



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	October 10, 2023
START TIME:	1:06 pm
END TIME:	5:47 pm
LOCATION:	MESC Governance and Training Centre
CHAIRPERSON:	Dr. Shauna Bruno
MESC BOARD:	John Nepoose, Elliott Young, Azure Johnson, Debra Strongman-Omeasoo, Carmella Cutknife, Allison Adams-Bull (left 3:50pm) Councillor Jason Makinaw (arrived 1:35pm, left 4:38pm), Izaiah Swampy-Omeasoo (arrived 4:08 pm, left 4:50 pm)
REGRETS:	Helen Bull
MESC STAFF:	Tracy Swampy-Sylvester
RECORDER:	Jenn Nepoose

### 1. Miyoacimowin

TIME:	5 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE	N/A
DOC:	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Maskwacis youth achievements; hockey and drumming contests.</li><li>- Request to inform Board of school events.</li></ul>

### 2. Adopt Agenda

TIME:	5 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE	N/A
DOC:	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Table curriculum update to the November Board meeting, the team needs internet access for their presentation.</li><li>- Table Google refresher to the November Board meeting, need access to internet.</li><li>- No conflicts of interest.</li></ul>
DECISION:	Moved by Azure Johnson, seconded by Carmella Cutknife, all in favour.

### 3. Adopt Minutes- September 12, 2023

TIME:	5 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE	N/A
DOC:	
DISCUSSION:	No business arising from minutes.
DECISION:	Moved by Elliott Young seconded by John Nepoose, all in favour.

### 4. Ownership Linkage

#### a. Update from Circle of Elders

TIME:	15 min
PRESENTER(S):	John Nepoose
REFERENCE	N/A
DOC:	
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- No in-person meeting for October. Next in-person meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>.</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Elders signed up for events at the schools throughout the month, review of events and who attended.</li> <li>- The circle will be attending the National Gathering of Elders October 3<sup>rd</sup> – November 2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>- Suggestion to include governance in the curriculum for programming. Open invitation to the Board to speak to classes about governance.</li> </ul>
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**b. Update from Circle of Parents**

TIME ALLOCATION:	15 min
PRESENTER(S):	Azure Johnson and Carmella Cutknife
REFERENCE	N/A
DOC:	
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Each school had a sign up sheet at meet the teacher night for PACs.</li> <li>- Have not had a circle of parents meeting yet.</li> <li>- Will have Belinda invite Azure and Carmella to the learning services meeting to collect information for parents.</li> <li>- Azure is helping with the paskwaw mostos harvest at MSS.</li> </ul>

**5. Items for Decision**

**a. Finance and Audit Committee Report**

TIME ALLOCATION:	15 min
PRESENTER(S):	Debbie Strongman-Omeasoo
REFERENCE	N/A
DOC:	
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussed the agreements and funding guidelines, eligible schools, and eligible students.</li> <li>- Recommendation from committee not to move forward with a donation to the Nations for funding Maskwacis students that live off-reserve. Those students do not meet requirements for eligible students, and it would be unethical to provide funding outside of guidelines set by the Maskwacis funding model.</li> <li>- The donation would require its own line item to be reported in the audit.</li> <li>- Admin will prepare information for leadership on how to address funding for Maskwacis students who live off reserve.</li> <li>- Will be meeting with companies that submit proposals for the audit in November.</li> <li>- Committee is recommending an amendment to GP 7.1 to select an auditor every 5 years.</li> <li>- Currently conducting a study on the number of students living off reserve that would require financial support for school fees and supplies.</li> <li>- Include clauses in the report to leadership that outline MESC's limitations and guidelines for funding.</li> <li>- In the report to the leadership include what resources would be required for MESC to manage the additional responsibility.</li> </ul>
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Amend GP 7.1 to identify selection of auditor every 5 years.</li> <li>- Tracy will meet with Allison to prepare the presentation and options for the leadership to consider when addressing funding for off-reserve funding.</li> <li>- The finance and audit committee will revisit the recommendation to the Board and present again at the November Board meeting.</li> <li>- <b>Motion</b> that the Board received and acknowledges the Finance and Audit Committee Report. Moved by Debra Strongman-Omeasoo, seconded by Azure Johnson, 5 in favour, Allison Adams-Bull abstains.</li> </ul>



**6. Monitoring Board Performance**

**A. EL-5: ASSET PROTECTION (CONTENT REVIEW)**

TIME ALLOCATION:	N/A
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	7.Monitoring Board Performance
DISCUSSION:	Policy is still relevant. No changes.

