



MESC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	February 13, 2024
START TIME:	1:00 pm
END TIME:	4:20 pm
LOCATION:	MESC Governance and Training Centre
CHAIR:	Dr. Shauna Bruno
MESC BOARD:	Elliott Young, Helen Bull, Ilene Cardinal-Nepoose, Debra Strongman-Omeasoo, John Nepoose, Carmella Cutknife, Azure Johnson (arrived 1:20pm), Jason Makinaw (arrived 1:45pm), Allison Adams-Bull (arrived 1:55pm)
REGRETS:	Azure Johnson (late), Allison Adams-Bull(late)
MESC STAFF:	Tracy Swampy-Sylvester
RECORDER:	Jenn Nepoose

1. MIYOWÂCIMOWIN

TIME:	10 min
PRESENTER(S):	Group
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Elders tea on Friday, impressed with fluency of a student's Cree.- Met with MCC to build relationships and partnership.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

TIME:	5 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	"1. February 13, 2024 Board Agenda"
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Remove counselling support at Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit from the agenda. A report will be emailed to the Board.
DECISION	Moved by Debra Strongman-Omeasoo, seconded by Elliott Young, all in favour.

3. ADOPT JANUARY 9, 2024 MEETING NOTES

TIME:	15 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	"2. January 9, 2024 Board notes"
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No business arising from minutes.
DECISION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Moved by Carmella Cutknife, seconded by Ilene Cardinal-Nepoose, all in favour.

4. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

A. Update From Circle of Elders

TIME:	40 min
PRESENTER(S):	John Nepoose, Helen Bull and Belinda Lightning
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Interest from the Circle of Elders to attend a Board meeting.- Expressed need for Maskwacis Elders to get involved in the schools and share the way of life with students.- Kohkoms and Mosoms war against drugs walk in Montana.- Review of events the elders participated in this month.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elders would like to see the agenda for the summit beforehand and be involved in the planning of the event. - Request to host a leadership workshop for the Circle of Elders. - Discuss at the next Circle of Elders meeting how many elders are willing to participate at the schools and meetings.
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B. Update From Circle of Parents

TIME ALLOCATION:	20 min
PRESENTER(S):	Azure Johnson and Carmella Cutknife
REFERENCE	N/A
DOC:	
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carmella spoke with Kisipatinahk School, Maskwacis Outreach School and Theresa C Wildcat Early Learning Centre regarding establishing their PAC. - A Circle of Parents meeting is scheduled for February 16th via Goggle Meet. - Planning on engaging with parents at drop off zones to encourage involvement. - Azure will collect school newsletters and distribute them to Maskwacis Chiefs and Councils. - Circle of Parents will participate at the open house on March 2nd. - A billboard will be designed to encourage parental involvement at the schools. - Comms is supporting the Circle of Parents with posters and “PAC next meeting date” cards.

C. Update from Louis Bull Chief and Council Meeting

TIME ALLOCATION:	20 min
PRESENTER(S):	Allison Adams-Bull and Jenn Nepoose
REFERENCE	N/A
DOC:	
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informed the leadership of the MESC Board policy review process. - Questions from leadership about elder involvement, school administration, language and inclusive education resources. - Next meeting will focus on curriculum, parental involvement and MESC strategic plan.

5. ITEMS FOR DECISION

A. Board Professional Development

TIME:	30 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE	N/A
DOC:	
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Negotiation training is in preparation for negotiation with ISC on the agreement. - Beneficial for all Board members to attend the negotiations training. - Look into the possibility of paying upfront for negotiation training in the 2023-24 year and attend the negotiation training in 2024-25. - Tracy and Jenn will attend the negotiations training. - Request for a focus on Treaty and TRC in the training. - Board members can decide not to attend any PD. - Consider how information from PD is used to improve the Boards function. - First Nations Educators Conference was beneficial, interest to attend in person next year. - CSBA is low priority as it does not align with MESC priorities.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendation to consider Hawaii International Conference on Education for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. - Discussion on benefits and previous push back on the Hawaii International Conference on Education. The Board will submit an abstract to present at the 2025 conference. - Discussion on the Board being aware of mental health to address situations. - Suggestion to meet with each Maskwacis child & family services organizations rather than a PD. Meeting with each will gain a better understanding of how Maskwacis supports children in care and how MESC can partner with them. - ISC offered funding for negotiations, may be able to take it off the PD budget.
DECISION:	<p>Motion No. 193 Official MESC Motion- 2023-2024 Board PD. Moved by Azure Johnson, seconded by Carmella Cutknife, all in favour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nehiyawatsiwin conference - Financial Literacy / Policy Governance / Treaty NO. 6 <p>Motion No. 194 Official MESC Motion- 2024-2025 Board PD. Moved by Debra Strongman-Omeasoo, seconded by Azure Johnson, all in favour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hawaii International Conference for Educators 2025.

6. MONITORING BOARD PERFORMANCE

A. EL-6: Investments, Content Review

TIME ALLOCATION:	10 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	"4. Monitoring Board Performance- policies EL-6 & GP-12"
DISCUSSION:	- Policy is still relevant, no changes.

B. GP-7.3: Superintendent Evaluation and Compensation Committee Terms Of Reference, Internal Report

TIME ALLOCATION:	10 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	"5. Monitoring Board Performance- evaluation report"
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee met on January 31st and February 4th to complete the Superintendent evaluation. - Review of committee report. - No questions or comments from the Board.

DECISION:	Motion No. 195 Official MESC Motion- 2023-24 Superintendent Evaluation. Moved by John Nepoose, seconded by Azure Johnson, all in favour.
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C. GP-12: Board Linkage With Other Organizations, Content Review

TIME ALLOCATION:	10 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	"4. Monitoring Board Performance- policies EL-6 & GP-12"
DISCUSSION:	- Policy is still relevant, no changes.

D. EL-6: Investments, Monitoring Report Worksheet

TIME ALLOCATION:	10 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	"6. Monitoring Report EL-6.02.13.2024"
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bank statements can be used as data to show compliance. - 5 million is transferred into the line of credit every month. The fees and interest weigh themselves out. Request to check with the bank if fees are negotiable.

ACTION ITEMS

ASSIGNED TO:	ACTION ITEM:	DEADLINE:
TRACY	Follow up on LOC fees and explanation of portfolio maturity.	TBD



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7. Board Education, Presentations and Discussions

A. First Nations Educator Conference Update

TIME ALLOCATION:	10 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Azure Johnson, Carmella Cutknife, John Nepose, Councillor Jason Makinaw and Dr. Shauna Bruno attended.- Presentation by Gabor Mate validated parental involvement.- There was a discussion on bullying and approaching it with inclusion.- Helpful that sessions are recorded.- 2 Crees in a Pod were excellent emcees.- Sessions on 2 spirit was informative. Interest in getting more information for the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

ASSIGNED TO:	ACTION ITEM:	DEADLINE:
TRACY	Update on numeracy and literacy.	March 12/24