

# Minutes

## Provincial Executive Meeting

### Monday, November 14, 2011

*UNOFFICIAL until approved by the Provincial Executive.*

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

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

**PRESENT:** Robert Rivard            President  
Jacquie 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

#### 1.1 **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Add: 4.0 (3.) Committee appointments - Class Size Oversight Committee

**Zelentisky/Cameron:**

**THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.**

**Carried**

#### 1.2 **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**Juan/Wadelius:**

**THAT the minutes of the Provincial Executive meeting held October 3, 2011, be approved as circulated.**

**Carried**

## 2.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 3.0 DELEGATIONS

## 4.0 FOR ACTION/DECISION

### 1. Recipient category for 2012 Presidents' Council Award

Last year the Executive discussed the possibility of establishing specific categories for the Presidents' Council Award.

- it was felt that it was difficult for non-educators to be selected for this award when nominated along with superintendents, principals, government officials, etc.
- many non-educators and community members provide critical service to students and student learning that goes beyond job descriptions or volunteer expectations and should be given equal opportunity to be recognized.

**VanDeynze/Cameron:**

**THAT the Presidents' Council Award be divided into two categories- Professional Educators, and Support Staff and Community Members and that nominations for this award be alternated annually.**

**Carried**

Given that last year's recipient of this award was a professional educator, in 2012 nominations will be received for **support staff and community members**. Call for nominations will go out the first week of December, 2011.

### 2. October 4, 2011 correspondence from Brandon S.D., re Bill 13

The Executive received a letter from Brandon S.D. requesting MSBA support related to Bill 13.

- the Executive agreed to add this item to the 2012 January regional meeting agenda for discussion, and
- will request a meeting with the Minister at her earliest convenience to seek clarification around Government expectations of school boards with regard to learning to age 18 and the class size reduction initiative.

Some Executive members reported that their boards had already made changes to their current policies around retention to age 18 in order to comply with the new regulations.

3. Committee appointments
  - (a) Aboriginal Education Committee

**Wadelius/Juan:**

**THAT *Jacque Field, Pembina Trails S.D. and Marion Pearson, Frontier S.D.* be re-appointed to the Aboriginal Education Committee for a second two-year term.**

**Carried**

- (b) Class Size oversight committee.

The Executive Director reported that Minister Allan had requested that partner organization representatives who served on the Report Card Oversight Committee be appointed to the pending Class Size Oversight committee.

**Cameron/VanDynze:**

**THAT *Wayne Ruff, Louis Riel S.D. and Bert Skogan, Lord Selkirk S.D.* be appointed as MSBA representatives to the Minister's Class Size Oversight Committee.**

**Carried**

6. Apprenticeship Consultation.

The Executive Director reported that MSBA and other partner organizations have been invited to participate in a consultation process to provide feedback on proposed apprenticeship strategic priorities for 2012-2013, one of which is *Youth Involvement and Engagement*.

The consultations will take the form of a panel discussion aimed at soliciting comments and suggestions regarding the role of apprenticeship within the public school system.

It was agreed that an e-mail be sent to all school boards inviting trustees who have an interest and expertise in the area of apprenticeship to represent the association on this panel. MSBA has been invited to send 2-3 representatives.

## **5.0 FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Matters arising from Ex/Staff Activity Report

- (a) Proposed revisions to principals' certificates.

MSBA's representative on the Teacher Education and Certification committee, Jacque Field, requested feedback from Executive members on proposed recommendations regarding principal certification.

Executive members shared their views on the proposed recommendations. Ms Field will share Executive feedback with members of TECC at its meeting December 19, 2011.

2. 2012-2013 MSBA budget

➤ Proposed budget 2012-2013

The Manager of Finance and Administration, Kelly Henderson, joined the meeting to review the revised budget for 2012-2013. Further to feedback received from Executive members on the proposed budget at the October meeting, she was able to reduce the proposed membership fee increase by spreading the cost of hiring a new Education Services Director over a 4 year period.

- the Executive requested that a draft position description for the Education Services Consultant be prepared for the December Executive meeting and distributed in the regional meeting packages along with the budget documents
- the Manager of Finance and Administration was asked to separate normal operating increases from the cost of the new staff position
- a request was made to provide an explanation of the 8% membership fee cap for the budget presentation at January regional meetings

➤ Financial statements as at September 30 and October 31, 2011

The Executive reviewed the financial statements for September 30 and October 31.

➤ Summary of fees paid to MSBA (net of claim payouts) June 2010-July 2011

A spreadsheet showing fees paid by member school boards and net claim payouts for June 2010-July 2011 was shared with Executive members. It was suggested that a summary report be prepared for each individual school board.

