MASBO Minute

Manitoba Association of School Business Officials

September 2026

Welcome back!

The school summer break is a time for MASBO members and their staff to get caught up on outstanding work, make progress on building projects, adjust bus routes and most importantly, take a break in whatever way they can to recharge! The first few weeks of school with staff and students back in buildings is a busy time. I hope everyone was able to enjoy some recharge time over the summer.

MASBO Executive Planning

The executive held a planning session on August 26 & 27 where activities and plans for the upcoming year were discussed. The group also spent time going over business documents like the MASBO Constitution and Code of Conduct. The heading of the Code of Conduct was highlighted as an important reminder of the work of all our members:

The Manitoba Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) Code of Ethical conduct recognizes that:
• School systems belong to the public they serve for the purpose of providing educational opportunities for all
• MASBO members exist to support public education, and their actions will be viewed and appraised by the community, professional associates, and students
• MASBO members are stewards of public trust, and their duties will be performed with the highest ethical standards that will enhance the honour and dignity of the Association, the Association membership, and the employing school boards

The 4 MASBO Pillars were also re-affirmed:

Advocacy, Service to Members, Communications, and Governance

There are many activities that fall under these pillars, that in nature are routine, planned and emergent. The group discussed member services, professional and leadership development, and ways to get new members connected and involved in the association.

The feedback received from participants at the 2026 AGM was reviewed and discussed. Many ideas and potential adjustments for the upcoming AGM and Convention in 2027 were suggested.

The planned establishment of a Funding and Reporting Committee through the Department (EECL) along with MASBO involvement was also discussed. We are appreciative of the many volunteers that expressed interest in working on this committee and look forward their ongoing input to improve understanding of the issues.

Ideas and topics for themes and speakers for the year were identified and will be reviewed further. The theme for the year will be '**What's Your Vibe'**. The discussion centered on how mindset and perspective can impact and influence the effectiveness of dealing with people and situations.

We are looking forward to a great year of events and work on behalf of our members.

MASBO 2026/27 Executive

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Executive Director	Paul Ilchena
Executive Assistant	Michelle Munford

MASBO appreciates the members that have volunteered to serve on the executive as they provide leadership and direction to our organization and our members.

Calendar of Events for 2026-27

November 17-18, 2026	Joint Regional Meeting/Fall PD, Victoria Inn Winnipeg
February 3, 2027	Maintenance/WSH PD Day, Victoria Inn Winnipeg
February 4-5, 2027	Transportation Conference, Victoria Inn Winnipeg
May 26-28, 2027	MASBO AGM & Convention, Victoria Inn Brandon

Have a good school start-up and remember that the work you do is important in the service and support of educating students!