



LSTA Executive Meeting
January 6th, 2026 @ 4:30
Location: LSTA Office

Attendees:

President: Jamie Shuhyta (WSH -Divisional/MTS, PD Fund, MHWBC Divisional, Education Funding, Provincial Bargaining, Promoting the Profession, Employee Benefits)

Vice President: Markus Hofer (Provincial Bargaining, Education Funding) (Netley Colony)

Treasurer: Laryssa Kurjewicz (LSRCSS)

Secretary: Nicole Kavalench (Robert Smith School)

Employee Benefits Chair: Arthur Holroyd (Ecole Selkirk Junior High)

Member Wellbeing/Public Relations Chair: Matthew Nickarz (LSRCSS)

ESJ/Women in Leadership Chair: Jennifer Krawchuk (Lockport)

Truth and Reconciliation Chair: Breanna Sparling-Bedard (Walter Whyte)

Professional Development: Lynne Ogale (Daerwood)

Regrets: N/A

Absent: N/A

1:00 Call to order and Treaty Land Acknowledgements: By Jamie at 4:32 pm

2:00 Adoption of Agenda

Moved: Lynne

Seconded: Brenna

Carried

3:00 Adoption of Minutes

Errors: rewording of minutes to "Motion: To receive and approve the Financial Report as written"

Motion: To accept the amended minutes from the LSTA Executive and Council on Dec 2nd, 2025

Moved: Matt

Seconded: Arthur

Carried

4:00 Correspondence

.01 MTS Strategic Plan 2026-2031

The MTS Strategic Plan has been released (which was done in conjunction with a third party); January 1st has been determined as the start of the strategic plan, moving through the end of 2031; the plan was shared in two versions - one version was sent out to all members so they have access to the strategic plan, and a separate version of the plan was sent out to presidents only; the MTS Strategic Plan includes building trust with members and culture, building capacity, enhancing communication with MTS members, and enhancing governance and operations; MTS's process to follow through with the plan will take time, but MTS under Arlyn Filewich has been a positive change thus far.

.02 MTS Fiesta Bonspiel 2026

MTS hosts their own curling event (the Fiesta Bonspiel); event information has been shared with divisional members; the event will occur in Morden, MB; if there are any teams or individuals interested in attending the MTS curling bonspiel, send names to Jamie.

5:00 Business Arising

.01 2025 MFL Mid-Term Conference Feedback

Jamie Shuhyta attended the MFL Mid-Term Conference and reports that it was a great conference; both days were filled with teacher talk; a presentation was delivered from the Alberta Federation of Labour (Gill McGowan); spoke about the AB teacher strike and the notwithstanding clause which provided insight for MFL members, President of the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation (Samantha Becotte) spoke of the SK teachers' strike and the parents' attitudes towards the teachers' strike; information was also shared from SK regarding bargaining and section 107; MFL also had a labour liaison meeting with the NDP Caucus; Jamie notes that changes will be coming for employer "language for sick days/notes" (i.e., employer no longer able to request a medical note under 7 consecutive days; employer can only ask for a medical note for illness of 7 consecutive days, inclusive of Saturday and Sunday, or 10 non-consecutive days).

6:00 Reports

.01 President – Jamie Shuhyta

Jamie reached out to Chris Darazsi about his recent resignation from RETTA (Teachers' Association) Presidency position; LSTA Executive wishes him well in his new endeavour in the classroom; hope he remains at provincial bargaining.

An email will be shared from Jamie to all members shortly regarding the Strategic Plan and updates from MTS.

There is an upcoming meeting for the Selkirk District and Labour Council on January 21st; more information to come.

.02 Treasurer – Laryssa Kurjewicz

LSTA received the reimbursement for the Executive Training; still waiting for the PR Reimbursement.

.03 Provincial Bargaining/Education Finance – Jamie Shuhyta/Markus Hofer

Ongoing negotiations occurring around the province; Jamie and Laryssa will be going into Provincial Bargaining Seminar Two on March 13th and 14th where they receive the Provincial Bargaining opening package.

.04 Professional Development - Lynne Ogale

There is a little bit of funding remaining in the Joint Fund; more funding from the Joint Fund will be released in February.

.05 Admin Council

N/A

.06 Employee Benefits - Jamie Shuhyta/Arthur Holroyd

The Open enrollment period went well for LSTA members; the open enrollment window is now closed; Jamie fielded many great questions from members. If members would like to change their benefits or enroll, they will now have to wait for a life event (e.g., marriage, divorce, birth of first child).

.07 Public Relations/Wellness - Matthew Nickarz

Curling will be on January 8th at the rink in Selkirk; there will be 10 teams (40 members); some funds will be used for Jamie to purchase prizes. Matt will send out information in February for our annual LSTA Quiz Night (which will occur on April 9th); Quiz Night venue will still be church, and it has already been booked; the Executive anticipates a great turn out again this year.

.08 ESJ/Women in Leadership - Jennifer Krawchuk

Jen will send out some emails for the next meeting; after having met with Jarrett, Karen, and Lisa, she notes her meeting with them went well and they were excited about the subcommittee groupings; conversation included next steps of coordinating/supporting the BBQ.

.09 WHS - Jamie Shuhyta

LSSD WHS Violent Incident Report data has been compiled for the province; Jamie will be attending the MFL WHS Meeting in early February where he will learn about violence/mental health in the workplace.

.10 Indigenous - Breanna Sparling-Bedard

Breanna and Jen are looking to meet to discuss the best ways to use the received grant funding (ESJ, Indigenous, Infinity Space) for the ESJ Sub-Committee, Truth and Reconciliation Sub-Committee, and Infinity.

7:00 New Business

.01 LSTA 3rd Annual Funspiel Curling

Curling information above in Public Relations/Wellness.

.02 Lakewood Regional Presidents' Meeting

Jamie will be attending an upcoming Lakewood Regional Meeting in Gimli on Friday, Jan 9th where conversations will be held about several topics, including budgeting, wellbeing, binder meeting. More information to come.

8:00 Membership Engagement

9:00 Questions

10:00 Announcements

11:00 Information to Take Back to Staff

.01 Sub Situation and Failure to Fills

Please track the sub situation and the failure to fills in the building.

12:00 Adjournment – 6:25 pm