

MINUTES
THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE
TURTLE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 AT 5:00 P.M.
IN THE DIVISION BOARD OFFICE
435 WILLIAMS AVENUE, KILLARNEY, MANITOBA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Garth Nichol Deanna Morgan Rodney Hintz
 Karen Wear Nanette Glover Robert MacTavish

MEMBERS ABSENT: NA

ADMINISTRATION: Grant Wiesner, Superintendent
 Vinod Kooragayala, Secretary-Treasurer
 Lisa Blixhavn, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

1:00 Mr. Kooragayala called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone.

1:01 **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TREATY LAND:**

We recognize that the Turtle Mountain School Division is on Treaty 1 and 2 Territories, the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Nakota and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Métis nation. The Turtle Mountain School Division respects the spirit and intent of Treaties and Treaty Making and remains committed to working in partnership with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people in the spirit of truth, reconciliation, and collaboration.

1:02 **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

Two additions to the agenda:

Mr. Shiels – Killarney School Basketball Court
Mr. MacTavish – Upgrading Laptops

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

1:03 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS:**

Motion No. 25-13 MacTavish Wear

That Mr. Wiesner and Ms. Blixhavn be appointed scrutineers.

CARRIED

1:04 **ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON:**

Mr. Kooragayala called for nominations of Board Chairperson by secret ballot.

The following person(s) were nominated:

Nichol

Wear

A vote for the position of Chairperson was taken amongst the following nominees:

Nichol

The majority of the Board elected Nichol as Chairperson.

Nichol

1:05 ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-CHAIRPERSON:

Mr. Kooragayala called for nominations of Board Vice-Chairperson by secret ballot.

The following person(s) were nominated:

Morgan

Wear

Hintz

MacTavish

The following person(s) withdrew their name(s):

Hintz

MacTavish

Morgan

A vote for the position of Vice-Chairperson was taken amongst the following nominees:

Wear

The majority of the Board elected	Wear	as Vice-Chairperson.
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Wear

Nichol

assumed the Chair.

1:06

TIME AND DATE FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETNIGS:

Correction to the proposed calendar dates November & January

Motion No 25-14 MacTavish Glover

That regular Board Meetings be held once a month at 5:00 p.m., during the school year with additional meetings to occur in January, February and April.

CARRIED

1:07 ELECTION OF COMMITTEES:

Nichol

called for appointments/nominations for the Standing Committees:

Negotiations:

Nichol

called for nominations for Negotiations Committee Chairperson by secret ballot.

A vote for the position of Negotiations Chairperson was taken amongst the following nominees:

Hintz Morgan

The majority of the Board elected Chairperson.

Hintz

as Negotiations

1:08 MOTIONS:

- i) Appointment of
on the Workplace Safety
Health/Risk Management

Representatives
and
Committee

Motion No. 25-15 Wear Morgan

That Trustee MacTavish and/or Trustee Hintz be appointed to the Workplace Safety and Health/Risk Committee.

CARRIED

- ii) Appointment of Representatives on the Professional Development Committee

Motion No. 25-16 Hintz McTavish

That Trustee Glover and Trustee Nichol be appointed to the Professional Development Committee.

CARRIED

- iv) Signing Authorities

Motion No. 25-17 Glover Morgan

That the signing officers for the Turtle Mountain School Division for September 2025 to September 2026 shall be one of the Chairperson of the Board or Vice-Chairperson of the Board and one of the Secretary-Treasurer or Superintendent/CEO

CARRIED

1:09 ADDENDUM

- i) Destruction of ballots:

Motion No. 25-18 Wear Glover

That the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

2:00 DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Mr. Shiels – provided an update to the bus routes.

Procedure to be reviewed – current policy references 7:45 which may not support students arriving to school within an acceptable time for beginning of class.

Roof at Killarney is targeted to be completed by the end of the month.

Mr. Shiels: Talked about the proposed outside basketball court at Killarney School.

Committee would like to move forward with the project. There 50x100 concrete court with an all weather and adjustable hoops. If funds are not raised in its entirety, they will look at a phased approach. NO anticipated costs to the division, looking to fundraise and collaborate with companies. Target date of summer of 2026. Mr. Shiels would be a liaison between the division and committee. Intention is turn over the court to the division. No fencing, bathrooms, lighting.

