

Minutes

Provincial Executive Meeting

Friday, October 16, 2020

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

Hotel Fort Garry, Winnipeg, MB
Gateway Room
10:00 a.m.

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Alan Campbell	President
	Floyd Martens	Vice-President
	Sherilyn Bambridge	Director Region #1
	Leah Klassen	Director Region #2
	Lena Kublick	Director Region #3
	Vaughn Wadelius	Director Region #4
	Sandy Nemeth	Vice-President
	Julie Fisher	Director Region #5
	Chris Broughton	Director Region #6
	Josh Watt	Executive Director
	Janis Arnold	Board Development Consultant
	Morgan Whiteway	Acting Director, Labour Relations/Human Resource Services
	Robyn Winters	Chief Financial Officer
	Andrea Kehler	Executive Assistant

REGRETS: Sandra Lethbridge Director Region #5

Alan Campbell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

1.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Add: 5.8 City of Winnipeg School Board Liaison Role

Kublick/Broughton

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

1.2 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Klassen/Bambridge

THAT the minutes of the Provincial Executive meeting held September 14, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried

2.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.0 DELEGATIONS

4.0 FOR ACTION/DECISION

1. Committee Update

Broughton/Martens

THAT the Provincial Executive approved the following committee re-appointment.

Re-appointments:

- a) Student Services Inclusive Education Committee
 - *Arlene Reid, Winnipeg S.D.*

Carried

5.0 FOR DISCUSSION

1. Virtual November General and Regional Meetings and Executive's role

Further discussion concerning the logistics of the upcoming Fall General and Regional meetings was held. Additional detail around roles and responsibilities were offered for clarification. Detailed information will be forwarded to all boards well in advance of the meetings to ensure trustees and administrators are prepared and provided instructions for participation in this virtual event.

2. Virtual 2021 Convention

The preliminary agenda drafted by the Convention Planning committee was shared. Lena Kublick, chair of the Convention Planning committee sought feedback from Executive concerning budget and keynote speaker. The Fall General and Regional meetings will serve as a first run for hosting a large virtual event. Takeaways from that event will inform planning for the March annual general meeting.

3. Highlights of Manitoba Government Speech from the Throne

Further to the memo circulated to all boards on Oct. 7, 2020. Josh Watt provided an overview of the Speech from the Throne, highlighting those items that pertain to education.

4. Implementation of Departmental Amendments under Budget 2020

Josh Watt provided an update on the Budget 2020. He shared that a number of bills that were previously tabled, have been re-introduced. One of the bills formalized the dissolution of the

Public Schools Finance Branch. That mandate will now fall to Crown Services and be separate from the Department of Education.

5. Release of Newcomer Education Coalition/Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle Report

Josh Watt provided an overview of the launch of the Newcomer Education Coalition and the Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle's first annual *State of Equity in Education Report*. The report calls for greater equity and diversity in Winnipeg's education system. While the report is centered around with Winnipeg region, implications of the report are farther reaching. A PD session on equity and diversity in school boards will be offered at the Fall General Meeting.

6. MSBA's role with board meetings during balance of this pandemic

Executive considered additional ways to engage with member boards outside of the bi-weekly board chairs zoom meetings, for the remainder of the school year. Greater effort by the President and regional director to attend board meetings, either virtually or in-person (where safe to do so) will be made.

7. K-12 Education Review response

Executive discussed potential ways for the association to respond to the K-12 Education Review, once it is released.

2:00 p.m. The Executive paused discussions to listen to Dr. Roussin, Chief Provincial Public Health Officer's press conference on the revised restrictions under level orange in the pandemic response for Winnipeg and surrounding areas.

8. City of Winnipeg School Board Liaison Role

As it's been some time since Region 5/6 have met with the City of Winnipeg's School Board Liaison, Bryan Mayes, it was felt that it may be time to reach out to Mayor Bowman and review the position.

Josh Watt subsequently clarified via email (October 19) to region 5/6 directors that some initiatives had taken place as a result of Brian's coordination and that an active offer to meet has been received from Brian to Region 5/6 boards. Pandemic related concerns had delayed the ability to schedule such a meeting earlier in the year, but MSBA secretariat can certainly schedule a virtual meeting if Directors feel that the time is appropriate for this to occur.

6.0 INFORMATION REPORTS (Printed)

1. Executive/Staff Activity Reports
 - 2020 Committee Survey Results
2. Correspondence (PRINTED)
3. Correspondence (EMAILED)

7.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

November 16, 2020, 9:00 a.m., Zoom video-conference

Alan thanked everyone for their participation and Vaughn Wadelius moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

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