



Maskwacis Education Schools Commission

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MESC Board of Governors Meeting

February 16, 2021

Google Meet

Chairperson: Dr. Shauna Bruno

Board Members: John Nepoose, Randal Potts, Tamara Wildcat, Dr. Wilton Littlechild, Allison Admas-Bull, Helen Bull, Councillor Mario Swampy, Chief Leonard Standingontheroad, Jerry Saddleback Jr., Councillor Tyler Makinaw (joined 3:35pm), Chief Irvin Bull (joined 4:00pm)

Staff: Brain Wildcat, Tracy Sylvester (left 4:00pm), Randy Risto

Recorder: Jenn Nepoose

1. Meeting called to order 3:05 pm

Opening prayer by John Nepoose

2. Adopt agenda

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

Discussion:

- a. Add Ermineskin Tax Law
- b. Add Board self-evaluation to monitoring Board performance

Decision: Moved by Allison Adams-Bull seconded by Tamara Wildcat, all in favour.

3. Adopt minutes

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno (5 min)

Review January 19, 2021 Board meeting notes

Decision: Moved by Tamara Wildcat seconded by Allison Adams-Bull, all in favour.

4. Ownership Linkage

a. COVID/Re-Entry Update

Presenter: Brian Wildcat

Discussion:

- i. Update on number of staff and students that have tested positive for COVID-19.
- ii. The at-home learning program for grade 7-9 will be discontinued and will start reintegrating approx 85 students into in-class learning on March 2nd.
- iii. MHS confirmed school staff will be prioritized for vaccinations.
- iv. Will be posting vaccine messaging on the billboards.
- v. Contacted to pilot a contract tracing project with AHS at no cost to MESC. Could have NSS or EJSH pilot the device. Students would wear either a bracelet or lanyard. The devices would track how often people are in contact with each other and for how long to research transmission in schools.
 1. Need to follow up on how the data will be used.
 2. Concerns on safety measures when devices will be distributed and returned.



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3. Will need parental consent.
4. Board will leave the decision with Brian whether or not MESC will participate.

b. Update from Circle of Elders

Presenter: Helen Bull and John Nepoose

Discussion:

- i. Elders requested more time to seek advice on the new presentation.
- ii. Will review the Circle of Elders handbook again before sending to the Board.
 1. Revised the definition of an Elder and will be adding a code of conduct.
- iii. Invite the circle of elders to the Board PD on Google Suite.
- iv. Create criteria for meeting in person based on vaccinations and numbers of active cases.
- v. The Board will join the March 3rd Circle of Elders meeting virtually.

5. Items for decision

a. OHE School Donation

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

Discussion: Base the donation on criteria of student involvement or an exchange program. Students would benefit from shared experiences on language preservation and revitalization.

Decision: Motion No. 132- Donation to OHE

6. Board Education, Presentations, and Discussion

a. Debrief from provincial meeting

Presenter: Brian Wildcat

Discussion:

- i. Receiving letters of support from the province on the Maskwacis funding model, a new high school and internet access.
 1. Scheduled a follow up meeting on March 9th to draft letters. Letters will be presented to the Board before they are sent to the Ministers.
 2. Wilton and Shauna will be receiving an invitation to review the AB Ed. curriculum. Will follow up if other Board members and the Chiefs can join.
 3. MESC can take on a role to pilot the review of the AB Ed curriculum.
- ii. Board request for a presentation on REA's for more information.
- iii. Focus more on results at the next meeting, similar to a summit presentation.
- iv. Learning Services can lead a discussion with the Board on residential school and its impacts.

b. Federal meeting prep

Presenter: Brian Wildcat

Discussion:

- i. Meeting has been cancelled due to a change in the position of the Assistant Deputy Minister.

c. Transportation Update

Presenter: Brian Wildcat

Discussion:

- i. Reviewed presentation to Maskwacis Transportation and discussed next steps.



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d. Ermineskin Tax Law

Presenter: Councillor Tyler Makinaw

Discussion:

- i. Ermineskin Cree Nation has passed a tax law. Taxes from non-First Nation employees working on Ermineskin reserve will be forwarded to Ermineskin Cree Nation, this applies to MESC staff. Taxes will be forwarded to Ermineskin Cree Nation rather than the Canadian government. No start date as of yet.

7. Monitoring Board Performance

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

a. Content Review: GP-7.3- Superintendent Compensation Committee ToR

- i. Review policy.
- ii. Schedule a committee meeting to initiate the Superintendent evaluation process.

b. Direct Inspection: GP-12- Board Linkage with Other Organizations

- i. Review policy. No requests for evidence.
- ii. Reconnect with MCC and schedule follow up meetings with the provincials school boards.
- iii. Add Wolf Creek Public Schools results to the March Board meeting.
- iv. Completed transportation study with KTC.
- v. Brian will follow up on meeting with WRPS on the Maskwacis Trustee selection.

c. Board self-evaluation review

- i. Remain consistent with completing the evaluations.

8. Other business

- a. Discussion on Education Service Agreements.
- b. Discussion on support of staff.

9. Adjourn 6:00pm, moved by Jerry Saddleback Jr.



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Action Item:	Who:	Date:
Add REA presentation to March agenda	Superintendent's Office	March 16, 2021
Schedule Superintendent evaluation	Superintendent's Office	March 2021
Schedule follow up meetings with MCC and ESA partners.	Superintendent's Office	Summer-Fall 2021
Add Wolf Creek Public Schools results to the March Board meeting.	Superintendent's Office	March 16, 2021

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Dr. Shauna Bruno - Chairperson

Date