



## Mother Earth's Children's Charter School

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
held via Zoom Cloud Meeting  
June 12, 2023

- PRESENT:** Dale Friedel, Chair  
Jon Hutt, Trustee  
Cindy Paul, Vice Chair
- ALSO PRESENT:** Ed Wittchen, Superintendent  
Erin Danforth, Principal  
Anita LeMoignan, Secretary-Treasurer
- ABSENT:** Melanie Ure, Trustee  
Wendy Cunningham, Trustee  
Emil Durocher, Trustee
- GUEST:** Richard Bird

Chair Friedel called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

### AGENDA APPROVAL

- #944-22/23 "To approve the agenda as amended."  
4.2 TAAPCS AGM  
4.3 Cindy's Proposal

PAUL

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- #945-22/23 "To approve the minutes of May 23, 2023 Board Meeting as presented."

HUTT

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### SPECIAL MEETING WITH ALBERTA EDUCATION

Maurice Trottier/Sonia Sihota - The evaluation is required by the Minister and must prove compliance with the Charter. The evaluation takes place in advance of the Charter Renewal which is due December 1, 2024. It is based on twelve criteria. Initially, MECCS provided a self-evaluation which was followed up by a visit from

six-member Alberta Education team March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The evaluation, which provides a snapshot of MECCS achievements, improvements, commendations and recommendations, was outlined Sonnia and Maurice. There needs to be an action plan which addresses the requirements. The action plan should be in place by the Charter Renewal date.

**#946-22/23**                    “To approve the MECCS Charter Evaluation Report 2023.”

**PAUL**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **EMPLOYEE LONG-TERM SERVICE RECOGNITION**

Superintendent Wittchen - Following the May board meeting, further discussion ensued. It was suggested that a committee be formed to come up with a more comprehensive plan to be presented for consideration at the September board meeting.

### **SCHOOL REPORT**

Principal Danforth - Several events have taken place at MECCS since the March Board Meeting:

- June Transportation - We had no bus driver for the month of June so we came up with a plan to reimburse parents for driving their children. The attendance has been relatively good. We contracted Golden Arrow Bus Lines to take students on various field trips in May and early June.
- Year End Activities - We will have an end of year fun day. Individual classes are having their own year end activities as well. Students will be completing the PATs in June.
- Awards - June 20<sup>th</sup> we will host a luncheon for families and guests followed by the awards ceremony.
- School at the Legislature - This was a weeklong activity. Our students got an assistant in their own classroom with activities scheduled all week. It was election week, and while some people were unavailable, the students were allowed in many areas of the building and saw more than they might otherwise.

### **TAAPCS AGM**

Superintendent Wittchen - The meeting went longer than intended resulting in a second meeting being scheduled for June 24, 2023. There was a split in the votes for many of the recommendations, but in the end, it appears the issues that we objected to (i.e., fee increase, substantial salary increase for the Executive

Director, by-law changes) were or will be approved. Trustee Paul and Superintendent Wittchen will attend the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**PROPOSAL - TRUSTEE PAUL**

Trustee Paul - The document offers strategies that may assist in increasing enrollment. Recruitment from other demographics might be helpful. Perhaps MECCS could brand itself as a cultural immersion school. A lot of good work has been done that could be shared or marketed to encourage enrolment. Several options for increasing enrolment were discussed. The website needs revamping as well. Perhaps we should look for someone to assist with marketing.

Chair Friedel adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.



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CHAIR



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SECRETARY-TREASURER