

Education Council Minutes – December 9, 2025

4:30 pm, on Teams

P = Present - A= Absent

In Attendance:

P	M. Bleier	P	A. Langhorn	A	D. Biin
P	L. Boehm	A	T. Render	P	T. Clarke
A	J. Buttle	P	C. Philipson	P	T. Punchard
A	S. Curran	P	M. Keczan (1 st Vice Chair)	P	T. Snaauwaert
P	R. Deane	P	D. Sakwan	P	T. Whitehead
A	A. Fahrenbruch	A	G. Kaur	P	M. Matear (President)
A	D. Falkenhagen (Chair)	A	G. Singh	P	J. Heth (Registrar)
P	J. Langham		-----	P	N. Makortoff (recorder)

Guests:

Call to order and welcome.

The meeting was called to order at: 4:32 pm

1 Territorial Acknowledgment

Territorial Acknowledgement given by the Council Chair.

2 Approval of Agenda of 2025-12-09

CARRIED

The agenda was approved as amended. An update on the EdCo composition was added as an agenda item.

3 Approval of Minutes of 2025-11-04

CARRIED

The minutes were approved as presented.

4 Membership Engagement and/or Updates

Member engagement

There was an update that a member of EdCo has resigned from their seat. There will be a call for nominations for this seat in January. Elections will take place if necessary.

5 Past Action Items, Approval in Principle, and Items that need further consideration document.

Information

The document has been updated and was reviewed.

6 Standing Committee Reports

A Circle for Inclusive Indigenous Education (CIIE)

Information

1 There was no meeting in November.

B Curriculum Committee (CC)

Information

1 There was no meeting in November.

C Education Policy Committee (EPC)

Information

1 The draft meeting minutes of November 19, 2025 were submitted for information.

D Program Quality Committee (PQC)

Information

1 There was no meeting in November.

7 Unfinished Business

Information

A No unfinished business to review at this meeting.

8 New Business

A Approval in Principle – Medical Laboratory Assistant Certificate. CARRIED

"Pursuant to the CIA Section 23(1)(b), Education Council recommends the Approval in Principle for the new Medical Laboratory Assistant Certificate Program."

Discussion:

As the Interior Health Authority faces a critical shortage of qualified Medical Laboratory Assistants (MLA) they require a local MLA training program to build a reliable supply of work-ready graduates. They have asked if Selkirk College could provide this program.

Suggested to have more information included in the briefing note that will be going to the Board. Also to explain the acronyms so all understand what is being said.

Education Council recommended to send the approval in principle request to the Board for approval.

9 Reports

A VP Education and Students Report (*verbal*) Information

There has been no new news since the last report was distributed.

B Education Council Chair Report (*verbal*) Information

There was a verbal report presented by the Vice Chair Maggie K. She attended the provincial meeting of all EdCo Chairs. It was a very interesting meeting. She appreciated the sharing of information across institutions.

Adjournment

Next meeting is on February 10, 2026, at 4:59 pm on Teams.