



Maskwacis Education Schools Commission

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MESC Board of Governors Meeting

April 19, 2022

MESC Governance and Training Centre

Google Meet- meet.google.com/amh-yxaj-sup

Chairperson: Dr. Shauna Bruno

Board Members: John Nepoose, Tamara Wildcat, Jerry Saddleback Jr. (Google Meet), Helen Bull (Google Meet), Councillor Mario Swampy (Google Meet), Randal Potts (Google Meet), Councillor Chase McDougall, Councillor Tyler Makinaw (Google Meet), Allison Adams-Bull (Google Meet), Chief Wilton Littlechild (arrived 4:16pm), Chief Desmond Bull (Google Meet, arrived 4:28pm, left at 5:29pm)

Staff: Brian Wildcat, Randy Risto, Tracy Sylvester, Julia Burrill, Eileen Marthiensen (Google Meet)

Recorder: Jenn Nepoose

1. Meeting called to order at 3:13 pm

Opening prayer by John Nepoose

2. Adopt agenda

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

Decision:

- a. Moved by Tamara Wildcat, seconded by John Nepoose, all in favour.

3. Adopt minutes

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

Decision:

- a. February 15, 2022 board meeting notes. Moved by Tamara Wildcat, seconded by Helen Bull, all in favour.
- b. March 15, 2022 board meeting notes. Moved by Randal Potts, seconded by Helen Bull, all in favour.

Business arising from minutes:

- a. Will be scheduling the joint Board meeting with WRPS, WCPS and STAR.
- b. Invite Harper Potts to the May Board meeting to discuss a partnership with Maskwacis Minor Hockey.
- c. Suggestion to have a summer hockey camp.

4. Ownership Linkage

a. Update from Circle of Elders

Presenter: Helen Bull and John Nepoose

Discussion:

- i. Presentations from Kisipatinahk School and Meskanahk Kanipawit School Principals.



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- ii. Discussed naming buses. Advised against naming the buses after animals unless a ceremony was held to do so. Do not use the owl as a name for a bus.
- iii. Have a pipe ceremony before launching the curriculum.
- iv. Have the Principals present to the Board before the summit.

5. Board Education, Presentations, and Discussion

a. Ermineskin Early Learning Centre

Presenter: Julia Burrill

Discussion:

- i. Ground-breaking ceremony on May 18th from 12:00pm - 1:00pm.
- ii. Opportunity with AECOM for a tree-planting program.
- iii. Hire locally as much as possible.
- iv. Will present the 10-year capital plan in June.
- v. Take the design to the Circle of Elders for review.
- vi. Add procurement policy to a Board meeting agenda.

b. Curriculum update

Presenter: Tracy Sylvester, Eileen Marthiensen and Ida Bull

Discussion:

- i. We will be field testing Nehiyawewin in kindergarten classes.
- ii. Discussion on introducing new Cree speakers to the school and parental responsibility to learn and teach Cree.
 1. Will continue to offer evening Cree classes, open to everyone.
- iii. Discussion on assessment and learning materials that will initiate the use of Cree at home.
- iv. 28.5% of staff identify as Cree speakers and 83% are actively learning the language.
- v. Will be hosting in-person Cree classes when it is safe to do so.
- vi. Discussion on the placement of students.
- vii. Examples of how Treaties and residential schools have been included in the materials and outcomes.
- viii. Suggestion from the Elders to work with organizations and services within Maskwacis to distribute learning materials and information on what is being taught.
- ix. Using the syllabics to teach the Cree thought, right from kindergarten.
- x. Nehiyaw Pimatisiwin scope and sequence are being developed.
- xi. Will be replacing provincial outcomes with Maskwacis outcomes as they are approved.
- xii. Encourage the Board to attend the curriculum engagement sessions.
- xiii. Will present it to Alberta Education once the curriculum is completed to have the curriculum recognized for an Alberta diploma. The Maskwacis curriculum will eventually replace the Alberta curriculum in MESC schools. Changes can be made to the law to implement the Maskwacis curriculum.
- xiv. Support summer programs and camps.
- xv. Copyright the Maskwacis curriculum. A copyright is valid for 50 years. This will protect the knowledge and its use. Use syllabics in the copyright.



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Decision: Motion 150: Maskwacis curriculum. Moved by Wilton Littlechild, seconded by Tamara Wildcat, all in favour.

Motion 151: Curriculum copyright. Moved by Wilton Littlechild, seconded by Allison Adams-Bull, all in favour.

c. Circle of Elders Handbook

Presenter: Brian Wildcat

Discussion:

- i. Need to report back to the Circle of Elders as follow up to their advice and recommendations.
- ii. Discussion on honorarium and per diem.
- iii. Do not include honorarium with protocol to Elders.

Decision: Motion 152: Circle of Elders Handbook. Moved by Allison Adams-Bull, seconded by Tamara Wildcat, all in favour.

d. PSBA Spring General Assembly

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

Discussion:

- i. PSBA has offered to cover registration for 2 MESC Board of Governors to attend the spring assembly.

6. Items for Decision

a. School name changes

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

Discussion:

- i. Discussion on possible names for the schools. Will need to present to the Samson and Ermineskin Chiefs and Councils for approval.
- ii. Need to meet with the Chiefs to prepare for negotiations for the new high school.
- iii. Discussion on the process to rename the schools.
- iv. Survey students and Maskwacisak for name suggestions.
- v. Add to the leadership summit to update the naming process.

7. Monitoring Board Performance

Presenter: Dr. Shauna Bruno

a. GP-6: Board Committee Principles (Content Review)

Discussion:

- i. No changes

b. GP-7: Board Committee Structure (Direct Inspection)

Discussion:

- i. No evidence was requested.

8. Adjourn 6:55pm.