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**MINUTES OF THE
PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE MEETING**

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009
Hilton Suites Winnipeg Airport
Winnipeg, Manitoba
9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Hugh Coburn President
Robert Rivard Vice-President
Jacquie Field Vice-President
Yolande Dupuis Past President
Floyd Martens Director Region #1
Hugh Greaves Director Region #2
Cheryl Zelenitsky Director Region #3
Marion Pearson Director Region #4
Tom Parker Director Region #5
Bruce Alexander Director Region #5
Cindy Gilroy-Price Director Region #6

Carolyn Duhamel Executive Director
Heather Demetriooff Associate Director
George Coupland Director, Labour Relations
Barb Unrau Executive Assistant

1.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Field/Alexander:

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

1.2 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Dupuis/Rivard:

**THAT the minutes of the Provincial Executive meeting held
March 18, 2009, be approved as circulated.**

Carried

Rivard/Greaves:

THAT the minutes of the Provincial Executive meeting held March 21, 2009, be approved as circulated.

Carried

3.0 DELEGATIONS

1. Ruth Ann Furgala, re Future directions for CSBA. (TIMED ITEM 11:00 A.M.)

Mrs. Furgala was unable to attend the meeting due to the change in location. Administration circulated a discussion guide intended to generate feedback from Executive and member boards around what they would expect from a national organization. Executive members reviewed the discussion guide and made comments related to the structure of CSBA.

Discussion guide:

- add poverty to the list of advocacy issues
- provide an overview of the current structure in the discussion guide
- would like to get feedback on what expectations people have regarding reporting and communication between CSBA and its members
- phrasing needs to be less leading
- remove dollar figures – distracting – focus should be on what CSBA should look like then determine what the new structure will cost
- take out the question: Do you see value in the fees currently paid? and make it more positive - Describe the value of the current service provided.
- we should incorporate a section on reporting – clarify what school boards and MAST need to know about what is being spent

Future directions for CSBA:

- concern that CSBA is not a lobbying body – believe there is a lot more it could do to raise education concerns at the federal level
- would like the territories to have a seat at the CSBA table
- believe the membership should have a more active role at the AGM
- cost of membership in difficult economic times is a concern; need to know what value members will receive for the fees paid
- would like to see a sustainability plan
- what is the best way to raise funds for CSBA
- in the transition period we need heightened reporting process

The Executive Director provided the following CSBA update to Executive members:

- consensus among provinces that we have to rebuild CSBA from scratch
- since the March Board of Directors meeting the National Director has resigned
- the Board of Directors has decided not to fill that position at this time
- there is currently no staff at CSBA and responsibilities will be handled by different provinces

We will want to recruit the support of Directors to contact their boards and encourage responses to this document before summer; Executive can add its comments at its September meeting

Administration expressed appreciation for the feedback on the document and comments around the future of CSBA. The discussion guide will be revised and circulated to Executive members before it is sent to member boards.

4.0 FOR ACTION/DECISION

1. Executive meeting schedule.

With the exception of May, the Executive agreed to retain the current schedule of monthly meetings. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 1, 2009.

It was also agreed that in 2010 the Executive self-evaluation and the Executive Director evaluation will take place on Monday, February 1st and the regular Executive meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2nd.

2. Meeting process guidelines

(a) Section C - Association Governance - proposed amendments for consideration

Proposed changes related to the Executive meeting process were discussed.

Parker/Rivard:

THAT the amendments to Section C of the MAST Executive Manual be approved.

Carried

3. Executive manual updates

(a) Section F - Operational Policies - new Organizational Chart

(b) Section H - MAST Budget Documents - new for 2008-2009

Executive members were asked to insert the updated pages from Sections F and H into their Executive Manuals.

Concern was expressed over the connotation of the word "Whistleblower."

4. Committee appointments.

Alexander/Zelenitsky:

THAT the following committee appointments be approved:

(a) Multicultural Education Policy Renewal Project

Cory Juan, Seven Oaks S.D.

(b) Resolutions and Policy Committee

Yolande Dupuis, Past President to replace Garry Draper,
Past President

Ruth Ann Furgala, Past President and **Hugh Greaves**,
Prairie Rose S.D. to be re-appointed for a second two-year
term

- (c) Convention Planning Committee
Paulette Koroscil, Park West S.D. and **Theresa Bergson**, Seine River S.D. to replace Norbert VanDeynze, Prairie Spirit and Neil Miller, Whiteshell S.D.
Margaret Walker, Fort la Bosse S.D., **Linda Archer**, St. James-Assiniboia S.D., and **Marion Pearson**, Frontier S.D. to be re-appointed for a second two-year term
- (d) Nominating Committee
Yolande Dupuis, Past President be appointed to replace Linda Archer, Past President
Garry Draper, Past President to be re-appointed for a second two-year term
Joan Clement, Park West S.D. to replace Diane Hrychuk, Mountain View S.D.
Claudia Sarbit, Seven Oaks S.D. to replace Bob Cochrane, Fort la Bosse S.D.

Carried

5. Request from U of M for input, re Program Structure of the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Education (PBDE).

Interested Executive members were invited to complete a survey form related to changes in the program structure of the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Education.

