

**BOARD SUMMARY: Meeting – November 19, 2018**

GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE NO. 6-2018

The motion was passed that the regular meetings of the Board be held during the first and third weeks of the month at 7:00 p.m. on a Monday, and that delegations be referred to present at the beginning of Regular meetings. Special meetings will only be held when required.

Meeting dates:

December 3

December 17

January 14

February 4

February 25* (Budget Delegations)

March 4

March 11* (if required)

March 18

April 8

April 22

May 13

June 3

June 17

June 24* (12:00 if required)

*Special Meetings

NEW BUSINESS

1. The motions was passed:
 - a) That the Board of Trustees adopt as the official position, all Winnipeg School Division residents, regardless of citizenship, be entitled to vote in an election for Winnipeg School Division Trustee
 - b) That administration draft a letter on behalf of the Board of Trustees seeking a meeting with the Minister of Education to discuss changing section 21(1) of the *Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act* to remove the requirement of "Canadian Citizenship" from the criteria of eligibility for voters.
 - c) That the Board of Trustees adopt as the official position, the voting age for School Board elections be reduced to 16 years old.
 - d) That administration draft a letter on behalf of the Board of Trustees seeking a meeting with the Minister of Education to discuss changing section 21(1) of the *Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act* to lower the voting age for School Board elections to 16 years old.
 - e) That the Board of Trustees adopt as the official position, section. 7(1) of the *Municipal Council and School Boards Elections Act* requirements for voters to establish identity is too restrictive and would create a barrier to voting to impoverished or homeless Winnipeggers and that the Provincial Government should allow voter identification through sworn oaths.



- f) That administration draft a letter on behalf of the Board of Trustees seeking a meeting with the Minister of Education to discuss changing section 7 (1) of the *Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act* to remove the requirement of “Canadian Citizenship” from the criteria of eligibility for voters.
 - g) That administration prepare a press release outlining the position of the Board and the public request for a meeting with the Minister of Education to discuss changes to the *Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act*.
 - h) That this matter be presented to the 2019 MSBA Annual General Meeting.
2. The motion was passed:
- a) That administration create a division wide awareness campaign in relation to low income families applying for and receiving Canada Learning Bond.
 - b) That administration designate staff in each school who are familiar with the program and how to apply for the program.
 - c) That administration designate staff in each school whose role will be to actively assist WSD families in applying for the Learning Bond.
 - d) That administration partner with community credit unions, including the student led credit union at Tec Voc to offer “one-stop” workshops to register eligible families for the Bond.
 - e) That this matter be referred to the Governance & Public Relations Committee for recommendations, review and implementation of a policy.
3. The motion was passed that WSD promote the educational resources and/or programs available to support students and staff who may be affected by substance use and to seek the possibility of engaging community partnerships that can provide services in schools to:
- encourage early identification and referral of students who are experiencing learning problems or mental health issues in relation to their substance use
 - assist students in reducing substance use and/or harm reduction pertaining to that use
 - support students who are affected by substance use in their families
 - increase education in schools for students, parents and staff regarding the impact of substance use on mental health and on learning.
4. The motion was passed:
- a) That the administration consult with parent councils and families who have children registered as a resident non-catchment student attending École Riverview and Lord Roberts Schools to identify and mitigate concerns related to high traffic volume on Osborne Street and Jubilee Avenue and Osborne Street and Morley Avenue
 - b) That the administration develop recommendations to mitigate traffic safety concerns with an emphasis on active transportation no later than March 31, 2019; and
 - c) That the recommendations be referred to the Building/Transportation Committee for review.