BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

"Accepting the Challenge"

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October 7, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO BE HELD **TUESDAY,** OCTOBER 13, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

J. L. MILNE BOARDROOM, ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

1031 - 6TH STREET, BRANDON, MANITOBA

Secretary-Treasurer

AGENDA

1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

1.01 Reference to Statement of Board Operations

1.02 Approval of Agenda

1.03 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

a) Regular Board Meeting, September 28, 2009.
Adopt.

2.0 GOVERNANCE MATTERS:

2.01 Presentations For Information

2.02 Reports of Committees

a)	Divisional Futures & Liaison Committee Meeting	(Grey)	B. Jolly
b)	Policy Review Committee Meeting	(Pink)	P. Bartlette
c)	Education Committee Meeting	(Green)	R. Coey
d)	Other		
	- MAST Workshop – October 1 and 2, 2009		B. Jolly

2.03 Delegations and Petitions

a) Mr. D. Hardy, President, Brandon Teachers' Association regarding class sizes.

2.04 Communications for Action

a) Honourable Peter Bjornson, Minister of Education, Citizenship & Youth, September, 2009, noting the launch of this year's *Minister's Awards* to celebrate excellence in teaching by outstanding Manitoba educators. The awards recognize innovative and exemplary practices that contribute to student engagement and achievement. Complete information on the nomination process and all necessary forms are available online at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/excellence/. (Appendix "A").

Referred Business Arising.

b) Honourable Kerri Irvin-Ross, Minister of Healthy Living, October 1, 2009, appreciating the Board of Trustees' advocacy efforts on behalf of school-based addictions services for adolescents in the Brandon region. She notes that Manitoba Health and Healthy Living (MHHL) provides funding to the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (AFM) based on their annual request and the government's ability to fund. The AFM allocates this funding according to the priority needs as defined by the organization. (Appendix "B").

Referred Business Arising.

2.05 BUSINESS ARISING

- From Previous Delegations

- From Board Agenda

a) Correspondence from Honourable Peter Bjornson, Minister of Education, Citizenship & Youth, from Communications for Action 2.04a) noting the launch of this year's *Minister's Awards* to celebrate excellence in teaching by outstanding Manitoba educators and providing complete information on the nomination process and all necessary forms online at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/excellence/.

b) Correspondence from Honourable Kerri Irvin-Ross, Minister of Healthy Living, from Communications for Action 2.04b), appreciating the Board of Trustees' advocacy efforts on behalf of school-based addictions services for adolescents in the Brandon region. She notes that Manitoba Healthy and Healthy Living (MHHL) provides funding to the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (AFM) based on their annual request and the government's ability to fund. The AFM allocates this funding according to the priority needs as defined by the organization.

- MAST issues (last meeting of the month)

- From Report of Senior Administration

a) School Reports – NIL

b) Learning Support Services Report – Learning Support Services Program Facilitators – Veronica Adams and Marsilah Peirson.

c) Items from Senior Administration Report
- Tender for Cargo Van.
- Trustee Inquiries:
  - Safety for Minority Groups – Trustee Mayes.

2.06 Motions

170/2009 That the sole Tender of Murray Chev Cadillac in the amount of $25,799 (plus applicable taxes) for a new 2010 Chevrolet Express Cargo Van in accordance with general conditions and specifications and trade-in, be accepted.

171/2009 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.

172/2009 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.

2.07 Bylaws

2.08 Giving of Notice

2.09 Inquiries

2.09a) Public Inquiries (last meeting of each month – max. 15 minutes)

2.09b) Trustee Inquiries

3.00 ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

3.01 Report of Senior Administration

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3.02 Communications for Information

a) David Yeo, Director, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth, received September 30, 2009, and announcing the release of the 6th edition of *A Statistical Profile of Education in Manitoba September 2003 to June 2008.* The document can be obtained in electronic format as follows: http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/strategy/index.html.

Receive and File.

b) Darryl Gervais, Acting Director, Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment Branch and Florence Girouard, Director Educational Support Services Branch, September 2009, addressed to Grades 7 and 8 Principals, noting the Middle Years Assessment Policy defines key competencies in which schools much assess student achievement. The policy and support documents are available on the Department's website at: www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/myreporting.html. Professional Learning sessions to support classroom implementation of the Middle Years Assessment will be held in September and October 2009 and those wishing to participate my register at <www4.edu.gov.mb.ca/workshops/>. Parent brochures regarding the assessment are no longer being printed, however the web addresses for parents could be included in school newsletters. An information sheet regarding the Collection of Assessment Results (CAR) has been included.

Refer to Education Committee.

c) Naomi Kruse, Executive Director, Manitoba Association of Parent Councils, September 29, 2009, reminding the Division that the 2009-2010 membership is now due.

Receive and File.

d) Carolyn Duhamel, Executive Director, Manitoba School Boards Association, October 1, 2009, enclosing two copies of *The Superintendency: A Resource Document to Guide Shared Leadership by Boards & Superintendents.* This replaces an earlier document on the same topic that was prepared in the early 1990's. The document will be posted on MSBA's and MASS's websites and downloads are encouraged.