2:01 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

- a) That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting June 11, 2025, adopted as printed.

MacTavish Hintz

- b) That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting June 13, 2025, adopted as printed.

MacTavish Morgan

- c) That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting June 27, 2025, adopted as printed.

Hintz Wear

- d) That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting August 22, 2025, adopted as printed.

MacTavish Glover

CARRIED

2:02 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Technical Vocational Programming
Refer to Further Business

2:03 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT: ☒

2:04 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA ☐

2:05 CORRESPONDENCE:

FOR ACTION:

- a) MSBA, e-mail, June 18, 2025 re: Executive Highlights & MSBA Policies and Requests for Action 2025, (attachment)
- a) MSBA, e-mail, July 25, 2025 re: Change of Dates for 2026 MSBA Annual convention, announcement of dates for Fall PD Day, Post-Election PD Days and Regional Meetings. (attachment)
- a) MSBA, e-mail, September 03, 2025 re: Reminder – 2026 Call for Nominations & Resolutions & Memo Fall Regional Meetings & PD Day Information. (attachment)

FOR INFORMATION:

2:06 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a) Superintendent:

Mr. Grant Wiesner provided a written report on the following topics:

- i) MEECL Code of Conduct
- ii) MEECL Teacher Competence Standards
- iii) MEECL: Bill 21 (Public Schools Amendment Act)
- iv) TMSD Website Changes
- v) TMSD Board Meeting Dates 2025-2026
- vi) Staff Recognition

MacTavish

Wear

That the report be received

CARRIED

Item vi) Refer to Further Business

b) Assistant Superintendent of Student Services:

Mrs. Blixhavn provided a written report on the following topics:

- i) URIS
- ii) Student Services update
- iii) Second Step
- iv) Promise Years
- v) Staffing

MacTavish

Hintz

That the report be received.

CARRIED

- c) Secretary-Treasurer:

Mr. Kooragayala provided a written report on the following topics:

- i) Accounts Payable report for the months of June and July 2025
- ii) New Line of Credit
- iii) The Year-end Audit 2024-2025
- iv) The School Block Budgets for the year 2025-2026
- v) Divisional Financial Summary for the year 2024-2025
- vi) The proposed indemnities and other expenses of trustees
- vii) Boissevain Playground Account

Morgan

MacTavish

That the report be received.

CARRIED

2:07 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Negotiations:

Reviewed trustee draft in ST report. Committee to review and bring back.

2:08 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

2:09 **FURTHER BUSINESS:**

1:09 **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- a) Superintendent

Staff recognition – Glover, MacTavish will attend

Regional Meeting on October 18, 2025 Hintz, MacTavish

November – Wear, MacTavish/ Hintz to confirm

Bussing

2:10 MOTIONS:

- a) Motions that have served notice
- b) Motions postponed to a specific date:
- c) Regular motions:

- i) Motion No. 25-19 Glover Morgan

That the TMSD Board Meeting Dates for the 2025-2026 be approved as attached, with the August meeting being deleted.

CARRIED

- ii) Motion No. 25-20 Glover Morgan

That the TMSD Board of Trustees approve the development of the basketball

CARRIED

- d) Motions that must serve notice

3:00 INFORMATION:

- a) Trustee Concerns, Workshops, Conferences.
 - a. Laptop repair/ replacement (MacTavish, Hintz, possibly Wear)
 - b. CSBA virtual convention
- b) MSBA/Government Item
- c) Employee Group Reports

3:01 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

3:02 IN-CAMERA SESSION:

MacTavish Hintz

That we move into In-Camera

CARRIED

- i) Personnel – G. Wiesner
- ii) Personnel – G. Wiesner
- iii) Personnel – G. Wiesner

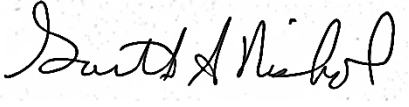
MacTavish

Morgan

That we move out of In-Camera

CARRIED

3:03 Wear to adjourn at 7:02 p.m



CHAIRPERSON
GARTH NICHOL



SECRETARY-TREASURER
VINOD KOORAGAYALA