



Mother Earth's Children's Charter School

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
held via Zoom Cloud Meeting
October 17, 2022

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

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

#922-22/23 "To approve the agenda as amended."
4.9 Recruitment

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#923-22/23 "To approve the minutes of September 12, 2022 Board Meeting
as presented."

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TAAPCS AGM - MECCS

Superintendent Wittchen - The TAAPCS AGM is October 21 & 23, 2022. Trustee Paul will attend as MECCS voting member. Maxine Hildebrandt will attend with her. Superintendent Wittchen will attend the Superintendents portion of the meeting.

PAT ALTERNATIVE DATES

Superintendent Wittchen - The government sent out the list of PAT dates. Superintendent Wittchen notified them that 4 of the 5 dates fall after MECCS last

day of school. AB Ed responded saying that they will approve MECCS' students writing the PATs the week of June 19, 2022.

CULTURE DAY FOLLOW-UP

Superintendent Wittchen/Principal Danforth - Culture Day was very successful. We received lots of good feedback from those in attendance. We got more positive comments following distribution of the newsletter.

POTENTIAL EXCHANGE WITH CONNECT CHARTER

Superintendent Wittchen - Connect Charter school and MECCS are planning a cultural student exchange. Dates have yet to be determined, but Maxine Hildebrandt has a detailed plan of events while Connect students are here.

PD FOR NEW CURRICULUM

Principal Danforth - Mark Ehnes and Naomi Anderson have signed up for three webinars concerning the new curriculum. The webinars will continue throughout the year as new material becomes available.

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE - APPLICATION UPDATE

Principal Danforth - Principal Danforth has been working on several individual applications as well as a group application. It looks as though we will receive funding for several of the applications. The applications take time and without any available substitute teachers, Erin is restricted in the amount of time she can work on them.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER SEARCH

Superintendent Wittchen/Principal Danforth - The substitute teacher who has been working with MECCS for the past few years has accepted a temporary contract with Parkland SD and is therefore unavailable until after Christmas. It is getting increasingly difficult to find substitute teachers - not just for MECCS but many other divisions as well. We placed an advertisement in the Warburg Bugle, Thorsby Target and the Breton Booster as well as the Spruce Grove Examiner and the Stony Plain Reporter. We have had no response yet.

ALBERTA EDUCATION REVIEW OF 4 YEAR PLAN

Superintendent Wittchen - The Alberta Education review of the 4-year plan, that was submitted back in June, has taken place. We have a new Charter School Liaison who is a

rookie in the position. She visited MECCS on October 17, 2022^h to meet with Superintendent Wittchen and Principal Danforth. Superintendent Wittchen has been delayed in preparing the AERR due to the staff changes.

ANNUAL AUDIT

ST LeMoignan - The auditors, MNP, were out to perform the annual audit on October 12, 2022. They will present the Audited Financial Statements on November 21, 2022 in time for the November 30th submission deadline.

RECRUITMENT

Trustee Paul - Trustee Paul has been reviewing the FOMEF Business Plan and the MECCS Charter documents. She will forward a list of questions and suggestions to Board members for later discussion. She feels there might be ways to encourage more than just Indigenous students to MECCS.

Chair Friedel adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.



CHAIR



SECRETARY-TREASURER