



## MESC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	June 11, 2024
START TIME:	1:10 pm
END TIME:	5:15 pm
LOCATION:	MESC Governance and Training Centre
CHAIR:	Dr. Shauna Bruno
MESC BOARD:	Elliott Young, Ilene Cardinal-Nepoose, John Nepoose, Debra Strongman-Omeasoo, Azure Johnson, Carmella Cutknife (Google Meet), Allison Adams-Bull (Google Meet), Councillor Clainia Potts (Google Meet), Councillor Jason Makinaw (joined 2:00 pm)
REGRETS:	
MESC STAFF:	Tracy Swampy-Sylvester
RECORDER:	Jenn Nepoose

### 1. MIYOWACIMOWIN

TIME:	5 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	"1. June 11, 2024 Agenda"
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- MESC Grad was well organized and great speech from the student representative.</li><li>- The high school hosted a pride walk on June 6<sup>th</sup>.</li></ul>

### 2. ADOPT AGENDA

TIME:	5 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	"1. June 11, 2024 Agenda"
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Add MCC letter of support update</li><li>- Table Audit committee report. Committee meeting is scheduled for late June.</li></ul>
DECISION	Moved by Azure Johnson, seconded by Debra Strongman-Omeasoo, all in favour.

### 3. ADOPT MAY 14, 2024 MEETING NOTES

TIME:	5 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	"2. May 14, 2024 Board meeting notes"
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- No business arising from the minutes.</li></ul>
DECISION	Moved by Azure Johnson, seconded by Elliott Young, all in favour.

### 4. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

#### A. UPDATE FROM CIRCLE OF ELDERS

TIME:	10 min
PRESENTER(S):	John Nepoose, Helen Bull and Belinda Lightning
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Presentation on how bears are handled in Banff National Park.</li><li>- Terri Awasis-Foureyes was seeking a Cree name for career development.</li><li>- Questions on how employees are compensated in regard to varying levels of education.</li></ul>



	- Elders forum is scheduled for August 1 <sup>st</sup> and the venue is yet to be determined.
<b>B. UPDATE FROM CIRCLE OF PARENTS</b>	
TIME ALLOCATION:	10 min
PRESENTER(S):	Azure Johnson and Carmella Cutknife
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Attended the Jr. High farewell. Spoke to some parents about PACs and encouraged them to join the Sr. High PAC in the fall.</li><li>- Concern from a parent regarding sending their student to Pigeon Lake School. MESC can provide transportation if they choose to send their student to Kisipatinahk School.</li><li>- Suggestion to host more family events in the schools.</li></ul>
DECISION	- Schedule a meeting with Montana Chief and Council to discuss the request for an outreach program in Montana.

## 5. ITEMS FOR DECISION

### A. JULY BOARD MEETING

TIME ALLOCATION:	5 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Recess for the month of July, with the exception of a special Board meeting in July to review the audit.</li></ul>
DECISION:	No. 197 Official MESC Motion- Summer recess 2024. Moved by Elliott Young, seconded by Debra Strongman-Omeasoo, all in favour. Motion carried.

## 6. MONITORING BOARD PERFORMANCE

TIME ALLOCATION:	30 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	3. a. Monitoring Board Performance Policies

### A. EL-8: COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO THE BOARD - CONTENT REVIEW

DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- All documents in 2.3 are in the Board shared drive.</li><li>- The PD session on Treaty still needs to be scheduled.</li><li>- The responsibility of the Board representative to schedule updates with the Maskwacis Chief and Council was intended to improve relationships between MESC and the leadership. Leadership has also requested to hear more contact from Nation representatives.</li><li>- Discussion on procedure to schedule update meetings with Chief and Council.</li></ul>
DECISION:	- No changes to the policy.

### B. GP: GLOBAL GOVERNANCE COMMITMENT - CONTENT REVIEW

DECISION	- No changes to the policy.
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### C. EL-4: FINANCIAL CONDITION AND ACTIVITIES - MONITORING REPORT

DISCUSSION:	- TABLED
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### D. EL-8: COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO THE BOARD - MONITORING REPORT

DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review of monitoring worksheet.</li><li>- The Superintendent update is helpful when making informed decisions.</li><li>- Need a process for follow up.</li></ul>
DECISION	- Report accepted.



## 7. BOARD EDUCATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND DISCUSSION

TIME ALLOCATION:	2 hours
<b>A. RESEARCH UPDATE</b>	
PRESENTER(S):	Grant Bruno
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suggestion to connect with Verna St. Denis regarding decolonization.</li> <li>- Tracy will help connect Grant with key MESC staff to continue to work together.</li> <li>- A copy of the research will be made available to the Board and MESC in July.</li> </ul>
<b>B. NEW HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE</b>	
PRESENTER(S):	Trina Vy
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The report has been finalized and will be sent to ISC.</li> <li>- Will follow up on the reason for a negative number in the children not in school report.</li> <li>- Registration numbers were compared from ISC to Nation membership lists and nominal roll for MESC and provincial schools.</li> <li>- Using projection of students in grade 9-12.</li> <li>- The land assigned for the high school in Ermineskin is not large enough to accommodate the spaces needed.</li> <li>- The Chiefs will need to be involved to meet with the Minister of Infrastructure.</li> </ul>
DECISION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The needs report will be submitted to ISC.</li> </ul>
<b>C. FINANCE UPDATE</b>	
PRESENTER(S):	Trina Vy
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What isn't spent in the school budget goes toward deferred revenue. Schools are advised to spend on what is needed throughout the year.</li> <li>- The executive will be discussing alternative scenarios on how each school is funded. Analyzing the results, capacity and resources at each school.</li> <li>- There was an increased number of custodial staff during COVID.</li> <li>- Laptops for graduates will be expensed from the student bursary budget.</li> <li>- Last year all board members were provided a supplement</li> </ul>
DECISION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No. 198 Official MESC Motion- Board bonus. Moved by John Nepoose, seconded by Carmella Cutknife, all in favour. Motion carried.</li> <li>- Special Board meeting July 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 1:30 pm at the MESC Governance and Training Centre.</li> </ul>

## 8. MCC LETTER OF SUPPORT

TIME:	5 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request for letter of support. Unclear on how the letter will be used.</li> <li>- MCC has moved to e-campus.</li> <li>- MCC requested to use a school to for evening classes.</li> <li>- Board is in support of the letter.</li> </ul>