



"Accepting the Challenge"

Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Minutes

Thursday, April 26, 2012 – 11:40 p.m.
O'Kelly School, Shilo

Present: P. Bowslaugh (Chairperson),

Regrets: K. Sumner, J. Murray

Due to a lack of quorum the Committee was unable to hold an official meeting. However, Trustee Bowslaugh did meet with the students and their feedback has been recorded.

A) **Equity and Sustainability in Education (Informational Meeting with O'Kelly School Students)**

Principal, Mrs. Voutier and ten students from O'Kelly School met with Mrs. Bowslaugh, the Chairperson of the Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee. Mrs. Bowslaugh thanked all in attendance for their participation and reviewed the role of the Brandon School Division Board of Trustees' Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee. The students were organized into three discussion groups. Students were asked the following three questions:

- 1) What are the good things about O'Kelly School?
- 2) What do Trustees need to know to make O'Kelly School better?
- 3) Is there something else you would like to tell Trustees that you haven't already said?

Following the break-out discussions, students were asked to report out on their discussions. A summary of the points raised by students is attached to the Minutes as Appendix "A".

At the conclusion of the informational meeting Mrs. Bowslaugh thanked all present for participating, noting that student feedback was vital.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Bowslaugh, Chair

J. Murray

K. Sumner

M. Snelling (Alternate)

Informational Meeting with Students of O'Kelly School Thursday, April 26, 2012

Questions:

1) What are the good things about O'Kelly School?

- Awesome Teachers
- Starr Days and Starr Cards (EBS programming)
- A big gym
- Great Educational Assistants
- Student Playground
- Will be getting a new playground
- Bake Sales
- Ski Trips
- Math Class
- Track and Field
- Grade 8 Grad
- School Events
- Hot lunches (different each month)
- School Dances
- Lockers
- Dodge ball
- Wall ball
- Computers
- Youth Revolution
- Community Issues Club

2) What do Trustees need to know to make O'Kelly School better?

- Better books in the library which are age appropriate
- Band/Writing Class/Art/Book Club/ German Classes/Media Arts
- Sports Teams
- More Field Trips
- More Male Teachers
- A canteen
- A school nurse
- Various other ball fields (Tether ball/kickball/football/soccer fields)
- A prettier front area for the school
- Better looking classrooms/washrooms/basketball court/school colours
- Computers that work
- Mascot logo on gym floor
- Music room away from classrooms

3) Is there something else you would like to tell Trustees that you haven't already said?

- It would be nice to have netbooks for everyone
- Access to YouTube
- Replace all the blackboards with whiteboards
- Don't like the intercom noise – need a better intercom/speakers
- Would like a lunchroom/canteen
- Be able to bring our own laptops to school
- Be able to microwave food