

Executive Highlights

Monday, December 4, 2017

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1. The Executive welcomed Jerry Sodomlak, trustee with River East Transcona S.D. to the meeting as an observer.
2. As follow-up to the November meeting, Executive provided direction with respect to the process for the Board Chairs' meeting with the Minister of Education at convention.
3. Bernard Lesage, Chair and Alain Laberge, Superintendent with the Division Scolaire Franco-Manitobaine joined the meeting, to present the division's concerns with the recent changes to the Bureau de l'éducation française (BEF) and elimination of the ADM position. DSFM highlighted for Executive that this is a matter that has potential to impact all school divisions in Manitoba. DSFM will return in future, once a meeting with the Minister of Education has taken place.
4. The following committee re-appointment was approved:
Manitoba Schools Insurance (MSI)
 - Bob Jesson, Lord Selkirk S.D.
5. The Executive considered a request for clarification to the Presidents' Council Award, as a division wished to nominate a group for this award. The Executive determined a group nomination was acceptable, as it was awarded some years ago to a group.
6. Josh Watt provided an update on a First Nation Education Authority and their potential associate membership with our organization. Administration will draft a fee-for-service schedule for associate memberships for Executive's consideration and approval.
7. Sandy Nemeth and Heather Demetriooff shared two new developments with the convention planning committee. They include securing the opening keynote speaker, as well as the closing entertainment for the banquet Friday evening.
8. Executive conducted a preliminary review of its authorities in view of the request for action that was received from Region 1. The Executive decided to seek independent legal counsel and advisement as part of its review, to promote transparency and accountability, before reporting back to the membership.
9. An examination and discussion of the mandate for the Nominating Committee was undertaken and based on feedback, an amendment to the composition of the committee and other minor housekeeping adjustment will be made.
10. Josh Watt provided an update on *The Safe and Responsible Retailing of Cannabis Act* and the feedback sought from Government with respect to the minimum legal age for consumption of cannabis. He also provided an update on the North Forge Innovation Call for Provincial Early Years Literacy/Numeracy Strategy, as well as a debriefing on the outcomes of AMM Resolutions pertaining to finance and taxation policy.

JW/ak

*Should you have any questions about the items listed above, please feel free to contact any member of the MSBA Executive or Josh Watt, MSBA Executive Director. **The official minutes of the meeting will be posted to the MSBA Website once approved at the Executive's next meeting on January 8, 2018.***