MASBO Minute

Manitoba Association of School Business Officials

January 2026

Executive Update

The MASBO Executive held a virtual meeting on January 15, 2026. Highlights of the meeting are noted below:

- An article titled *Management tips on leading when you're overwhelmed,* shared by Elise Downey was reviewed and discussed.
- A list of current actions and on-going activities within the MASBO Pillars (Advocacy, Service to Members, Communications and Governance) were reviewed and discussed.
- The varying roles of communications staff in school divisions was discussed and the potential to include these staff as a functional stream with MASBO membership. Further information will be gathered and brought back to the next meeting.
- Lori Slepicka was approved as the executive appointed member on the Nominations Committee.
- The letter from the department in December about school safety was discussed. In anticipation of further work in this area led by MSBA, a call was put out to Facilities and Secretary-Treasurer members for interest in providing input. There were several individuals that have indicated that they would be interested. We are now ready to provide knowledge and expertise to the planning work when it is needed. Thanks to the volunteers!
- Life and Honourary memberships were discussed.
- Executive, committee, and financial reports were presented, reviewed and received.

Calendar of Events for 2026

February 18, 2026	Maintenance/WSH PD Day, Victoria Inn Brandon
February 19-20, 2026	Transportation Conference, Victoria Inn Brandon
April, 2026	Regional Meetings
May 27-29, 2026	MASBO AGM & Convention, Victoria Inn Winnipeg

It is the capacity to develop and improve their skills that distinguishes leaders from followers.
Warren Bennis, Leadership Scholar

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

Registration for this annual event is now open. Agenda topics for the day are:

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

There will be opportunities to connect and discuss with colleagues about several Maintenance and Safety topics – plan to attend. Register through the MASBO website.

MASBO Transportation Conference
February 19-20, 2026, Brandon

Registration for this annual event is now open. Agenda topics for the day are:

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

This event is always a great opportunity for Transportation leaders to connect and share knowledge and experience and learn about current issues in the field. Plan to attend. Register through the MASBO website.

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

Planning is underway 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.