



Maskwacis Education Schools Commission

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MESC Board of Governors Meeting

January 18, 2022

MESC Governance and Training Centre

Google Meet- meet.google.com/bwi-hmvz-ywq

Chairperson: Dr. Shauna Bruno
Board Members: John Nepoose, Jerry Saddleback Jr (left 5:22pm), Tamara Wildcat, Allison Adams-Bull, Councillor Chase McDougall, Helen Bull, Chief Irvin Bull, Chief Wilton Littlechild, Councillor Tyler Makinaw, Randal Potts (joined 5:10pm)
Staff: Brian Wildcat, Tracy Sylvester, Keith MacQuarrie
Guests: Matthew Wildcat
Recorder: Jenn Nepoose

1. Meeting called to order 3:15pm

Opening prayer by John Nepoose

2. Adopt agenda

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

Discussion:

- a. Add First Nations Education Conference
- b. Remove Circle of Elders update. No meeting in January. .

Decision: Moved by Jerry Saddleback Jr, seconded by Tamara Wildcat.

3. Adopt minutes

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

Discussion:

- a. Update on tasks assigned in December.
- b. Grant contract for study on school aged children to a Maskwacis member.
- c. Task finance and audit committee to discuss options for consideration for off-reserve student funding.

Decision: Moved by Randal Potts, seconded by Tamara Wildcat, all in favour.

4. Ownership linkage

a. COVID Response Update

Presenter: Brian Wildcat

Discussion:

- i. Review staff vaccination stats.
- ii. Ordering HEPA filters for the schools and administration buildings.
- iii. Will have rapid tests available for the Board members. Can take a test before the meetings to return to in-person meetings.
- iv. Concerns with students going to school sick.



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- v. Recommendation to continue with vaccination campaign.

5. Board Education, Presentations and Discussion

a. Maskwacis Rules of Order

Presenter: Matthew Wildcat

Discussion:

- i. Will conduct research and develop a custom rules of order for the Board.
- ii. Review methodology and 5 focus areas.
- iii. Aiming to have a draft document ready for the March Board meeting.
- iv. Can host the interviews online.
- v. Discussion on terminology and process for passing motions and building consensus.
- vi. Robert's rules are not always effective, Maskwacis has unique structures.
- vii. Discussion on time allocations and responsibility of tracking time.
- viii. Equal process for chairing. Making sure all Board members have necessary information.
- ix. Appointment slots will be emailed out.

b. Jr./Sr. High School Realignment

Presenter: Brian Wildcat and Keith MacQuarrie

Discussion:

- i. Review update on project and review implementation plan.
- ii. Suggestion to have a send off/unity ceremony. Promote health, wellbeing, ceremony and unity.
- iii. Discussion on the policy for naming schools.
- iv. Can update the Board monthly.

c. Joint Board meeting with WRPS/WCPS/STAR

Presenter: Brian Wildcat

Discussion:

- i. There is interest from STAR. Will be meeting with Peter Barron to draft an agenda and will send it to WRPS and WCPS.
 - 1. ESA agreements and procedure for reporting results
 - 2. Maskwacis Trustee selections
 - 3. Discuss discrimination and inequality in schools
 - 4. TRC
 - 5. MESC core values
- ii. Look at late February or March for the joint meeting.
- iii. Can prepare a profile report on surrounding schools and Maskwacis students.

d. Treaty Board Game

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

Discussion:

- i. Chief Wilton Littlechild, Councillor Tyler Makinaw, Councillor Mario Swampy and Tamara Wildcat will take a prototype to provide feedback.

e. Board term and transition

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

Discussion:



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- i. Vacancies for the Board of Governors will be posted on February 1st. The selection committee will meet in March to select the new Board.
- ii. The Circle of Elders term is up as well.
- iii. Suggestion to review the Circle of Elders terms of reference.

6. Items for decision

a. First Nations Education Conference

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

Discussion:

- i. February 2-3, 2022. Educators from Treaty 6, 7 and 8.
- ii. Dr. Wilton Littlechild will be a keynote speaker.
- iii. Registration fee is \$150/attendee.

Decision: Dr. Wilton Littlechild has abstained as he is a keynote speaker. Motion 145 passed, Board will attend virtual conference.

7. Monitoring Board Performance

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

Discussion:

a. GP-5: Role of the Board Chair (CGO)- Content Review

- i. Review policy.
- ii. No changes

b. GP-14: Special Rules of Order- Direct inspection

- i. Typo correction to 6.
- ii. No changes or requests for supporting documentation.

c. GP-15: Handling of Operational Complaints- Content Review

- i. No changes.

d. EL: General Executive Constraint - Content review

- i. Have elders explain Pahstahowin at the orientation for the new Board.
- ii. No changes.

e. GP-9: Code of Conduct - Direct inspection

- i. Discussion on terminology. "Shall" is a mandatory term.
- ii. Amendment to 3.2 to include "by leaving the room".
- iii. Add "Disclosure of conflict" as a regular item to monthly meetings.
- iv. No requests for supporting documentation.

f. GP-16: Handling of Apparent Policy Violations - Content Review

- i. No changes.

g. BMD-2: Accountability of the Superintendent - Content review

- i. No changes.

8. Other Business

- a. January 6th the official launch of the United Nations decade on Indigenous Languages was held. Monitor and set targets for Cree speakers at MESC schools.
 - i. Make a post on the MESC FaceBook.
- b. Raise the importance of the Maskwacis constitution with students.



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- c. Discussion on creating a language act.
- d. Review MESC documents to ensure they reflect Maskwacis laws, acts and constitutions.
- e. Discussion on outcomes in the Maskwacis curriculum and Alberta Education equivalency.

9. Adjourn 6:53 pm

10. In camera

Dr. Shauna Bruno - Chairperson

Date