



## Mother Earth's Children's Charter School

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
held via Zoom Cloud Meeting  
May 24, 2022

**PRESENT:** Dale Friedel, Chair  
Emil Durocher, Trustee 6:20 pm  
Wendy Cunningham, Trustee (via text)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ed Wittchen, Superintendent  
Erin Danforth, Principal  
Anita LeMoignan, Secretary-Treasurer

**ABSENT:** Cindy Paul, Trustee  
Terry Regamey, Trustee

**GUEST:**

Chair Friedel called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**#913-21/22** "To approve the agenda as amended."  
4.6 Mileage rates  
4.7 Letter from Alberta Education

**PAUL**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**#914-21/22** "To approve the minutes of April 11, 2021 Board Meeting as presented."

**PAUL**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUS**

ST LeMoignan - The new bus has arrived, and the post delivery inspection has been completed. We will be picking it up early next week once insurance and registration is arranged. With only one month left of school, we will park it until September.

## SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Danforth - Paul Band School was closed again earlier this month. They reopened today. Covid cases on the reserve continue to be a problem. We had planned to invite parents to an Easter dinner on April 12<sup>th</sup> but have opted to serve students only, given the high number of cases on reserve. Right now we are reluctant to let the outside world into the school for the safety of all concerned.

New Humble Community School staff will be joined MECCS staff for a PD Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Mark Ehnes did a session on traditional games. Maxine Hildebrandt conducted a tour of the Culture Camp, discussing its present use and plans for the camp. New Humble presented their agricultural. Those present shared common challenges for small schools.

We have been running an enhanced literacy program. We have contracted Lindsey Boudreau who, along with her colleagues, will be working with Kindergarten - Grade 4 students until late June.

Our grade 9 student has completed some of the PATs. We have been working with Memorial Composite High School for a smooth transition for this student to Grade 10.

There will be a track and field event on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Leah from Spirit North will be out to

## BUDGET 2022 - 2023

ST LeMoignan - The budget remains very similar to 2021-2023 with a projected enrolment of 50 students, only a few modifications.

**#915-21/22**            “To approve the 2022-2023 Budget.”

**DUROCHER**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## FOUR YEAR PLAN

Superintendent Wittchen - The theme of the plan, which will continue to make us viable, is the Culture Camp and strengthening Indigenous programming.

**#916-21/22**            “To approve the 2022-2025 Four Year Plan.”

**DUROCHER**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **TAAPCS GENERAL MEETING**

Superintendent Wittchen - Cindy and Dale weren't available, and Ed missed a good portion. Ed spoke with other attendees and will share the results of the minutes when he receives them.

There are several prospective new charter schools. To date none have submitted the proper documentation to Alberta Education.

## **CULTURE CAMP - ARCHERY COURSE**

Superintendent Wittchen - Maxine and Mark Hildebrandt and Ed Wittchen will be travelling June 2<sup>nd</sup> to Alberta Hunter Education by Alfred Lake near Caroline, AB to with a view to having an outdoor archery camp.

## **CANADA'S HISTORY FORUM**

ST Wittchen - Maxine Hildebrandt has been invited to participate in the Canada's History Forum, which is taking place on June 4, 2022, in Winnipeg at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. The title of the Forum is "Called to Act: Truth, Reconciliation, and Collaboration" and will feature the Honourable Murray Sinclair as a keynote speaker. They will also be sharing projects and initiatives that exemplify meaningful and tangible acts of reconciliation. They are bringing together a few of the past GG teaching recipients as part of this program to share some of their current work and initiatives. Canada's History will cover the cost of travel and accommodations.

## **MILEAGE RATES**

Superintendent Wittchen - MECCS currently pays \$0.505 per kilometer. The Government of Canada website reports 'reasonable' mileage rate for 2022 is \$.61 per kilometer.

**#917-21/22**                      "To approve mileage rate increase in keeping with Government of Canada rates going forward."

**PAUL**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chair Friedel adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm.



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CHAIR



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SECRETARY-TREASURER