



Maskwacis Education Schools Commission

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MESC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2022

MESC Governance and Training Centre

Google Meet- meet.google.com/nej-utvn-rha

Chairperson:	Dr. Shauna Bruno
Board Members:	John Nepoose, Helen Bull (Google Meet), Jerry Saddleback Jr. (Google Meet), Tamara Wildcat, Chief Wilton Littlechild, Allison Adams-Bull, Randal Potts (Google Meet), Councillor Tyler Makinaw, Councillor Mario Swampy (Google Meet- arrived 4:30 pm)
Staff:	Brian Wildcat, Keith MacQuarrie, Randy Risto (Google Meet), Tracy Sylvester (Google Meet), Sanila Mehal (Google Meet),
Recorder:	Jenn Nepoose

1. Meeting called to order 3:15 pm

Opening prayer by John Nepoose

2. Miyowâcimowin

- Jennifer Conroy has been selected as Principal at the new high school and Keith Macquarrie has been selected as the Principal at the junior high school.
- Discussion on articles published in the Ponoka News.

3. Adopt agenda

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

Discussion:

- Table Circle of Elders handbook.

Decision: Moved by Allison Adams-Bull, seconded by Chief Wilton Littlechild, all in favour.

4. Adopt minutes- January 18, 2022

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

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

Business arising from minutes:

- Treaty board game feedback- setup was confusing and content did not properly express true information of Treaty. Suggestion to have the creator facilitate the game with the Board.

5. Ownership Linkage

a. **COVID Response Update**

Presenter: Brian Wildcat

Discussion:

- Review stats on staff COVID infections, school closures and in-school transmissions.



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- ii. Proposing a modification to the protocol for managing positive cases in MESC schools; only initiate a MESC-wide reset when MHS and the DEM's direct it and no longer contact all close contacts. Will clean and sanitize classrooms that have a positive case in the room within 3 days of being onsite while infectious.
- iii. Hepa filters have arrived and been installed at all sites.
- iv. All staff and students have received rapid test kits. Staff test on a regular schedule.
- v. Discussion on how changes to MESC restrictions impacts restrictions in Maskwacis.
- vi. MESC has surpassed the targeted percentage of vaccinated staff.
- vii. Mandatory masking in schools will remain in place until further notice.

b. Update from Circle of Elders

Presenter: Helen Bull and John Nepoose

Discussion:

- i. No meeting in February.

6. Board Education, Presentations, and Discussion

a. Jr./Sr. High School Realignment Update

Presenter: Keith MacQuarrie

Discussion:

- i. Explore options for summer school programs with a focus on culture and language.
- ii. Partner with Nation summer school programs.
- iii. Most recent staff surveys collected information from staff on background and preferred site.
- iv. Will have the ability to have a specialized teacher to run a program at both schools.
- v. Will present suggested names for the schools at the March Board meeting.

b. Education Service Agreements Review

Presenter: Brian Wildcat

Discussion:

- i. Draft document to address MESC funding and why students living off reserve do not get funding from MESC. Document can be used in orientation with new Chief and Council members.
- ii. Opportunity to educate on the Treaty right to education.
- iii. As per the Maskwacis Education Law, MESC can not enter into agreements with Canada on Treaty rights. Leadership would need to advocate for the mobility of the Treaty rights to receive funding for off-reserve students.
- iv. Aiming to have study on school age children completed by June.
- v. Possible legal implications on residence that may impact the federal agreement. Review eligibility of a MESC student.
- vi. Board can put together a committee to prepare for negotiations with Canada on the federal agreement. The Board can prepare leadership as technicians.
- vii. Include review of agreements with the new Board in August.



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c. Joint Board meeting with WRPS/WCPS/STAR follow up

Presenter: Brian Wildcat

Discussion:

- i. Will need to workshop with the Board to prepare.
- ii. Planning to host the meeting in April. Tentatively April 12th, 29th or 26th.

d. Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Centre report

Presenter: Board of Governors

Discussion:

- i. Discussion on speakers and topics.
- ii. Suggestion to include more culture components in the evening Cree classes.
- iii. Invite Pam Palmater to speak with MESC staff and students.
- iv. Would recommend the conference next year.

e. BCR's for AHSOR and ELCC funding

Presenter: Trina Vy

Discussion:

- i. Requesting a BCR from Ermineskin, Louis Bull and MHS to flow head start funding directly to MESC rather than through the Nation.
- ii. Trina will send an email with the information.
- iii. Required within a month.
- iv. Send a request to the Martin Family Initiative to supplement funding.

7. Items for Decision

a. Approve Superintendent transition plan

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno and Brian Wildcat

Discussion:

- i. Overview of transition plan.

Decision:

- ii. **Motion 146: Superintendent transition plan.** Moved by Chief Wilton Littlechild, seconded by Allison Adams-Bull, none opposed.
- iii. **Motion 147: Extend Superintendent contract.** Moved by Chief Wilton Littlechild, seconded by John Nepoose, none opposed.
- iv. Schedule an exit interview in June.

b. Donation request from Maskwacis Minor Hockey)

Presenter: Brian Wildcat

Discussion:

- i. Request letter is addressed to another organization.
- ii. \$3,800.00 for one set of jerseys.
- iii. Require jerseys to have a MESC patch.
- iv. Use the opportunity to educate players on MESC and encourage them to pursue excellence.
- v. Opportunity to develop a partnership. Can offer a clinic for coaches and managers. Intention to support the children and build the association's capacity.
- vi. Explore a relationship with Maskwacis Minor Hockey to initiate the development of a MESC sports academy.



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- vii. A hockey program is being planned at the new high school.

Decision: Invite Murray Potts to a Board meeting to discuss donation and partnership opportunity.

8. Monitoring Board Performance

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

a. EL-6: Investments- Content Review

- i. Chief Wilton Littlechild declared a conflict of interest, abstaining from discussion.
- ii. Discussion on current investments, which is only 1 for the company visas.
- iii. Change 'CEO' to 'Superintendent'

b. GP- 7.3: Superintendent Compensation Committee ToR- Internal Report

- i. No internal report required this year.

c. GP-12: Board Linkage with Other Organizations- Content Review

- i. Policy still relevant. No changes.

9. Other Business

- a. Discussion on investments.
- b. Discussion on being strategic with external partnerships, keep return on investment in mind. Task the Ownership linkage and the Circle of Elders to explore any opportunities with honorary Maskwacis members.
- c. The Finance & Audit committee made selections on staff bursaries. Will bring policy changes to the Board.

10. Adjourn 7:15pm.

Moved by Dr. Shauna Bruno.

Dr. Shauna Bruno - Chairperson

Date