

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT GIMLI, TUESDAY, May 19th, 2026, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE EVERGREEN SUPPORT CENTRE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra Davies (Chair), Jillian Yorga, Gladys Kohler, Amanda Mosher, Dianna Auer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Penny Helgason

ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Hill, Superintendent, Ms. Worden, Director of Programs and Student Services, Mr. Moore, Secretary
Treasurer

In accordance with the revised procedure by-law, all motions have a recorded vote. The recording occurs by noting on each motion those trustees opposed, abstained or absent. When no trustees are recorded it represents a unanimous vote.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

1a. MOVED BY: Trustee Kohler
SECONDED BY: Trustee Yorga

Motion that the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2a. MOVED BY: Trustee Mosher
SECONDED BY: Trustee Auer

Motion that the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 28th, 2026, be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

3. VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS:

- Brad Harding – Principal at Arborg Collegiate Institute

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

4a. MOVED BY: Trustee Yorga
SECONDED BY: Trustee Auer

Motion that the Board approve the Superintendent's Department Reports.

4b. MOVED BY: Trustee Kohler
SECONDED BY: Trustee Auer

CARRIED

Motion that the Board approve Senior Administration to create an Agreement to sell Fraserwood Land to the RM of Armstrong.

CARRIED

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE of the WHOLE BOARD RECOMMENDATION

5a. MOVED BY: Trustee Yorga
SECONDED BY: Trustee Kohler

Motion from Board to approve leave request from Employee #11620.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION PACKAGE:

6a. MOVED BY: Trustee Kohler
SECONDED BY: Trustee Auer

Motion that the Correspondence & Information Package be received.


CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT:

7a. MOVED BY: Trustee Auer

Motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

CARRIED



Chairperson



Secretary-Treasurer

Superintendent's Report to the Board – May 19, 2026

5.1 Superintendent Report

1. **Presentation:**

- a. Brad Harding, Principal, Arborg Collegiate

2. **Superintendent & Principals Walkthroughs**

Our Principals, Ms. Worden and I had our principal meeting and walkthroughs at Arborg Early Middle School today.

3. **Administration Day**

On May 15th, our schools were in meetings for a division-wide administration day. Staff worked on planning for the remainder of the school year, transitions and next school year. Staff in new roles next year prepared for their transitions as well.

4. **Connect program tours**

Curing the last week of April, Jessica Worden led tours of families through our connect program site at Dr. George Johnson School. All 6 of the families expressed excitement about the programming option for their child and wish to pursue enrollment. One parent said, "*how competitive is it to get into a program like this?*"

5. **Student Services Training**

On April 27, Jessica Worden led a student services teachers training session at WBS. We continue to provide ongoing training and support to those in the role of Student Services teacher and this meeting also provided an opportunity for those who may be new to the role next school year.

6. **Evergreen Presentations and Visitors**

Near the end of April, Crystal MacDonald presented (online) to a group of school leaders in Newfoundland. Dr. Jeanne Sinclair, who has been researching our work on literacy, helped facilitate this session and reports, "*Crystal came soooo prepared and wowed the audience with the talk about WTL and tiered instruction. They were hanging on her every word!*" and also shared, "*I greatly appreciate Evergreen, and, as I said to attendees yesterday, I have learned so much from working with you. You guys have built incredible capacity in your division, and beyond that, you are willing and able to share!*"

We've also recently hosted other MB school divisions who are interested in our literacy approaches as well as our work on direct and explicit, highly inclusive and participatory teaching and learning. This included a visit on May 4 from Hanover SD and visits on May 6 & 7 from Swan Valley SD.

7. New teacher training

Della Magnusson has begun our new teacher training, which started in the week of May 4-8. Our teachers who are just graduating from University are getting some Evergreen specific training that will ensure that they're comfortable and well-oriented for school startup in September. We're especially grateful to be joined by a few teachers who have been on leave and are returning to the classroom in the fall.

8. Land-Based Learning PLC

Throughout the school year, Kelly Milne has been hosting a Land-Based Learning PLC who met for the final time this year on May 11. This learning helps teachers to collaborate across schools and consider ways to continue to move us forward with the Mamàhtawisiwin framework, supporting indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing.

9. End of year IEP meetings

Throughout the month of May our schools are engaging in final Individual Education Planning meetings. Our goal is to celebrate achievements, talk about goals for next school year, have parents meet next year's teacher, and when relevant, transition to the receiving school. This is a great process for parent voice and relationship-building with a focus on ensuring that kids with individual plans are well-supported and in good stead to succeed.

10. Principal Planning Sessions April 30 / May 1, 2026

At our Principal planning sessions at the beginning of May, our team engaged in collaborative planning and rehearsal for our schedule of early dismissal professional development sessions next year. Zach Groshell facilitated our sessions and Principals worked with the StepLab platform for PD planning so that we'll have a good balance of divisional consistency in our schedule, while leaving room for school leaders to adapt their PD based on staff progress with the My Evergreen Classroom and Evergreen 8 documents. Our approach prioritizes PD sessions that are shorter in duration, but more frequent, so that school teams can continually be in conversation, preparation and reflection on effective teaching practices. These shorter, but more frequent sessions, help to manage cognitive load and use all the mechanisms of effective PD. The early dismissals and staff meeting check-ins create an accountability structure for principals to follow. This professional learning will be further enhanced by drop-in feedback via peer and principal walk-throughs, so that teachers are supported in a culture of trust and collaboration.

11. Leadership Development and Assistant Principal programs 2026-2027

I'm currently finalizing participation in our Leadership Development Program next year and confirming Assistant Principal assignments. I'm looking forward to continuing to build leadership capacity in Evergreen.

Secretary Treasurer Report – May 19th 2026

Fraserwood Land Disposal

RM of Armstrong was the only organization that submitted interest in purchasing the Fraserwood Land. The following motion would start the process of selling the land to the interested party.

Recommendation: That the Board approve Senior Administration to create an Agreement to sell Fraserwood Land to the RM of Armstrong.

Childcare Building

Province of Manitoba held an Orientation Meeting regarding the Construction of Childcare Buildings. Currently timeline has the construction process starting in 2027 with completion in 2028.

Meetings / Correspondence

- FYRST budget meeting
- Division Meetings – Secretary Meeting
- Provincial Meeting – Orientation to Childcare Expansion