



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	February 14, 2023
START TIME:	11:36 am
END TIME:	4:20 pm
LOCATION:	MESC Governance and Training Centre
CHAIRPERSON:	Dr. Shauna Bruno
MESC BOARD:	Debra Strongman-Omeasoo, John Nepoose, Councillor Mario Swampy, Azure Johnson, Carmella Cutknife, Councillor Chase McDougall, Allison Adams-Bull, Elliott Young (Google meet- joined 12:20pm. Absent for items 9.b. – 10. c), Ilene Cardinal-Nepoose (joined 12:58pm), Chief Randy Ermineskin (joined 1:36 pm), Helen Bull (Google Meet- joined 2:20 pm)
REGRETS:	
MESC STAFF:	Tracy Swampy-Sylvester, Brian Wildcat
RECORDER:	Jenn Nepoose

1. Miyoacimowin

TIME ALLOCATION:	N/A
PRESENTER(S):	Group
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ermineskin has passed a BCR designating the 15 acres near Rick Lightning's to MESC.- MESC students auditioning for a feature film.

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

TIME ALLOCATION:	1 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Shauna Bruno has declared a conflict of interest with the National Indigenous Women's Gathering as she is a volunteer committee member.

3. Circle of Elder Board Representatives

TIME ALLOCATION:	2 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Oath of confidentiality- John Nepoose.

4. Ends Policies

TIME ALLOCATION:	1 hour
PRESENTER(S):	Brian Wildcat
REFERENCE DOC:	"5. Ends Policies"
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review of Ends policies and focus conversations.- Monitoring reports will identify the means to achieve the policy.



- Global End
 - Request a statement from Richard to provide an operational definition for “a cost justified by the results”.
 - Discussion on means to achieve the global ends.
 - Suggestion to prepare for negotiations on MESC agreements as early as 2024.
 - **Consensus that policy is still relevant and no changes to be made.**
- Cree Life and Identity
 - Suggestion to reword 3 to read “Students demonstrate a proficiency in Cree” or “Students speak Cree”
 - Create achievable goals.
 - Comment of caution to lowering the standard and expectations with Cree language.
 - Short-term and long-term goals will be created to achieve goals.
 - Consider using another term rather than “fluent” that describes the expected level of achievement that is reasonable.
 - Review means provided in the monitoring report to adjust long term objectives and identify resources to achieving goals.
 - Discussion on feasibility of a Cree immersion school.
 - Discussion on working towards Cree being the first language in all MESC schools rather than focusing on 1 Cree immersion school. Admin can research to possibility of a Cree immersion school.
 - Request for evidence in the schools that support Cree language.
 - Need an aggressive approach to teaching Cree.
 - **Consensus that policy is still relevant and no changes to be made.**
- Rates of Graduating Students
 - Discussion on students with disabilities. Councillor Laurie Buffalo was involved in a study that may be a resource for MESC.
 - Request to change the wording of “special needs”.
 - Trades are included in the first statement.
 - **Consensus to change number 3 to read “Student with diverse needs reach their potential”**
- Academic Success
 - Need to address the learning loss from disruptions in instruction during COVID.
 - Add “who” to the first statement.
 - Clarification on “creative” and the interpretation that it applies to the delivery of curriculum.
 - **Consensus to add a fourth statement to include creative arts. “Students are able to express themselves in creative arts”**
- Healthy Lifestyles
 - Bullying and harassment is addressed in EL-1.



- **Consensus to reword number 5 to “Students can access mental health supports and know how to access the supports”.**

5. Adopt Agenda

TIME ALLOCATION:	2 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Request to provide monthly financial reports. Summarize amendments monthly.- Table WRPS Hockey Program until more information is provided by WRPS.
DECISION:	Moved by Debra Strongman-Omeasoo, seconded by Allison Adams-Bull, all in favour.

6. Adopt January 17, 2023 meeting minutes

TIME ALLOCATION:	5 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	“7. A. January 17, 2023 meeting notes”
DECISION:	Moved by Allison, seconded by Azure, all in favour.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Board education<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Review the quarterly report.○ Reminder for Nation reps to request a meeting with their Chief and Council. Inform Shauna of meeting dates.○ Prepare orientation for Louis Bull and Samson following their elections.○ Review the executive summary with the leadership. Request for areas to report on in the next quarterly report from Chief and Council.- Board is registered for Nehiyawatsiwn conference. Rooms have been reserved.

