



February 2023

MASBO Minute

Manitoba Association of School Business Officials

Executive Update

The Executive met on January 19th for a regular scheduled meeting. Highlights of the meeting are noted below:

- As part of the executive's on-going professional learning, an article shared by Amanda Senkowski titled; 'Creating The Culture You Want To See In Your Company', by Rebecca Zucker, was reviewed and discussed.
- The executive received and approved a recommendation from the Nominations Committee to appoint Gibby Finnbogason to the role of Provincial Director, Maintenance for the remainder of the year. Also joining the executive as Regional Director, Winnipeg is Brigitte Levesque. Welcome Gibby and Brigitte and thank-you for volunteering to serve MASBO!
- A Diversity, Equity and Inclusion ad-hoc committee was approved to be established to explore awareness and learning opportunities for our association and members.
- Current Life and Honourary membership for recognition at the 2023 Conference were discussed.
- The work on the development of a model for a province-wide Student Information System is continuing and MASBO was invited to participate on the Provincial SIS Steering Committee. Jill Mangin, ST, Prairie Spirit SD and Kent Reid, ST, Fort la Bosse SD agreed to continue to represent MASBO in this work.
- An update was provided on the planning for the Maintenance and Transportation Conference being held February 8-10th in Winnipeg.
- Plans for the Annual Conference, May 31 to June 2, in Brandon were developed and discussed. Speaker line-ups were confirmed – watch for further information and plan to attend this great learning and networking opportunity.
- Executive, committee, and financial reports were presented, reviewed, and received.

MASBO participated in a partner briefing prior to the Education Funding that was announced on February 2nd. Total funding announced was a 6.1% increase. Impacts to Divisional funding is being reviewed by Divisional staff.

Learning and Development

MASBO Reading Group

The MASBO Reading Group is continuing and just finished reading *Anti-Racist Leadership*, by James D Wright and preparing to read *Dare to Lead*, by Brene Brown.

As further background information to help you decide if you would like to participate, the group of 5 people collectively choose a leadership and development book, and then meet virtually once a month for an hour to discuss a couple chapters of the book. Total commitment including reading time is approximately 3-4 hours per month and the cost of the book. Reasonable time commitment and effort for great learning! Current participants have indicated that they have greatly enjoyed and benefited from this small group sharing and learning. **If you are interested in joining in this learning opportunity**, please contact Paul Ilchena, executive director, at edmasbo@mymts.net. If there is enough interest, another group can be formed!

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteering for MASBO enriches your professional experience, could count towards PD time, and provides opportunity to expand your network and develop life-long working partnerships with other MASBO members.

Are you interested in exploring the potential benefits to our association through the newly established ad-hoc committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion? The initial work will involve brainstorming ideas and looking at similar already established models to determine if there is an opportunity to provide value to our association and members. If you are interested in this or other opportunities, contact Paul Ilchena edmasbo@mymts.net.

February is I Love to Read Month

Consider connecting with one of your schools to book time to read for a couple classes. It is a great opportunity to directly connect with students and the education service that we all support in our roles, and by showing the value of reading.

