MASBO Minute

Manitoba Association of School Business Officials

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Executive Director's Message

The Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning led a celebration event 'Education Excellence' last week where several educators were acknowledged for their work. As part of the education partner group, MASBO was invited to the event and I was proud to be able to attend along with our President, Robert Warkentin. It was a great reminder of the strong commitment to education shown by the nine recipients and knowing that our MASBO members are an important part of the work in providing an education for our young people in Manitoba.

The education partner organizations (MSBA, MASS, MASBO, & MTS) continue to meet regularly to discuss items of interest.

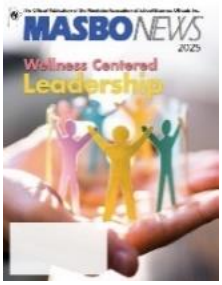
The MERLIN advisory group on cybersecurity is being established and Scott Carleton and Kent Reid have agreed to be the MASBO representatives on this advisory group. The intent of the working group is to listen to all stakeholders as to what the community would like to see going forward to improve cybersecurity across all the K-12 education space. Cybersecurity is a broad topic that includes aspects of staff and student training, organizational policies, planning and procedures, assessments as well as tools and services. MERLIN provides many tools and services today to all school divisions in the province, but there is always more that can be done.

The Student Service Administrators Association of Manitoba (SSAAM) is holding an event on April 25 for its members on the topic of Navigating Rights and Responsibilities in the area of Student Services. We were asked to share our insight on employee rights and employer responsibilities to a safe workplace from a Workplace Safety & Health perspective. Two MASBO members, Scott Godard from Border Land SD and Sandra Ferguson from Evergreen SD will be presenting to the group. This is an important issue in the education system and we are proud to be able to provide input into the discussion.

2025 MASBO News – 'Wellness Centered Leadership'. The publication is complete and has been sent to members. A digital version is available here. . Thanks to the publications committee for their work in planning and reviewing content ideas - Zena van Rooyen, River East Transcona SD; Kevin Zabowski, Southwest Horizon SD; Robert Warkentin, Hanover SD; and Michelle Munford, MASBO.

This publication is an opportunity to showcase the important work of our members and our association. Please share the print or digital versions with any interested individuals.

We are looking for members' input for ideas and content for the 2026 issue. Please contact myself or any of the committee members if you are interested in contributing.



MASBO AGM & Convention–May 28-30 Brandon

The theme of our annual event is 'Wellness Centered Leadership'. The Program has been finalized, and registration is open. We are proud to be welcoming several speakers that will provide learning opportunities relevant to our theme. Plan to attend this great learning, development and networking opportunity. The full program and registration information is now available **here.**

Along with the ever popular Breakout and Roundtable sessions, our main speakers are:

Brandi Heather - Ignite Joy, Stay Bold and Stick Together: The Power of Play at Work
Sue Swarbrick - Showing Up Well as a Leader
Keith Macpherson – Making Sense of Mindfulness - The Foundation of Wellness Leadership

Professional Learning

One convenient and flexible way to gain insight into an area that interests you is to listen to podcasts. Professional learning can also be augmented by reading leadership books. Here are a few suggestions to check out:

Podcast - Networking with Impact: 7 Ways Leaders Can Build Real Relationships, by Kristen Harcourt **Link**

Podcast - Why soft skills are essential to your leadership by The Great Canadian Leadership Podcast with Joel Silverstone Link

Book – *The 6 Types of Working Genius*, by Patrick Lencioni Link

> *The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice."*
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> *— Brian Herbert*

Calendar of Events

Regional Meetings	Northwestern – April 24-25, Russell South-Interlake & Winnipeg – May 2
May 28-30, 2025	MASBO AGM & Convention, Victoria Inn Brandon