MASBO Minute

Manitoba Association of School Business Officials

Sept 2025

Welcome Back!

As the summer break ends, schools are bustling with activity. Many building maintenance projects are complete, transportation routes updated, and the supports that MASBO members provide are ready to go for another year! I hope everyone was able to enjoy some recharge time over the summer.

MASBO Executive Planning

The executive held a planning session on August 25 & 26 where activities and plans for the upcoming year were discussed. The group also spent time reflecting on the past year and re-confirmed the 4 MASBO Pillars:

Advocacy

Monitor, prepare for, and respond to emergent issues as they arise in support of the various interests of our membership.

Service to Members

Provide professional development opportunities and other services which bring value to our members.

Communications

Provide ongoing and two-way communication opportunities (inform and consult with our members and our education partners).

Governance

Conduct a regular review of MASBO's governance structure and practices with the aim of bringing forward any changes to the membership at the AGM.

There are many activities that fall under these pillars, that in nature are routine, planned and emergent. The group discussed the need to put focused effort to work with the department (MEECL) and continue to advocate for stronger working relationships between the department and school divisions.

The feedback received from participants at the 2025 AGM was reviewed and discussed. Many ideas and potential adjustments for future events were suggested. The group will be working on fine-tuning some of the ideas for the upcoming AGM in 2026.

Ideas and topics for themes and speakers for the year were identified and will be reviewed further.

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

Calendar of Events for 2025-26

November 18-19, 2025	Joint Regional Meeting/Fall PD, Victoria Inn Winnipeg
February 18, 2026	Maintenance/WSH PD Day, Victoria Inn Brandon
February 19-20, 2026	Transportation Conference, Victoria Inn Brandon
May 27-29, 2026	MASBO AGM & Convention, Victoria Inn Winnipeg

MASBO 2025/26 Executive

President	Elise Downey, River East Transcona
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Finance Urban	Jamie Rudnicki, Louis Riel
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Northwestern	Kevin Zabowski, Southwest Horizon
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Executive Director	Paul Ilchena
Executive Assistant	Michelle Munford

The Winnipeg Region needs a Regional Director and Finance Representative. If you are in the Winnipeg Region and are interested in one of these roles, contact Paul Ilchena, Executive Director, for more information.

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

On August 25, 2025, the Manitoba Government announced changes in the Deputy Minister roles and appointed Mona Pandey as Deputy Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning replacing Brian O'Leary. We welcome back Mona as she returns to the education sector and look forward to continuing to work with her and the staff of the department!