2. Policy development, re compensation philosophy

**Wadelius/Coburn:**

**THAT the Executive move in-camera to discuss personnel matters at 11:35 a.m.**

**Carried**

**VanDeynze/Juan :**

**THAT the Executive move out of camera at 12:25 p.m.**

**Carried**

3. Report on board visits to date:

- October 5 – Evergreen S.D.
- October 24 – Kelsey S.D.
- October 25 – Flin Flon S.D.
- October 27 – Park West S.D.
- November 1 – River East Transcona S.D.

Executive officers shared with Executive members discussions that have taken place at recent board visits. Some of these topics included:

- technical vocational education in light of Bill 13
- managing demographic transitions in Manitoba public schools
- establishment of an MSBA Education Services Director
- shortage of bus drivers
- teachers on permits
- teacher assistants
- interpretation of Bill 13
- cap on class size
- bargaining process
- TIG
- representation on MSBA Executive
- loss of local autonomy
- providing professional development opportunities for trustees through the internet or DVD

Region 4 Director, Vaughn Wadelius reported that Kelsey School Division has recently added a student member to the board. While she will be a non-voting member, she will provide valuable input into discussions related to student learning.

4. Report on CSBA Board of Directors meeting.

The President and Vice-President, Floyd Martens (as an observer), attended the CSBA Board of Directors meeting in Calgary on October 15.

- felt that CSBA is making headway in its effort to clarify goals and objectives for the organization into the future
- current priorities include: aboriginal education, mental health issues, and 21st century learning
- believe the Alberta School Boards Association may reconsider its withdrawal from CSBA
- are looking at expanding membership to outside organizations and offering associate memberships
- continue to meet with the Council of Minister of Education Canada
- talked about teacher recruitment and retention
- are meeting with Aboriginal Affairs Canada

5. Report on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Leadership Forum.

Vice-President, Floyd Martens represented MSBA at the 21st Century Learning Leadership Forum held in Banff, Alberta October 13-14. He reported that a number of associations from across the country were invited to the forum along with representatives from business and government. It was an excellent conference and highlighted the need for dramatic changes in the way education is delivered in the 21st century.

He noted that some provinces appear to be far ahead of Manitoba with regard to educational reform and that this is an issue for further consideration amongst Manitoba's education stakeholders.

## **6.0 EMERGENT ISSUES**

1. Quebec Public School Boards, re Budget-cut proposal.

Executive members were alerted to an article printed in the Montreal Gazette, October 22 which calls for a review of the mandate and responsibilities of school boards to generate savings in the area of \$100 million a year over three years. The money saved would go directly to schools.

The Executive Director indicated that it is important for school boards to be aware of what is going on in other provinces and the ripple effect it could have in our province.

## **8.0 INFORMATION REPORTS (Printed)**

- (a) Executive/Staff Reports

1. President

In addition to his written report, the President commented on

- his attendance at another Government announcement on class size and his subsequent participation on Richard Cloutier's talk show on the same subject
- his attendance at the MTS launch of the Canadian Teachers Federation book – *The Voice of Canadian Teachers on Teaching and Learning*, on November 3.

2. Vice-President(s)
3. Past President
4. Directors

- Region 6 Director, Rita Hildahl reported that
  - the MERN event she had planned to attend on November 10 was cancelled
  - participants at the October 31st Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg and Social Planning Council event hoped to hold Government accountable for their commitment to reduce child poverty in this country
- Executive received a report of the Region 5 & 6 Networking Meeting – the report will be sent to Board Chairs in the region

5. Executive Director

In addition to her written report, the Executive Director reported that she had attended her last meeting as a member of the Canadian Education Association.

She expressed her sincere appreciation to Executive members for the opportunity be involved in this organization over the past 9 years. She felt it was a tremendous learning experience and that Manitoba school boards received a benefit as a result of her involvement - at least 5 Manitoba school divisions are involved in the *What Did You Do In School Today* project.

6. Associate Director
- (b) Correspondence (PRINTED)
- (c) Correspondence (Sent via e-mail)
- (d) Committee Minutes (Sent via e-mail)
- (e) Publications (FOR PERUSAL)
  1. Canadian Education Association, *Education Canada*, Fall 2011.
  2. New Brunswick Canada, *Government Renewal: Discussion Paper*, September 2011.
  3. Manitoba Human Rights Commission, *MHR Connections*, September 2011.
  4. Saskatchewan School Boards Association, *The School Trustee*, October 2011.
  5. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, *ASCD Manitoba; Journal Reflections*, Summer 2011.
  6. Ontario Public School Boards Association, *Education Today*, Fall 2011.
  7. Power point presentation – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Leadership Forum.

## 9.0 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, December 5, 9:00 a.m. MSBA Office.

**Coburn/Cameron:**

**THAT the meeting be adjourned.**

**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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