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MASBO Minute

Manitoba Association of School Business Officials

February Maintenance/WSH PD day

We were happy to hold the annual Maintenance/WSH PD day on February 8th at the Vic Inn Winnipeg with 35 members attending the event. Several speakers provided learning opportunities on the topics of Preventing and De-escalating Conflict in Schools; Renewable and Sustainable Energy; Health, Safety and Vape Detection Devices; Employee Feedback and Evaluations; and the ever-popular Round Table Discussions. A mini-tradeshow was held with vendors being able to connect with participants throughout the day.

The event was hosted by MASBO Provincial Maintenance Director, Gibby Finnbogason and participants were able to network and connect with colleagues throughout the day. Some comments submitted through feedback were:

- Great discussions. Good interaction with the group.
- A great opportunity to hear and see new ideas alongside colleagues who are like-minded.
- Wonderful information and well delivered.
- Great topics, wonderful connections!



Gibby Finnbogason introducing a speaker



February Transportation Conference

Following the Maintenance/WSH PD day, MASBO held our Annual Transportation Conference on February 9 and 10. There were 39 members participating as well as 22 trade show vendors. It was another great opportunity for members to connect and learn together on school bus transportation related topics. Content for the event included: updates from staff of the Pupil Transportation Unit (PTU) of MB Education and Early Childhood Learning; a discussion on Electric buses with comments on the technical and practical items as well as a public sector perspective and potential government initiatives. The vendor tradeshow was a highlight where participants were able to connect with vendors and discuss and view new products and services available in the industry. The second day of the event involved speakers sharing information on vehicle insurance coverage and values, group procurement programs and employee evaluations and feedback methods.

MASBO Provincial Transportation Director, Robert Warkentin hosted the event and echoed many of the comments received through feedback:

- Always informative - good info for all supervisors.
- I have walked away with new knowledge.
- Always good to get together, network, and learn.



Robert Warkentin commenting on School Bus Safety Week Poster Contest

Upcoming Events - Regional Meetings:

Northwestern – April 13-14

Winnipeg – April 20

South-Interlake – April 27-28

Mark your calendars and watch for information coming from the Regional Directors.