MASBO Minute

Manitoba Association of School Business Officials

February 2026

MASBO Maintenance and WSH PD Day
February 18, 2026 - Brandon

Due to weather and travel difficulties, the event was offered virtually. There were a few people that attended in person, but the majority attended virtually. Although it was not ideal not having everyone attend in person, overall, the day went well for participants. Thanks to Rene Lambert, MASBO Provincial Director – Maintenance for organizing and leading the day.
Topics that were presented:

- School Inspections
- Monitored Access/School Security
- Department of Public Service Delivery Update
- Managing Asbestos
- Round Table Discussions



Virtual screen session and presenter, Leonard Zdrill - MSBA

MASBO Transportation Conference
February 19-20, 2026 - Brandon

Weather and road conditions improved and most registrants for this event were able to make it to the venue, and the program ran as planned. Thanks to everyone for their participation and to Cam Woodcock, MASBO Provincial Director, Transportation for organizing and leading this event. Topics presented and discussed were:

- PTU Updates
- Accessibility Act – Affects to School Buses
- Gasoline Engine Manufacturer Presentations
- Tradeshow
- Round Table Discussions

This event was a great opportunity for Transportation leaders to connect and share knowledge and experience and learn about current issues in the field.



Presenter - Rick Penner, PTU

Calendar of Events for 2026

April, 2026	Regional Meetings: Northwestern – April 16-17, Russell South-Interlake – date TBD Winnipeg - date TBD
May 27-29, 2026	MASBO AGM & Convention, Winnipeg

School Space Planning

MASBO was pleased to receive the announcement regarding the establishment of the School Space Planning Branch (SSPB) within the Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning (EECL), led by Executive Director, Paulette Monita.

The SSPB will complement the work being done in the Department of Public Service Delivery (PSD) – Capital Projects Planning and Delivery (CPPD).

MASBO has been advocating for the system's need for a capital planning unit within the Department (EECL). We look forward to continued work with the Department to ensure our existing and new school buildings can meet the needs of the students within communities across the province.

Provincial Funding Announcement

The announcement for funding levels for the 2026-27 school year was made on February 9th. The announcement and supporting information can be found here.

Secretary-Treasurers and senior leadership teams have been working on finalizing funding and budget information to share with their boards and public. The Secretary-Treasurers held a special meeting on February 24th to discuss funding and budgets with their colleagues and once again most divisions are facing significant funding shortfalls and proposing property tax increases to maintain existing staffing levels and services.

MASBO 2026 AGM & Convention – May 27-29, 2026

Planning is continuing for this event, and several presenters have been confirmed under the theme of 'Life in The Fast Lane'.

David Jung – ***Managing the Unexpected***
Lynn Knight - ***Leadership Ethics***
Mark Black – ***The Resilience Road Map***

We are excited about this speaker lineup and look forward to welcoming members and guests to this annual learning and networking event. Watch for registration information coming soon.