Divisional Futures and Liaison Committee Minutes

Wednesday, September 24, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room, Administration Office
Present: B. Jolly, M. Snelling, G. Buri (Alternate), Dr. D. Michaels.
Regrets: B. Mayes

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Divisional Futures and Liaison Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Trustee Jolly.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Divisional Futures and Liaison Committee Agenda was approved.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR/CONFIRM REGULAR MEETING DATES/REVIEW COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

It was agreed Bea Jolly would serve as Committee Chairperson for 2009/2010. It was further agreed that the Divisional Futures & Liaison Committee would be held on the third Thursday of each month as follows:

Thursday, October 15, 2009	12:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 19, 2009	12:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 17, 2009	12:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 21, 2010	12:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 18, 2010	12:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 18, 2010	12:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 15, 2010	12:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 20, 2010	12:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 17, 2010	12:00 p.m.

4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

A) Liaison with Community Groups

The Committee reviewed the community groups the Divisional Futures and Liaison Committee has met with over the last three years.

2008-2009 School Year
- Brandon School Division Teaching Staff
- Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation and Affiliated Organizations
- Brandon University
- Assiniboine Community College

2007-2008 School Year
- School Division Youth
- Initiating contact with Southwest Horizon School Division
- Meeting with Seniors
- Meeting with Early Childhood Educators
- Took lead in meeting with Minister of Labour and Immigration re: EAL
- Meeting with Justice and Legal Community

2006-2007 School Year
- NOTE: Governance Goals were established during this term.
- Members of the Brandon 125 Committee
- Presentation by Native Elder Kevin Tacan re: aboriginal education
- Staff presentation on "Demographics by *The Learning Company"*
- Brandon Chamber of Commerce

Discussion ensued.

Suggestions for discussion with community groups this year included:

- Early childhood education and care;
- Aboriginal organizations;
- Justice system representatives;
- Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) (attend their meeting);
- Local Brandon Group Parent Councils;
- Newcomer immigrant groups;
- Special area groups for children/youth with learning and life challenges;
- BNRC and affiliated organizations;
- Students from Off-Campus program and various programs;
- Child & Adolescent Treatment Centre;
- Infant trauma specialists.

It was agreed that the Committee would meet the Off-Campus students in October.

Suggested time frames include:

- Parent Councils in November;
- BU/ACC in February;
- BNRC in January or February;
- Others as can be scheduled.

It was noted that the Committee needs to meet with representatives for Brandon University and Assiniboine Community College on an annual basis.

Regarding the questions for the focus of the discussions, various perspectives were explored. Board of Trustees input is important regarding the specific questions to be asked of the respective groups.

Recommendation:
That the Divisional Futures and Liaison Committee proceed with meetings with identified community groups and the Board of Trustees to identify questions of interest for discussion with identified community groups.

B) Liaison with Political Groups

This matter was referred from the Board of Trustee meeting held September 14, 2009. Upon discussion it was decided that this matter would be considered at a later date.

4. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

A) Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC)

The Committee discussed and reviewed the MAPC newsletter and registration form for the 2009/2010 school year. It was agreed that the Division would pay for the Divisional Membership to the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils on behalf of all active parent councils in the Brandon School Division on the understanding that any further costs are the responsibility of each individual council.

Recommendation:
That a Divisional membership for the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) in the amount of $720.00 be purchased on behalf of all active parent councils in the Brandon School Division with the clear understanding that any further costs (such as travel to MAPC meetings) would be the responsibility of each individual parent council.

5. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

NIL

6. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 12:00 noon, Thursday, October 15, 2009, Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Jolly, Chair	G. Buri (Alternate)
B. Mayes	M. Snelling