7. Ownership Linkage

a. Update from Circle of Elders

TIME ALLOCATION:	15 min
PRESENTER(S):	John Nepoose and Helen Bull
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Selected the Board and committee members.- Revised the Circle of Elders meeting structure. Will be more involved in the schools. Doing school visits March – June.- Discussed protocol practices, when to purchase and how to store.- Elders were invited to ice fishing trip and the parent conference.- Discussed in appropriate use of language in the schools.

8. Board Education, Presentations and Discussion

a. Superintendent Evaluation Report

TIME ALLOCATION:	30 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno



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REFERENCE DOC:	“9. A. Superintendent evaluation report” and “9. B. Superintendent evaluation report attachment”
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tracy has demonstrated excellent leadership in the mid-term evaluation presentation.- Feedback and recommendations were given to Tracy for the year end evaluation.- Request for in depth financial report in the year-end evaluation.
b. First Nations Education Conference Report	
TIME ALLOCATION:	15 min
PRESENTER(S):	Board of Governors
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ilene Cardinal-Nepoose, Councillor Chase McDougall, Carmella Cutknife, and Elliott Young did not attend.- Consensus that the conference provided valuable information.- Round table discussion on takeaways.<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Alberta Sovereignty act is concerning.o Reflection on MESC’s actions in comparison to topics of the keynote speakers. MESC has advanced in certain areas.o National Resources Transfer Act will be held in Maskwacis in May or June.
c. WRPS Hockey Program	
TIME ALLOCATION:	15 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	- TABLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

9. Items for Decision

a. Canadian National School Board Association National Gathering	
TIME ALLOCATION:	10 min
PRESENTER(S):	Allison Adams-Bull
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	- Approve PD for the Board. July 3-5 in Banff.
DECISION:	Motion 174: CSBA 2023. Moved by Allison Adams-Bull, seconded by Ilene Cardinal-Nepoose.
b. National Indigenous Women’s Gathering	
TIME ALLOCATION:	5 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- MESC had donated in the past and registered for participation.- Event is organized by MCC.- Venue is in Calgary at the Sheraton Caviller. Registration is \$795, includes 2-night stay and meals.
DECISION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Motion 175: NIWG 2023 donation. Moved by Allison Adams-Bull, seconded by Debra Strongman-Omeasoo.- Motion 176: NIWG 2023 registration. Moved by Ilene Cardinal-Nepoose, seconded by John Nepoose.
c. Ownership Linkage Committee Meeting Date	
TIME ALLOCATION:	5 min



PRESENTER(S):	Jenn Nepoose
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	- Review of format for the Ohpikinahawasiwin conference.
DECISION:	February 22, 2023, 9:00 am – 10:00 am on Google Meet

10. Monitoring Board Performance

a. EL-6 Monitoring Report

TIME ALLOCATION:	30 min
PRESENTER(S):	Tracy Swampy-Sylvester
REFERENCE DOC:	“11. A. EL-6 Monitoring Report (REVISED)”
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review monitoring report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Request to report on interest earned monthly and year to date reports. Would require a change to GP-4. Alternatively schedule an orientation to review financial conditions and summarize amendments to the agreements. o MESC does not pay tax. o Funds have been designated to capital projects and programming. o Application for grants is managed through the Business Services branch. o Have requested a draft audit by mid-June and final audit by July. - Review procedure for monitoring report worksheet moving forward.

ACTION ITEMS

ASSIGNED TO:	ACTION ITEM:	DEADLINE:
TRACY SWAMPY-SYLVESTER	Send proposed dates for financial review.	June 2023

b. Board Self-Evaluation

TIME ALLOCATION:	15 min
PRESENTER(S):	Board of Governors
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review results of the self-evaluation. - Need more orientation on finance. - Improvements on being prepared and understanding technology needed for Board involvement.

c. Amendment to Global Ends Policy

TIME ALLOCATION:	5 min
PRESENTER(S):	Brian Wildcat
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	- Review of proposed amendment, include statement reference to Treaty.
DECISION:	- Accepts amendment to policy

d. GP-7.3: Superintendent Compensation Committee TOR (Content Review)

TIME ALLOCATION:	5 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DECISION:	TABLED

e. GP-12: Board Linkage with Other Organizations (Direct Inspection)

TIME ALLOCATION:	5 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno



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DECISION:	TABLED