



## Maskwacis Education Schools Commission

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### MESC Board of Governors Meeting

March 16, 2021

Google Meet

**Chairperson:** Dr. Shauna Bruno  
**Board Members:** John Nepoose, Randal Potts (left early), Tamara Wildcat, Allison Admas-Bull, Helen Bull, Councillor Tyler Makinaw, Chief Irvin Bull (arrived late), Jerry Saddleback Jr. (arrived late)  
**Staff:** Brain Wildcat, Tracy Sylvester, Randy Risto  
**Recorder:** Jenn Nepoose

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#### 1. Meeting called to order at 3:10 pm

Opening prayer by John Nepoose.

#### 2. Miyowâcimowin (discussed as occasion occurs)

- a. Positive feedback from a parent on the Misatim Program.
- b. Louis Bull has adopted an engagement process similar to MESC.

#### 3. Adopt agenda

**Presenter:** Dr. Shauna Bruno

**Discussion:**

- i. Transportation update moved to in-camera.
- ii. Add COVID variant.

**Decision:** Moved by Allison Adams-Bull, seconded by Randal Potts, all in favour.

#### 4. Adopt meeting minutes

**Presenter:** Dr. Shauna Bruno

**Discussion/Business arising from minutes:**

- i. MESC decided not to participate in the AHS contact tracing pilot project.
- ii. Corrected spelling errors

**Decision:** Moved by Tamara Wildcat, seconded by Randal Potts, all in favour.

#### 5. Ownership Linkage

##### a. COVID/Re-Entry Update

**Presenter:** Brian Wildcat

**Discussion:**

- i. Update on COVID-19 in the system.
- ii. Discussion on reintegrating at-home learners into the blended program after spring break if numbers remain low. Re-entry plan would need to be amended.



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- iii. 20 MESC employees were vaccinated, an opportunity for more to be vaccinated in the next round.
- iv. PD and learning package prep occurs on Monday's in the schools. This schedule will stay in place for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.
- v. Variant- The MESC re-entry plan and guidelines to manage a positive COVID case in the school will apply to the variant. Will continue to work with MHS and the DEMs on procedures.
  1. Can coordinate messaging with MHS on health and safety measures to go out before spring break.

### b. Update from Circle of Elders (COE)

**Presenter: Helen Bull and John Nepoose**

**Discussion:**

- i. COE reviewed the Newo presentation. Elders discussed the magnitude of the word "newo" and the need to recapture and reclaim the knowledge and language.
- ii. Request from Elders for more opportunity to get together and share stories/teachings.
- iii. Recommendation for the Board and COE to meet together at least twice a year.
- iv. Learning Services will be meeting with the Circle of Elders to review the curriculum materials.

**Decision:** Add the Newo presentation to the April Board meeting.

## 6. Items for decision

### Board PD plan

**Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno**

**Discussion:**

- i. Review the PD plan.
- ii. Discussion on travel and COVID restrictions.
- iii. Prioritize Elder engagement.
- iv. Forward information on the Indigeneous Knowledge Institute.
- v. Prioritize cultural camp.
- vi. Prioritize Cree protocols and decision making process.
  1. Ermineskin is developing similar protocols and decision making procedures and can work with the MESC board on this process.
- vii. Incorporate youth interviews into the youth conference and remove from the Board PD plan.
- viii. Circle of Elders have a PD budget.

**Decision:** Adopt the 2021-22 Board professional development plan, **Motion No. 133**. Moved by Tamara Wildcat, seconded by Allison Adams-Bull, all in favour.

## 7. Board Education, Presentations, and Discussion

### a. Federal meeting prep

**Presenter: Brian Wildcat**

**Discussion:**

- i. Meeting scheduled for April 8th.
- ii. Chiefs will not need to be in attendance until a meeting with the Minister is scheduled. A preparation meeting will be scheduled prior to the meeting.



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### b. Regional Education Agreements

**Presenter: Brian Wildcat**

**Discussion:** .

- i. Reviewed the overview on the website.
- ii. Can prepare a presentation comparing an REA to the Maskwacis funding model.
- iii. Key differences include the MESC protection against decreases, commitments to TRC and UNDRIP.
- iv. Translate the MESC mission and vision into Cree.

### c. Wolf Creek Public Schools student results

**Presenter: Brian Wildcat**

**Discussion:**

- i. Review results report.
- ii. Request results from WRPS and STAR. Reports will be sent to the Board for review prior to the Board meeting.
- iii. Add a section in the summit presentation comparing MESC results to EAS partner results.
- iv. Aim to meet with ESA partners April-May. Discuss results and trustees/committees.
- v. Need to meet with WRPS to discuss the Maskwacis Trustee before the fall elections.
- vi. STAR has shown interest in developing a committee similar to WCPS Indigenous Knowledge committee.

## 8. Monitoring Board Performance

**Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno**

### a. Content Review: EL-3- Planning

- i. Review policy.

**Decision:** No changes to the policy.

### b. Content Review: GP-11- Board Linkage with Ownership

- i. Review policy.
- ii. Policy addresses concerns about unequal representation.

**Decision:** No changes to the policy.

### c. Content Review: BMD-5- Superintendent Compensation

- i. Review policy.

**Decision:** No changes to the policy.

### d. Direct Inspection: BMD-6- Superintendent Termination

- i. Review policy.

**Decision:** No changes to the policy and no evidence requested.

## 9. Adjourn 5:45pm, moved by Dr. Shauna Bruno.

## 10. In Camera - need to know



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Action Item:	Who:	Date:
Add the Newo presentation to the April Board meeting.	Jenn Nepoose	April 20/21
Messaging on health and safety- COVID	Brian Wildcat	April/21
Presentation comparing an REA to the Maskwacis funding model.	Brian Wildcat	April/21
Translate the MESC mission and vision into Cree	Brian Wildcat	
Request results from WRPS and STAR.	Brian Wildcat	June/21
Schedule meeting with ESA partners	Brian Wildcat	April - May/21

April 20, 2021

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*Dr. Shauna Bruno - Chairperson*

*Date*