Relations and Finance.

Skeavington/Nemeth

THAT the Provincial Executive supports Mountain View School Division's Request for Action. Administration will draft a letter to Government regarding municipal assessment exemptions for school based properties.

Carried

3. Government of Manitoba – Education Funding Model Consultation Team

The press announcement from Government regarding the Education Funding Model Consultation Team was shared with member boards last week. Josh reached out to the Department, as education stakeholder organizations were not identified as members of the consultation team. We can confirm that MSBA will be on the consultation team and Josh will

enquire if multiple members can be represented, to allow each of the association's table officers to participate.

4. Operations Table Update (in-camera)

Fisher/Bambridge

THAT the Provincial Executive move in-camera to discuss items 5.4 and 5.5 at 10:27 a.m.

Carried

5. Personnel matter (in-camera)

Bambridge/Nemeth

THAT the Provincial Executive move out on in-camera at 11:54 a.m.

Carried

6. Non-Teaching Plan Committee Update

Chief Financial Officer Robyn Winters provided the Executive with highlights arising from the Non-Teaching Pension Plan Committee's meeting of last week. The committee has successfully implemented changes to the investment management structure during 2021, in efforts to overall reduce the cost of management fees charged to the admin account. The committee is recommending that the administration fee rate charged to divisions remain stable at 1.6% of earnings in 2022. Vice-President and pension trust committee member Floyd Martens also offered that the committee will be monitoring the financial operations of the administration account, to ensure stability in future years as well.

MSBA's Non-Teaching Pension Fund continues to rank among Canada's top 20 funds, relative to other Canadian corporations. The past five years have seen an average growth on assets of almost 7%, with the current year's running rate of return at over 10%.

7. December Executive Meeting

The Executive typically does not meet in December, however a meeting has been scheduled for December 13, 9:00 a.m. This brief meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the Throne Speech of November 23 and other matters arising.

6.0 INFORMATION REPORTS (Printed)

1. Executive/Staff Activity Reports
 - Josh Watt, Executive Director (verbal)
 - Murray Skeavington, Director Region 4
2. Correspondence

7.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, December 13, 2021, 9:00 a.m., via Zoom Video-Conference

President Alan Campbell thanked everyone for their participation and moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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