



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## Education and Community Relations Committee Minutes

Monday, November 9, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.  
Boardroom, Administration Office

Present:            S. Bambridge            C. Ekenna  
                         K. Fallis                    B. Foley  
                         J. Gobeil                   D. Kejick  
                         L. Letain                   J. Murray  
                         L. Ross

Also Present:    D. Labossiere            M. Casavant

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### 1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

#### A. Sub-Committee Reports – Received for Information

Trustee Fallis reviewed the Community Drug and Alcohol Education Coalition meeting Minutes from the meeting held on October 29, 2020.

Trustees asked questions for clarification.

### 2. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 14, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Boardroom.**

Respectfully submitted,

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L. Letain



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## COMMUNITY DRUG AND ALCOHOL EDUCATION COALITION MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2020 9:00 am to 10:30 am

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**Present:**

Addictions Foundation of Manitoba  
Brandon Police Service  
Brandon School Division

Child and Family Services  
City of Brandon  
Prairie Mountain Health  
Probation Services

Corinne Hamilton  
Chief Wayne Balcaen  
Elaine McFadzen  
Chad Cobbe  
Brad Twordik  
Bryce Ridgen  
Susan Gilleshammer  
Katherine McFarlane  
Angela McGuire-Holder  
Trustee Kim Fallis  
Katherine Chalmers  
Mayor Rick Chrest  
Kimberley Toews  
Ferlin Asham

**Regrets:**

Addictions Foundation of Manitoba  
Assiniboine Community College  
Brandon Friendship Centre

Brandon Ministerial Association  
Brandon School Division

Brandon University  
CFB Shilo  
Child and Adolescent Treatment Centre  
Department of Families  
Probation Services

Jamie Tompkins  
Caley Strachan  
Gail Cullen  
Randa Nadjiwon Cancade  
Dwayne Dyck  
Jaime Lombaert  
Trustee Delvina Kejick  
Karen Doty-Sweetnam  
Elaine Desbiens  
Chris Bromley  
Mark Hewins  
Liz Spence

### **Welcome and Agenda Review**

Mrs. McFadzen welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced the new members.

There were no changes or omissions to the May 7, 2020 minutes.

### **Coordinator's Report (including Youth Revolution)**

Ms. McGuire-Holder's report is attached. Mrs. McFadzen commented that she is always inspired about what the students come up with under Ms. McGuire-Holder's guidance; continuing to think of the community during this time.

Mayor Chrest noted that with the changing times in not being able to attend YR events, he appreciates that YR has continued with different projects. If there is any way he is able to participate in events virtually he would be happy to do so.

Chief Balcaen said he is happy to participate in events any way he can as well. He congratulated the School Division and Ms. McGuire-Holder for keeping YR going, as it is a great way for students to continue to connect during difficult times.

### **Partner Updates**

#### **Addictions Foundation of Manitoba**

- Have recruited and filled all youth-based school counsellor positions and the Enhanced School Based Mental Health and Addictions Initiative position. Counsellors are happy to be back in the schools
- Parkwood is offering in-person counselling again with an option for online counselling where still preferred
- AFM website has free webinars for the public
- Community groups at Parkwood are still suspended due to space limitations – aren't able to social distance
- It was asked if Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous were still going on through the pandemic. It is believed that these groups are meeting virtually. Community members can check the website for updated meeting dates

#### **Brandon Police Service**

- A number of different plans have been implemented due to COVID-19 such as housing arrestees instead of just being a detention center as previous. A temporary detention facility is being built on the Brandon Police Service property. A number of staff have been seconded to guard duty because of this, including the High School Resource Officer. This has not affected the front line service. It is hoped by early 2021 all services will be restored with additional staff being put into place
- The Station encourages people to do services by telephone again where possible
- School Resource Officer has helped organize school patrols for those schools who wanted to implement them. School presentations are being done. The number of presentations will be less as presentations need to be done for smaller cohorts of students

