



"Accepting the Challenge"

## Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Minutes

Friday, June 17, 2011 – 11:30 a.m.

Board Room, Administration office

Present: P. Bowslaugh, Chairperson, K. Sumner, M. Snelling, G. Malazdrewicz

Regrets: G. Kruck, Dr. D. Michaels.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by the Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Bowslaugh.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Sumner requested the addition of a verbal report on the Teacher Liaison Committee Meeting. The Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee Agenda was approved as amended.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE: Trustee Sumner reported on the Teacher Liaison Committee meeting held on June 14, 2011. He noted discussions revolved around the possibility of a mentorship program for new teacher hires; the Provincial elections and the possibility of a joint all candidates forum on educational matters to be held on September 15, 2011; and the scheduling of future meetings. Trustees asked questions for clarification regarding the number of new hires and who would participate in a mentorship program.

### 3. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

#### A) Goal Statement – Prepare a public strategy for forthcoming elections

Following Trustee Sumner's report on the Teacher Liaison Committee meeting and the proposed collaboration of an all candidates forum on educational matters to be held on September 15, 2011, the Committee discussed how they would support a joint forum; who would be involved in a joint forum and the procedure to be followed. It was agreed Trustee Sumner would contact the President of the BTA about the possibility of including CUPE in the hosting of a forum. It was also agreed the Committee would bring forth a recommendation to assist in the financial support of the proposed forum.

Further discussions were held regarding the types of questions and discussions the Division would like to have raised at the forum. Possible topics would include party positions regarding funding; the role and responsibilities of school boards; tax exemptions for school properties; downloading of health care costs; early childhood support and education; the tax incentive grant; maintenance and upgrading of school facilities; EAL funding; and 5 year capital plans. Questions were developed which would be forwarded to the Brandon Teachers Association for inclusion in the forum.

#### Recommendation:

That the Brandon School Division Board of Trustees collaborate with the Brandon Teachers Association to host a Provincial all candidates forum on educational matters; including providing financial support to host the forum.

**4. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

A) **Parent/Guardian/Division Advisory Committee**

The minutes of the Parent/Guardian/Division Advisory Committee Minutes of April 13, 2011 were reviewed. It was noted the Committee was still awaiting information regarding snowblowers from the Secretary-Treasurer's Department. The Nutrition Policy, as it relates to fundraising and chocolate bar sales, was also discussed. It was agreed the Nutrition Policy would be referred to the Policy Review Committee for further discussion and clarification regarding the use of chocolates bars for fundraising by Parent Council Groups. The Committee Minutes of April 13, 2011 were accepted.

**5. OPERATIONS INFORMATION**

NIL

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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M. Snelling, Chair

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P. Bowslaugh

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K. Sumner

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G. Kruck (Alternate)