**B. EL-5: ASSET PROTECTION (MONITORING REPORT)**

TIME ALLOCATION:	N/A
PRESENTER(S):	Tracy Swampy-Sylvester
REFERENCE DOC:	Monitoring report title
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will provide information on internet outage and safety measures at the November Board meeting.</li> <li>- Tracy will follow up on back up for power outage.</li> </ul>

**BREAK FOR IN-CAMERA. RESUME AT 3:50 PM**

**C. BOARD SELF-EVALUATION**

TIME ALLOCATION:	1 hour
PRESENTER(S):	Brian Wildcat
REFERENCE DOC:	
DISCUSSION:	<p>Key features of the self-evaluation process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Questions about collaboration.</li> <li>- Implementing requirement to elaborate on evaluation.</li> </ul> <p>High point/low point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Question about the Ends policies was unclear.</li> <li>- Lack of follow up comments.</li> </ul> <p>What have you learned or important information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not all governors responded.</li> <li>- The evaluation is consistent.</li> <li>- The Board learns what areas can be improved on.</li> <li>- Need to get responses from the entire Board.</li> </ul> <p>The significance of the process has been...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A baseline has been established to grow from.</li> <li>- Can improve by acting towards areas that require improvement.</li> <li>- Ability to see progress and where the Board can improve.</li> <li>- Identifying areas to grow.</li> </ul> <p>Suggestion to improve the process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Make the short answer for elaboration mandatory.</li> <li>- Make the evaluation mandatory for all Board Governors.</li> </ul> <p>Next steps, how the evaluation will be conducted moving forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create a custom survey for ex-officio to reflect limited powers on the Board.</li> <li>- Conduct the self-evaluation bi-annually in December and June of each year.</li> <li>- Conduct a 360 evaluation in June.</li> </ul>

**D. EL-11: CURRICULUM (CONTENT REVIEW)**

TIME ALLOCATION:	N/A
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	
DISCUSSION:	- Policy is still relevant, no changes

**E. EL-11: CURRICULUM (MONITORING REPORT)**



Maskwacis Education Schools Commission

Box 58

Maskwacis, AB, T0C 1N0

TIME ALLOCATION:	1 hour
PRESENTER(S):	Tracy Swampy-Sylvester
REFERENCE DOC:	
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Description of the integrated programs will be shared once they are approved by the executive.</li><li>- Consider focusing the policy to guide curriculum in the future.</li><li>- Will be meeting with Alberta education to have the Maskwacis curriculum recognized.</li></ul>

#### F. GP-1: GOVERNING STYLE (CONTENT REVIEW)

TIME ALLOCATION:	N/A
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Policy is still relevant, no changes.</li></ul>

#### G. GP-7.2: OWNERSHIP LINKAGE COMMITTEE TOR- INTERNAL REPORT

TIME ALLOCATION:	N/A
PRESENTER(S):	Committee
REFERENCE DOC:	
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Tabled to November Board meeting.</li></ul>

### 7. Board Education, Presentations, and Discussion

#### A. DOG SAFETY

TIME ALLOCATION:	10 min
PRESENTER(S):	Jenn Nepoose and Tracy Swampy-Sylvester
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Creating a dog safety program to present in each school.</li><li>- Involved in the Samson community safety planning meeting.</li><li>- Working with MHS and MCTC to devise plan on addressing the dog issue.</li><li>- Principals will send pictures and reports of incidents to the OH&amp;S Coordinator.</li><li>- A committee will be created to discuss options for addressing the issue.</li></ul>

#### B. 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

TIME ALLOCATION:	10 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Table to the November Board meeting.</li></ul>

#### C. LEARNING SERVICES RESTRUCTURE

TIME ALLOCATION:	20 min
PRESENTER(S):	Tracy Swampy-Sylvester
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The curriculum team has been moved under the Superintendent's Office.</li><li>- The Principals are reporting to Sharon Currie, Associate Superintendent of Learning Services.</li></ul>