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e) Vivian Gray, October 1, 2009, noting she attended the information session held at Harrison Middle School on September 30, 2009 and that she was both distressed and angered by the lack of answers the Committee and Dr. Michaels were able to provide. A lack of pre-planning prior to the decision to turn Harrison School into the Single Track French Immersion School was evident. She was even more angered when Dr. Michaels responded to one parent's concern by stating the Board had not felt it necessary to consult the parents as they did not think they would be affected. She asks how this decision was reached. She has read the surveys, watched Access 12 and read the Brandon Sun and cannot find any mention of Harrison until it was a done deal. She feels it appears the Board kept this decision to themselves to avoid dealing with any opposition to this decision. She states the purpose of her email is to express

how deeply disappointed in the Brandon School Division and their apparent lack of respect for the students, parents and public to whom they are responsible.

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3.03 Announcements

a) Finance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2009, Conference Room.

b) Brandon School Division/Parent Liaison Committee Parent Conference, 9:15 a.m., Saturday, October 17, 2009, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary High School

c) Personnel Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Monday, October 19, 2009, Conference Room

d) CUPE Conciliation Meetings – 9:00 a.m., Monday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 20, 2009, Admin. Office.

e) MSBA Region 1 Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Monday, October 19, 2009, Victoria Inn, Brandon, MB.

f) Workplace Safety and Health Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 22, 2009, Conference Room.

g) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 26, 2009, Board Room.

4.00 IN CAMERA DISCUSSION:

4.01 Student Issues

- Reports

- Trustee Inquiries

4.02 Personnel Matters

- Reports

a) Personnel Report – Confidential #1

- Trustee Inquiries

4.03 Property Matters/Tenders

- Reports

- Trustee Inquiries

4.04 Board Operations

- Reports

- Trustee Inquiries

5.00 ADJOURNMENT

Appendix A

MINISTER OF EDUCATION, CITIZENSHIP AND YOUTH

Room 168
Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8
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September 2009

To: ✓Chairs of School Boards
Superintendents of School Divisions
Principals of Schools (Kindergarten to Grade 12)
Presidents of Advisory Councils for School Leadership/Parent Councils

Dear Colleagues:

Subject: Manitoba's Celebration of Excellence in Teaching

Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth is launching this year's *Minister's Awards* to celebrate excellence in teaching by outstanding Manitoba educators. The awards recognize innovative and exemplary practices that contribute to student engagement and achievement.

School trustees, superintendents, principals, teacher-colleagues, students, parents or private citizens are encouraged to nominate teachers who have had a significant influence on the lives of students.

Awards will be presented to three teachers in *the Teacher Excellence* category, that is, one teacher from the Early Years level, one from the Middle Years level, and one from the Senior Years level. Also, one teacher will be recognized in the *Outstanding New Teacher* category. In recognition of the importance of collaborative work among educators for the benefit of students, one award, *Team Collaboration*, will be presented to a team of teachers (maximum of three). In addition, the *Outstanding School Leader* category will recognize one principal or one vice-principal for excellence in administrative and educational leadership.

Each award recipient will receive a certificate of recognition and a $500 cash award. The recipient's school will also receive $500 for school projects or equipment.

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Enclosed you will find the informational brochure and a poster. Complete information on the nomination process and all necessary forms are available online: www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/excellence/. The submission deadline for nominations is December 21, 2009.

We know that educators seldom seek public acknowledgement for the valuable work they undertake on a daily basis. Please take this opportunity to help us recognize and celebrate the work of Manitoba's outstanding educators whose exemplary contributions enhance student learning and achievement.

Sincerely,

Honourable Peter Bjornson
Minister
Education, Citizenship and Youth

Enclosures

c. Manitoba School Boards Association
Manitoba Teachers' Society
Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
Council of School Leaders
Manitoba Association of Parent Councils
Fédération provinciale des comités de parents du Manitoba
Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools

Appendix B

MINISTER OF HEALTHY LIVING

Room 310
Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA
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Mr. George Buri
Chairperson, Brandon School Division
1031 – 6th Street
Brandon MB R7A 4K5

Dear Mr. Buri:

Thank you for your letter regarding school-based addictions counseling programs. I appreciate your advocacy efforts on behalf of school-based addictions services for adolescents in the Brandon region, and I am pleased to respond.

I understand the need and importance of school-based counseling programs in helping to identify and treat young people with addictions. Manitoba Health and Healthy Living (MHHL) provides funding to the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (AFM) based on the AFM's annual request and government's ability to fund. The AFM allocates this funding according to the priority needs as defined by the organization.

It is indeed valuable to learn of the problems faced by affected individuals and their families in accessing addictions services. It is important to note that addictions services for youth in Brandon are also available through the AFM's Brandon office, as well as other AFM regional offices.

MHHL is committed to continued improvement of our addictions system. Thank you for your interest in this important matter.

Best in health,

Kerri Irvin-Ross

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