- Brandon Police Service is a large part of Community Mobilization Westman, which was also affected by COVID. The Committee was not able to hold in-person meetings at the start of COVID and were corresponding by email and virtual meetings where possible. Gift cards, phones, phone minutes have been purchased through the group for community members who needed them

#### **Brandon School Division**

- Brandon School Division is one of three Divisions chosen for the Enhanced School Based Mental Health and Addictions Initiative. Brandon School Division has hired a High-Fidelity Wrap Around Program Facilitator. The Child and Adolescent Treatment Centre have hired a psychiatric nurse. The three partners (Brandon School Division, Child and Adolescent Treatment Centre and Addictions Foundation Manitoba) will work with students and their families who require higher level support. Child and Adolescent Treatment Centre and Addictions Foundation Manitoba's positions will be twelve months, which means students will have support through the summer as well. The team has met with all school leaders, clinicians, school counselors and resource teachers. Referrals will start to be accepted by the team on November 1, 2020
- Trustee Fallis said that she appreciates and is proud of all the work that is being done to make things better for our youth

#### **Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School**

- Mr. Cobbe thanked everyone for the "healthy distractions" that keep students busy during the time of COVID so that students continue to have healthy activities to fill their time

#### **École secondaire Neelin High School**

- Ms. Gilleshammer commented on the work that is being done by their Student Council, athletic activities, etc. that allow the students some sense of normal

#### **Vincent Massey High School**

- All of the sports teams are running as normal, which is a testament to the staff who want to ensure that the students are staying busy
- The timing of the Enhanced School Based Mental Health and Addictions Initiative is good in helping to support students

#### **Prairie Hope School**

- Prairie Hope had a presentation to the students on positive community engagement. This is so important for the students at this time
- Mrs. McFadzen spoke to the work that Prairie Hope High School does with Brightscapes Endeavours

#### **George Fitton School**

- Excited for the start of the Enhanced School Based Mental Health and Addictions Initiative as well

- Received the Community Schools Grant last year – will be using some of these funds to support mental health
- Discussed a concern for families who are new to the community and haven't registered

#### **Child and Family Services**

- Has been difficult to engage youth due to COVID
- Teen Talk will be running out of Virden
- Will be accepting items for the Christmas Store so that children can come to the store to purchase items for family members for Christmas
- Still running Safe and Together Families program

#### **City of Brandon**

- The NEO – Not Even Once campaign was started a few years ago. The City was planning to do another round of NEO last spring which was cancelled due to COVID
- His Worship commended everyone for their inventive ideas to keep things running as normal as we can
- The City is trying to keep as many recreational activities going as possible, especially outdoor activities

#### **Prairie Mountain Health**

- Staff are being encouraged to provide as many virtual services as possible – referrals, intakes, etc.
- Testing sites are being organized and delivered by Prairie Mountain Health services, so other duties are being shuffled as required
- Other epidemics are on the rise as well with the pandemic. It was noted that some people are not taking care of their own personal health due to fear of the pandemic

#### **Probation Services**

- Still running the drug treatment court weekly in Brandon. A community member enters court, works through a program, and then after the program would get their sentencing
- Will be starting a Restorative Justice System in the Westman Region
- Almost all programs have been suspended at this time. They are looking to open some adult programs with limited numbers
- Working through feelings of isolation with the clients. Cell phones were given to clients and staff so that work could be done from home
- Back to having fifty percent staff in office
- Continuing to work with the John Howard Society

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

February 25, 2021

**Mission:** *Emphasis on the prevention of harm from the rise of drugs and alcohol through students' choice of positive lifestyles. Accomplished through education, life-style wellness activities, leadership opportunities together with community & school volunteerism*

