



"Accepting the Challenge"

Education Committee Minutes

Monday, November 19, 2012, 11:30 a.m.
Conference Room, Administration Office

Present: P. Bartlette (Chairperson), P. Bowslaugh, M. Snelling, M. Sefton (Alternate), Dr. D. Michaels.

Guest: T. Osiowy, Principal, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary High School

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Education Committee Meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by the Committee Chairperson, Mr. Bartlette.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Committee received the minutes of the October 15, 2012 meeting as information. The Chairperson inquired about the follow-up regarding the O'Kelly School Music Program. Dr. Michaels confirmed the information was still being collected.

4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

A) Manitoba Technical Vocational Education Reorganization (Timed Event)

Mr. Terry Osiowy, Principal, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary High School attended the meeting to speak to the programming changes being implemented in the Technical Education Program across Manitoba. He provided background information noting there had been an inconsistency across the Province from school to school regarding the Vocational programming. The Government, over a period of three years, has been working to revise the curriculum to provide a standard for the Province. He advised that many of the Crocus Plains staff has been involved in this process.

He spoke about the direction the new model is taking and what Crocus Plains will need to do to meet the changes. He confirmed the revised programming changes allows for greater flexibility in a student's schedule, and the ability to work with the community to meet local community industry needs. He noted the revisions to programming were in the areas of Design Drafting, Culinary Arts, Automotive Technology, Introduction to Carpentry, and Hairstyling. He confirmed Crocus Plains would be implementing the compulsory changes in the next school year in the five areas mentioned. The school, therefore, would have two models working through the system until the students who began this year in the current system had completed their education. Mr. Osiowy stated that not all vocational programming offered at Crocus Plains, such as Advertising Art and Electronics, have been reviewed by the Government yet. He confirmed the new model of programming would not result in increased staffing requirements. Mr. Osiowy circulated information from the Government Department regarding the change in programming, together with the Crocus Plains Course Guide for 2012-2013 for the Committee's review. Discussions were held and the Committee asked questions for clarification regarding space and capacity; flexibility of hours; impact on bussing; and possible report card ramifications on

program delivery. It was agreed the Committee would recommend the Board support the changes philosophically. The Committee Chairperson thanked Mr. Osiowy for attending the meeting.

Mr. Osiowy exited the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

5. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

A) MSBA Excellence in Teaching Nomination

The Committee reviewed the information received regarding the MSBA Excellence in Teaching Nomination which had been referred to the Committee from the Board Meeting held October 9, 2012. Superintendent, Dr. Michaels discussed how such awards are viewed by the field and the position in which it places school administrators in, should they be the ones who have to choose an individual for such recognition. Discussions were held regarding recommendations which come from outside the system, such as parent councils. It was agreed this information could be put on the Division website for public access and recommendations. Further discussions were held regarding the Board recommending an individual. It was agreed a recommendation would be made to the Board of Trustees in-camera at the November 26, 2012 Board Meeting, with a possible motion to follow in-camera discussions.

B) Staff Recognition

Discussions regarding staff recognition had been referred to the Education Committee from the Regular Board Meeting held October 9, 2012. The Committee discussed how to recognize staff for various accomplishments. It was agreed staff recognition was not an Education Committee matter and should be referred to the Personnel Committee for review and possible policy development.

C) 2013-2014 Budget Deliberations

The Committee discussed a number of items for possible budget recommendations, including:

- laptop carts for schools with a second floor and no elevator;
- \$50,000 for transition of students from École New Era School to Earl Oxford School. It was agreed the specific needs could not be identified at this point in time for the transition as the students who would be moving from one school to the other had yet to be identified;
- Funding for another School Resource Officer;
- Possible renovations to the basement of Earl Oxford School.

Other discussions revolved around HALEP programming and academic enrichment. It was confirmed academic enrichment was part of the Renzulli school-wide enrichment and the next phase in implementation of the HALEP programming. Trustees also requested clarification as to the amount of money invested in Numeracy in the current budget.

D) MSBA Premier Award for School Innovation

The Committee reviewed and discussed programming which could be recommended to the Board of Trustees for the MSBA Premier Award for School Innovation. It was agreed that the F1 initiative in the Technical Vocational Programming at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary High School would be recommended as it was an inter-disciplinary program. Brandon School Division students have excelled in this programming at Provincially, Nationally and Internationally. The Communications in Technology Specialist would assist in the display of the proposed nomination at the MSBA Convention in March, 2013.

Recommendation:

That the F1 initiative in the Technical Vocational Programming at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School be nominated for the MSBA Premier Award for School Board Innovation for the Manitoba School Boards Association's 2013 Convention.

6. BRIEFINGS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION

- MASS Document – Position Statement on Aboriginal Education was deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee.

7. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

NIL

8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, December 17, 2012, 11:30 a.m. Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Bartlette, Chair

P. Bowslaugh

M. Snelling

M. Sefton (Alternate)