MASBO Minute

Manitoba Association of School Business Officials

May 2026

Executive Update

The MASBO Executive held a meeting on May 7, 2026, virtually. Highlights of the meeting:

- A video titled How to Gain Control of Your Free Time, shared by Kevin Zabowski 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 Nominations Committee report was reviewed.
- The information gathered relating to interest for a facilities/maintenance function MASBO representative on the MSIP committee was discussed. Anthony Cornwell from Interlake SD was approved as the representative. Thank you to those who expressed interest in serving on this committee and to Kent Reid for his service and work on this committee on behalf of MASBO over several years.
- The proposed 2026/27 Association Budget was reviewed. The budget along with a membership fee increase to $550 was approved by the group and will recommend that the budget be approved by the membership at the AGM.
- Final details for the 2026 AGM and Conference were reviewed and discussed.
- Confirmed the dates for the Executive Planning meeting for August 26 & 27 in Winnipeg. This session will provide an opportunity for the new executive to explore ideas and actions for the upcoming year.
- Executive, committee, and financial reports were presented, reviewed and received.

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

The event is next week – program information has been sent out to all members. Registration is still open!! Register Here. We've added something slightly different this year – an experiential activity 'Circle and the Box' offered in two time slots to allow everyone to participate.

AGM & Convention Highlights

David Jung – *Managing the Unexpected*

When you work with people, the unexpected is bound to happen. And as a team lead, it's your job to adapt, make decisions under pressure, and communicate these to your team.

This workshop gives you practical tools and skills to address emotionally complex, people-centred workplace challenges, such as major illnesses, sudden departures, ethical breaches, and other destabilizing disruptions.

Circle and the Box

Circle and the Box is an experiential activity, adapted and localized for a Manitoba context, originally developed by Dr. Jann Derrick. The activity juxtaposes two ways of understanding the world by inviting participants into a role-playing experience. Individuals are given an identity and asked to situate themselves in relation to where they live and work, encouraging reflection on how identity shapes perspective and belonging.

Through this process, participants explore and compare dominant Western Euro-Canadian structures with First Nations worldviews of community, identity, and purpose. The experience creates space to examine how relationships, responsibilities, and ways of being differ across these frameworks.

Circle and the Box ultimately asks participants to reflect on the kinds of spaces they are contributing to within their own spheres of influence, and what it means to move toward more relational, inclusive, and community-centered ways of being.
This session will be hosted by Kelsey Lenahan and Sean Oliver, members of the Indigenous Education team at Louis Riel SD.

Mark Black – *The Resilience Road Map*

Resilience is the ability to successfully navigate challenges and adversity. It will be the most important skill of the 21st century. This day will focus on how we can not only "survive" challenging times, but we can "thrive" in them by developing the 7 Qualities of Resilient People and following The Resilience Roadmap Process. Helping leaders embrace adversity as a catalyst for growth and turning uncertainty into unstoppable momentum.

Change doesn't have to break your team; it can build them. You'll learn how to turn disruption into measurable performance gains your people can act on by Monday morning.