**Theme:** \*We are all connected together\*

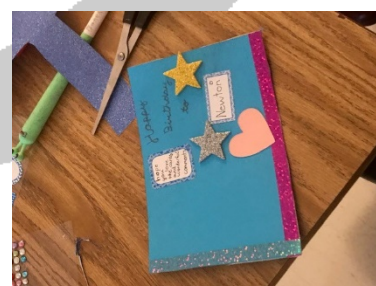
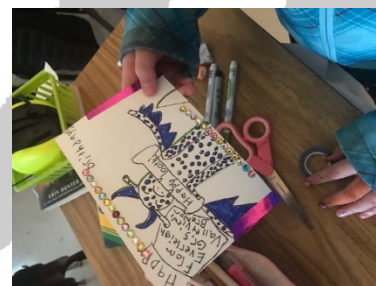
- New theme/moto (student choice) *We are all connected together*
- We have pivoted to classroom/cohort-based projects (YR umbrella). This encompasses all our students from grades 5 and up. This gives expanded opportunities to connect and engage our BSD students.
- YR @ home projects (similar to May and June) will still be available. Allows students to participate in projects from or at home. Individual students can also be supported in their personalized choice project.

### Highlighted YR Projects

Projects are focused on (virtual) community connections, positive school climate, student engagement , increased self esteem and creating positivity.

#### **Alfred Newton- turns 100**

Mr. Newton a WWII veteran turned 100 on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Students from several schools wanted to send 100 cards to celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Students created handmade cards with personalized messages. Mr. Newton and his family were overjoyed. Mr. Newton's family was grateful that our students reached out to help him celebrate, especially as he was unable to share this milestone birthday with his extended family.



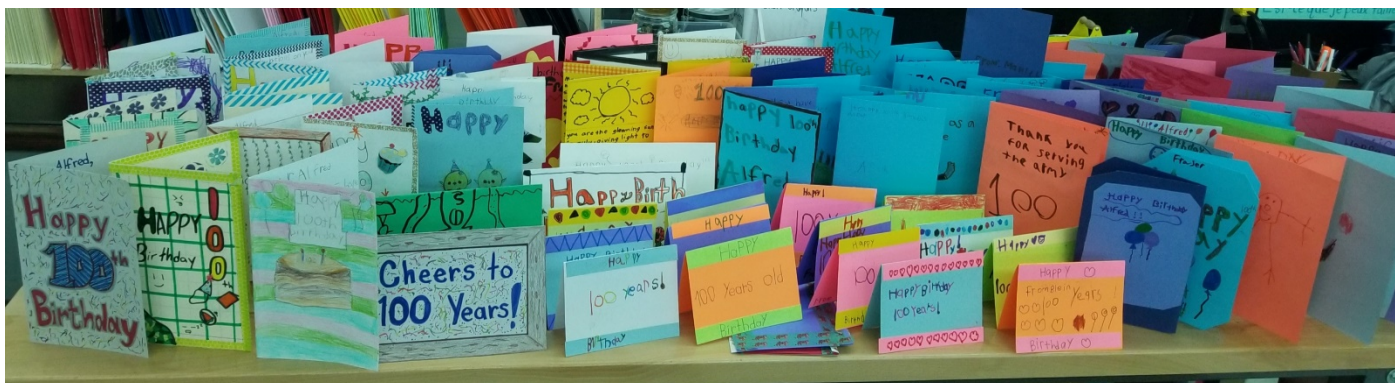
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**Upcoming Projects (more details and updates at next meeting):**

*We Remember- Poppy stones Project for Nov 11<sup>th</sup>*

Stones painted with poppy/Remembrance Day theme

Displayed at school and/or home

Increasingly popular way for communities to show support for service personal and veterans

*Kindness Day activities and Projects in our schools (Friday Nov 13<sup>th</sup>)*

"You are a kindness STAR"

"You light up the sky with your Kindness"

"You are a rising STAR in the Kindness universe"

Theme: stars and community (like a galaxy)

*Teachings of the Seven Grandfathers in the Age of Covid*

Partner project with Amie Martin (Brandon School Division Indigenous Education Learning Specialist), Vincent Massey, local artists

Indigenous lens for our Covid Health Canada guidelines

Posters

Teaching kit

Teaching book

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