6. Request for input, re Technical Vocational Education Advisory Committee Recommendations.

MAST's representative on the Technical Vocational Education Advisory Committee Loreen Jackson, Rolling River S.D. advised MAST that at the last committee meeting the recommendations of the TVEAC were discussed and it was determined that they are too broad and too general to be useful in providing specific direction to the Department. The Committee was asked to take the recommendations back to their respective organizations to develop more specific recommendations.

Dupuis/Martens:

THAT Jacquie Field, Bruce Alexander, Hugh Greaves and Marion Pearson be appointed to an Ad Hoc Committee of the MAST Executive to review and provided feedback on the recommendations of the Technical Vocational Education Advisory Committee.

Carried

7. Request for participation (volunteers required):

- (a) Council of School Leaders invitation to attend the Canadian Association of Principals Conference Gala Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 14th, Delta Winnipeg

Vice-Presidents Robert Rivard and Jacquie Field volunteered to attend.

- (b) University of Manitoba half-day session called “Strengthening School Partnerships: Beginning the Conversation”, Canad Inns Fort Garry, May 11, 2009 8:45 A.M. to Noon.

Associate Director Heather Demetriooff will attend.

- (c) Manitoba Association of Parent Councils AGM

President Hugh Coburn will attend the AGM banquet on Friday, May 1, 2009.

5.0 **FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Retreat follow-up.

Administration will review the notes from the sessions and prepare an appropriate Executive work plan.

Fall regional meetings

- need to have a strong policy focus
 - make the meeting a full day
 - come prepared with a discussion topic if the agenda does not fill the day, eg. provide a summary of the Mary Delagardelle workshop and then break into table discussions
 - have a professional development component around advocacy - MAST needs to show leadership by sharing information with its membership and regional meetings are a good place to do this
 - issues that MAST needs feedback on - get the topic out to trustees in advance so they are prepared to have table discussions
- examples:*
- School Boards Work campaign
 - Note: Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth has expressed concern that school boards don't fully understand the scope of the integrated technology program (ICT) and would like to come to regional meetings to make a presentation
- perhaps take some of the committee reports out of the January Regional meeting agenda and do them in the fall
 - revert back to the process of boards in the region volunteering to host the meeting and where possible holding the meeting in a school rather than a hotel – MAST would continue to cover the cost of these meetings out of the regional meeting budget line
 - perhaps ask boards to identify their 3 biggest issues and send them in to the MAST office – MAST could generate discussion topics around the various issues

Executive members were reminded of the MAST/MASS/MASBO conference on Education Finance October 1st and 2nd. Registration has gone out and there will be a registration fee for teams of 6 as well as individual registration fees. Dr. Henry Levin, Columbia University, will be the key note speaker and facilitator.

Further to the Minister's meeting with Board Chairs at the MAST convention he expressed concern that he is having difficulty meeting with Federal MP's to discuss issues around aboriginal education. It was suggested that at the Executive Officers and Senior Staff meeting with the Minister on May 11th they ask what the Association and member boards could do to help in this regard.

7.0 EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT

1. Executive information needs
2. Learning/development priorities

Referred to the June meeting.

8.0 EXECUTIVE/STAFF REPORTS & MATTERS ARISING

1. President
2. Vice-President(s)
3. Past President
4. CSBA Director
5. Directors
6. Executive Director

In addition to her written report, the Executive Director asked for feedback from Executive members regarding the proposal from MTS to partner with MAST on delivery of an education finance workshop for school trustees. Executive members indicated that they would decline the invitation to co-sponsor such a workshop at this time.

7. Associate Director

Rivard/Field:

THAT the activity reports be received as information.

Carried

8.1 INFORMATION REPORTS

- (a) Correspondence (Printed)
 1. Madison Hass letter of appreciation, re Student Citizenship Award
 2. Association of Manitoba Municipalities, re Article regarding the Young Community Leader Award printed in the *News Bulletin*, April 9, 2009
 3. Copy of Fort la Bosse S.D. letter to All Municipalities, re School Board taxing authority to tax.
 4. Central Presidents of the Manitoba Teachers' Society, re Transportation of students in inclement weather.
 5. Vincent Massey Collegiate Sustainable Development Committee letter of appreciation, re Premier School Board Innovation Awards.

(b) Committee Minutes

1. Technical Vocational Education Advisory Committee, February 4, 2009.
2. Physical Education/Health Education Steering Committee, February 13, 2009.
3. Manitoba Advisory Board for Deaf and Hearing Impaired, February 23, 2009.
4. Inter-organizational Curriculum Advisory Committee, March 3, 2009.
5. Social Planning Council of Winnipeg, Campaign 2000 Continues Steering Committee, February 10, 2009.

(c) Publications

1. Provincial Reports presented to CSBA Board of Directors March 15, 2009.
2. *Progress on the Changes for Children Initiative*, A Report from Child and Family Services Standing Committee, Winter 2008/09.
3. *Manitoba ASCD*, Association of Supervision & Curriculum Development, March 2009.
4. *MAPC Newsletter*, Manitoba Association of Parent Councils, Spring, 2009.
5. *Child Care Bridges*, A Publication of The Manitoba Child Care Association, Spring, 2009.
6. Manitoba Human Rights Commission, *MHR Connections*, March, 2009.

9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 1. 2009, - 9:00 A.M. - Association Office.

9.1 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ITEMS/REPORTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Gilroy-Price/Buchanan:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The President thanked Executive members for the participation in the Planning Retreat and wished everyone a safe trip home.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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