

Minutes

Provincial Executive Meeting

Monday, December 5, 2011

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

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Robert Rivard	President
	Jacque Field	Vice-President
	Floyd Martens	Vice-President
	Hugh Coburn	Past President
	Ken Cameron	Director Region #1
	Norbert VanDeynze	Director Region #2
	Cheryl Zelenitsky	Director Region #3
	Vaughn Wadelius	Director Region #4
	Cory Juan	Director Region #5
	Michel Boucher	Director Region #5
	Rita Hildahl	Director Region #6
	Carolyn Duhamel	Executive Director
	Heather Demetriooff	Associate Director
	George Coupland	Director Labour Relations
	Barb Unrau	Executive Assistant
	Andrea Kehler	Secretary

1.1 **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- Add:** 5.0 1. (a) Report on MSBA Aboriginal Education Committee meeting
(b) CMEC Aboriginal Education Forum
(c) Update on new music curriculum

Cameron/Juan:

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

1.2 **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Wadelius/Zelenitsky:

THAT the minutes of the Provincial Executive meeting held November 14, 2011, be approved as circulated.

Carried

4.0 FOR ACTION/DECISION

1. Recommendation of the Joint Committee on Staff Compensation (in-camera).

Discussion deferred until 11:30 a.m.

Zelenitsky/Hildahl:

THAT the Executive move in-camera at 11:40 a.m. to discuss personnel issues.

Carried

Wadelius/Hildahl:

THAT the Executive move out of camera at 11:55 a.m.

Carried

Juan/Zelenitsky:

THAT the recommendation of the Joint Executive and Staff Compensation Committee be approved.

Carried

2. Draft Agenda for 2012 January Regional Meetings.

The Executive reviewed the proposed agenda for the 2012 January regional meetings and made minor changes. Regional meeting packages will be sent to all school boards prior to the Christmas break.

3. Proposed Executive resolutions for 2012 AGM.

- (a) Proposed amendment to By-Law #4 (12.)

Executive officers and staff reported that during a number of board visits concerns were raised regarding defeated resolutions that continue to be brought forward to convention.

- any change in the process would require a by-law amendment
- by-law amendment wording was presented
- Executive members suggested minor changes to the by-law amendment

- (b) MSBA membership fees

VanDeynze/Wadelius:

THAT the proposed amendment to By-Law #4 and the proposed membership fee resolution go forward as Executive resolutions to the 2012 AGM.

Carried

4. Committee appointments.

Juan/VanDeynze:

THAT the following committee appointments be approved:

- (a) **Resolutions and Policy Committee: *Peter Kotyk, River East Transcona S.D. be appointed to replace Samantha Cole, Turtle Mountain S.D. on the MSBA Resolutions and Policy Committee.***
- (b) **Pension Committee: *Ken Cameron, Rolling River S.D. be appointed to replace Doug Carnes, Brandon School Division on the MSBA Pension Plan for Non-Teacher Employees.***

Carried

5.0 FOR DISCUSSION

1. Matters arising from Executive/Staff activity reports.

(a) Aboriginal Education Committee update

Committee member Jacquie Field and Executive Director Carolyn Duhamel commented on the MSBA Aboriginal Education Committee meeting held November 29, 2012.

- began planning the National Trustees Gathering to be held in Winnipeg, June 13-15, 2012 at Inn at the Forks
- hired Planners Plus to work with the committee to plan this event
- proposed theme: the notion of walking in two worlds – gaining a better understanding about what public schools can do to ensure aboriginal students are as successful as non-aboriginal students
- proposed structure: Wednesday evening, all day Thursday, Thursday night banquet, half day Friday
 - Wednesday evening focused on “adults”
 - motivational speaker
 - sharing circle/story telling
 - welcome reception
 - Thursday focused on “students”
 - student panel
 - off-site visits in the afternoon
 - banquet - possibly off-site at Fort Gibraltar
 - Friday morning focused on how to ensure an aboriginal voice in public education

(b) CMEC Aboriginal Education Forum in Winnipeg, December 1-3, 2011

President Robert Rivard and Executive Director Carolyn Duhamel attended this forum and shared some of the highlights.

- excellent workshops and panel presentations
- high profile people in attendance (Paul Martin, Lloyd Axworthy, Kevin Chief)
- partnership (of equals) and extensive collaboration was seen as essential
- funding continues to be an issue
- changing public attitude was seen as the biggest challenge

(c) Music education curriculum

MSBA's representative on the Arts Education Committee, Jacquie Field reported that a new music curriculum is being implemented in K-8 and the Department is working on a 9-12 curriculum.

- most boards don't have the funds to make the capital investment necessary to implement these programs (much like the earlier science and physical education curricula)
- consider working with MASBO to develop a survey to gather information regarding needs in this area, eg infrastructure, supplies, staffing, etc. to implement the new arts curriculum
- share these concerns with our partner organizations
- request MSBA representatives to raise these concerns at the next Inter-organizational Curriculum Advisory Committee (ICAC) meeting
- contact Seine River School Division which has already done an analysis of its needs related to the new music curriculum
- perhaps the Executive could develop an Executive resolution requesting additional categorical funding to implement the new arts curriculum and bring all boards up to a minimum standard

2. 2012-2013 MSBA budget

- Proposed budget 2012-2013
- Revised summary of member fees paid to MSBA (net of claim payouts)

Executive members expressed appreciation of the way the budget documents are presented and the detailed explanation provided by the Manager of Finance and Administration, Kelly Henderson.

