



Mother Earth's Children's Charter School

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
held via Zoom Cloud Meeting
November 21, 2022

PRESENT: Dale Friedel, Chair
Cindy Paul, Vice Chair
Emil Durocher, Trustee
Jon Hutt, Trustee
Melanie Ure, Trustee

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

ABSENT: Wendy Cunningham, Trustee

GUEST: Richard Bird

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

#924-22/23 "To approve the agenda as amended."
4.8 Trustee long service awards

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#925-22/23 "To approve the minutes of October 17, 2022 Board Meeting as presented."

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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Chris Cholak, MNP LLP presented the Audited Financial Statement for August 31, 2022.

#926-22/23 "To approve the Audited Financial Statement for August 31, 2022."

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POTENTIAL EXCHANGE WITH CONNECT CHARTER AND OTHERS - UPDATE

Superintendent Wittchen - The team has been exploring potential exchange programs with various other schools. Maxine Hildebrandt had come up with a comprehensive plan for these exchanges (Connect Charter School, CAPE Charter School and Academy at King Edward).

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE - APPLICATION UPDATE

Principal Danforth - Principal Danforth has prepared two applications. She is also working on a group application. One for speech and language; another for occupational therapy for the kinder students. It looks as though we will receive funding for the applications, but we have not received confirmation due to a back log of applications on their end. The applications take time and without any available substitute teachers, Principal Danforth is restricted in the amount of time she can work on them.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER SEARCH

Superintendent Wittchen - As previously noted, we placed advertisements for substitute teachers in several local newspapers. Unfortunately, we did not receive any response to those ads. One of the Spirit North team is a teacher, and Principal Danforth has approached her to see if she would be interested in substitute teaching for us.

FIELD TRIP

Principal Danforth - On Friday, November 18, 2022 students from Principal Danforth's and Maxine's Hildebrandt's class attended the Alex Janvier Exhibit at Gallery @501 in Sherwood Park. The students had a good day and enjoyed the exhibit.

SALE OF 2009 BUS

ST LeMoignan - The 2009 Freightliner bus has been sold to a bussing company from Vancouver Island for the sum of \$7,500. We have had some interest in the 2014 bus, but no takers.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

ST LeMoignan - The school custodian remains on medical leave. We are still waiting for WCB to determine whether the claim will be approved. ST LeMoignan has been in contact with MECCS' lawyer who feels the best course of action is to wait it out and not cut off her benefits. Jennifer Lake continues as temporary custodian.

Jennifer Saulteaux has left her position of Kitchen Assistant. Lakota House has been hired to take her place and things are going well.

EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS TOWN HALL

Superintendent Wittchen - Alberta Education is encouraging MECCS to have an Education Service Agreement. The question arises as to how to accomplish this when the band is not interested in any type of education service agreement with MECCS. To date we have not received any concrete solution from Alberta Education, even though at this point they are firm in their decision that we need to have an agreement.

LEARNING LOSS DISRUPTION FUNDING AND PLAN

Superintendent Wittchen - Alberta Education sent email notification that MECCS will receive learning disruption funding intended to provide Grades 2 to 4 between 12 and 16 weeks of targeted programming. MECCS will receive a lump sum of \$10,000.

CHARTER STATUS - YEAR 3 SELF EVALUATION AND AERR REPORT

Superintendent Wittchen - The Annual Education Results Report for 2021-2022 is completed. We have also been notified that we are to have a Self-Evaluation completed by January in preparation for the Charter Review.

#927-22/23 “To approve Annual Education Results Report 2021-2022 as presented.”

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TRUSTEE LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Superintendent Wittchen - Two current board members and one former Board member have more than 10 years' service to MECCS. We would like to offer a

monetary gift of appreciation. Superintendent Wittchen and ST LeMoignan will discuss and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Chair Friedel adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.



CHAIR



SECRETARY-TREASURER