

ELECTRONIC MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Electronic meetings of the Board of Trustees are recognized as being a legitimate means of the board conducting its business as provided in Manitoba Regulation 201/2004 which states that “a school board may develop and implement a policy providing for the use of electronic means for the holding of meetings of a school board.”

This provision of electronic means for participation in meetings of the board is intended to be used until the pandemic is declared over by the Government of Manitoba. The board recognizes the necessity of providing trustees with the ability to participate in all meetings arranged by the board that require representative attendance and participation. Electronic meetings of the board are intended to provide for more efficient use of time and productive resources in circumstances where time and/or availability of trustees and/or staff make it a better means of conducting a board or committee meeting. The following criteria will apply:

- (1) The River East Transcona School Division shall facilitate that participation via telephone conference call or such other electronic means as the division is reasonably able to provide for trustees to attend a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the board.
- (2) As required by paragraph 5 of Manitoba Regulation 201/2004, the following persons must be physically present in the board meeting room for any meeting of the board or committee of the whole:
 - (a) the chair of the board or his or her designate,
 - (b) at least one additional member of the board,
 - (c) the superintendent of the division or his or her designate,
 - (d) the secretary-treasurer or his or her designate.
- (3) A trustee who participates in a meeting by electronic means is considered to be present at the meeting and will be recorded as being in attendance in the minutes.
- (4) Electronic means will be provided to allow public participation where appropriate and to enable the public to hear all of the debate during public session.
- (5) This policy is subject to the provisions of the Public Schools Act Section 36 to 39.8 in all aspects.

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