



MASBO Minute

Manitoba Association of School Business Officials

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As the start of 2023 occurs, the education community is starting a new year within normal circumstances for the first time in three years - a welcome situation for everyone!

Happy New Year!

MASBO was a part of the MSBA Trustee Orientation Day on December 1st. Past-president, Kent Reid and executive director, Paul Ilchena presented. It was a great opportunity to explore and promote the role of MASBO and the important work of its members in the service of education in our Province.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning is working on an action plan in response to the recommendations from the OAG report: [Leadership of the K-12 Pandemic Response](#). The work will include the development of a Sector Relations Unit to oversee the implementation of the recommendations. We have been invited, along with our partner associations, to participate in this working group to assist in developing a comprehensive emergency management and communications framework. This work is being led by the Corporate Services Division of the Department - Sonya Penner, ADM and Scott Derham-Graham, acting Director. Lori Slepicka (as acting president) and Paul Ilchena will be participating in this work on behalf of MASBO.

The work on the development of a model for a province-wide Student Information System is continuing and MASBO was requested to provide input into the specifications and assessment criteria for the RFQ that is being developed. Jill Mangin, ST, Prairie Spirit SD and Kent Reid, ST, Fort la Bosse SD provided input to the process.

MEMBER INPUT REQUESTED

The Publications Committee is asking for member input (current and past) for the 2023 MASBO News with a theme of 'Cultivating Leadership'. The request is for leadership tips or ideas that you have learned through your experience. Please consider adding your input through this [FORM](#). Submit by January 24th.

Learning and Development

The Maintenance and Transportation Conference is being held on February 8 – 10th in Winnipeg. Registration information: [Here](#)

Plan to attend these focused learning events with several speakers and topics scheduled along with vendor tradeshows, and round table discussions offering valuable networking opportunities.

Calendar of future events

- May 31 – June 2, 2023 - AGM & Conference – Brandon, MB

Sustainability and Climate Change issues continue to be discussed and explored in many aspects of the education community. There are many resources and good sources of information to help in becoming more familiar with the programs and initiatives that are available. It is important for all of us as leaders within the education system to become more aware of the issues to help move forward in making improvements to the systems and activities that we manage. A couple of websites:

<https://greencommunitiescanada.org/>

<https://eschoolbusalliance.ca/>

A few years ago, MASBO established a Sustainability Committee. The role of the committee was to provide leadership around sustainable development in issues analysis and communication to members. Also, to liaise with the appropriate Government departments and education partners for the purpose of monitoring and developing programs, procedures, and guidelines. **If you are interested in participating in this committee**, contact Paul Ilchena, executive director – edmasbo@mymts.net