Wadeluis/Cameron:

THAT the 2012 draft budget be approved for circulation to member boards in the January regional meeting agenda package.

Carried

3. Draft position description for Governance Education Services Consultant position.

Executive members reviewed the draft position description and requested clarification around requirement of extensive technological skills and impact on workload of current MSBA staff with the addition of this position.

At this point the Executive moved back in the agenda to item 4.0 (1.)

4. Report on board visits to date:
 - November 15 – Hanover S.D.

President Robert Rivard, Region #3 Director Cheryl Zelenitsky and Associate Director Heather Demetriooff attended the board visit with Hanover School Division. Issues discussed included

- challenges of increasing enrolment
- succession planning at MSBA
- defeated resolutions that keep coming back to convention
- connectivity issues – lack of access to broad band internet

5. CSBA update.

The President reported that the Managing Director of CSBA, Andrea Prupas is resigning to work with the Ministry of Education in Quebec.

- CSBA has begun the recruitment process to fill this vacancy
- the Alberta President has taken a leave of absence for 6 months to run in the provincial election so it is unclear whether Alberta will reconsider its decision to withdraw from CSBA
- the CSBA presence at CMEC Aboriginal Education Forum was good
- British Columbia and Alberta had planned to co-host the CSBA Congress 2013
 - if Alberta withdraws it will be financially difficult for British Columbia to host this event on its own

The Executive suggested that the President give trustees an update on CSBA at the 2012 MSBA regional meetings.

6. Nominating Committee

Chair of the Nominating Committee, Past President Hugh Coburn gave the Executive an update on the status of nominations for the 2012 MSBA convention. The second call for nominations will take place at January regional meetings.

7. Committee group conference calls.

The Executive Director reported that she had conducted a round of conference call meetings with MSBA representatives serving on “like” committees. There were four groupings: Curriculum, Special Needs, Student Welfare, and University Committees.

- overall these discussions were well received by trustee representatives
- most committee members were able to participate
- trustees found it useful to see the connection between their committees and others
- it was helpful to clarify the process of how to get feedback from MSBA to take to their respective committee meetings

- it was helpful for MSBA to see the divisional distribution of trustees on its external committees
- since the university committees meet infrequently, trustee representatives are frustrated and unclear of what is expected of them as MSBA representatives
- will continue to connect with committee representatives in the future

6.0 **EMERGENT ISSUES**

1. Provincial response to PCAP (Pan Canadian Assessment Program) results.

The President reported that the Presidents of the partner organizations were invited to a meeting with the Minister to be briefed on the PCAP results. Executive Directors received their own briefing. The President and Executive Director reported on their respective meetings.

- raw scores aren't significantly different from 3 years ago, however, other provinces have made better headway
- our gradient is flatter but lower than other provinces
- partners are acknowledging deficiencies and are willing to work to make improvements
- Minister will convene regular meetings (every two months) with partner Presidents and separately with partner Executive Directors
- need to find out what other jurisdictions did to improve students success
- this situation actually provides MSBA with a wonderful opportunity to focus on student learning and achievement – we need to encourage boards to do the same

Region #2 Director, Norbert VanDeynze excused himself from the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

The Executive Director advised Executive she and the Associate Director are recommending that we use our April 27, 2012 Professional Development session in Brandon to hold a community forum (similar to the one done in Quebec) to look at what we need to do to keep kids in school and to ensure they are successful.

In a recent meeting with Deputy Minister Gerald Farthing, the Executive Director asked if Manitoba Education might consider co-sponsoring this forum. Mr. Farthing seemed receptive to the idea and would discuss it with the Minister. The Executive Director will contact the QESBA to seek additional information about a similar event held in that province in recent months.

Past President, Hugh Coburn excused himself from the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

8.0 **INFORMATION REPORTS (Printed)**

- (a) Executive/Staff Reports
 1. President
 2. Vice-President(s)
 3. Past President

4. Directors
 - (a) Region #4 Director requested feedback from Executive and administration on
 - the status of the resolution submitted by Kelsey School Division
 - participation of the student member of the Kelsey School Division at MSBA sponsored events
 - by-election in the Kelsey School Division
 5. Executive Director
 6. Associate Director
 7. Strategic Priorities update
- (b) Correspondence (PRINTED)
- (c) Correspondence (Sent via e-mail December 2, 2011)
1. November 18, 2011, Winnipeg School Division, re *Managing Demographic Transitions in Manitoba Public Schools* (see Winnipeg School Division guidelines in “perusal” file)
 2. November 23, 2011, copy of Louis Riel School Division letter to the Minister, re class size.
- (d) Committee Minutes (Sent via e-mail December 2, 2011)
1. ICAC (Inter-organizational Curriculum Advisory Committee), September 21, 2011.
 2. CCFLS (Comité consultative en Français langue seconde), March 1, 2011 and May 4, 2011.
 3. Student Services Inclusive Education Committee, September 26, 2011.
- (e) Publications (FOR PERUSAL)
1. Manitoba Human Rights Commission, *MHR Connections*, November, 2011.
 2. Winnipeg School Division Properties Review Procedures

9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, January 12, 2012 – 9:00 a.m., MSBA office, (1/2 day budget meeting)
- Monday, February 6, 2012 – 9:00 a.m., MSBA office

Cameron:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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