



"Accepting the Challenge"

School Division/Parent Liaison Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 7:00 p.m.
Conference Room, Administration Office

Present: Brandon School Division:
B. Jolly, Dr. Michaels, D. G. Barnes.
Parents:
Eva Cameron, Karen Colquhoun, Joanne Paskewitz-Holder,

1. WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW

The School Division/Parent Liaison Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Bea Jolly, Trustee. The agenda was accepted as circulated.

2. REVIEW OF DECEMBER 16, 2009 MEETING

The Minutes were accepted as circulated.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

i) Student Information Sessions (Grades 5-7)

Dr. Michaels circulated information providing some questions that could be used at the student information sessions. It was noted that the questions used previously would also be considered for inclusion. The information was discussed in detail and at length. Several suggestions were provided for consideration. It was agreed a revised report will be provided for the next meeting.

ii) School Supply Lists

The information provided in the agenda regarding three options for consideration of student fees was discussed. Dr. Michaels reported these options were being considered at the schools for feedback. The parent representatives agreed to acquire feedback from school parent councils to bring back to the next meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

i) Board Policy for Committee Operation

The matter of development of Board policy on the role, purpose and operational processes for the School Division/Parent Liaison Committee was presented for discussion. The workings of the committee, parent involvement, school parent council representatives, projects undertaken and issues to be dealt with from original formation of the Committee was discussed at length. Further consideration will be given in the future.

ii) Healthy Schools Committee

Dr. Michaels advised that Sandra Koch-Gensorik was resigning from the Healthy Schools Committee. A suggestion for a replacement was requested. The parent representatives agreed to obtain a new committee member at the next Group Parent Council meeting.

5. INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Two articles circulated to the Committee entitled "Get Them Talking – Talking to Your Teen About Drugs" and the CFS Annual Conference "Everyone's talking; is anyone listening?" were noted and referenced for circulation to parents at an appropriate time.

6. UPDATE REPORTS

i) Brandon Group Parent Council

No Report

ii) Board of Trustees

Trustee Jolly reported on behalf of the Board of Trustees activities referencing 2010-2011 Budget preparations; discussions held at the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Region #1 meeting; reviewed the various Brandon School Division resolutions being forwarded to the MSBA Annual Convention; and noted that Education Week is April 12-16, 2010.

iii) Schools

No Report.

iv) Senior Administration

Secretary-Treasurer, G. Barnes, reviewed the various sustainability requests totaling, \$1,727,200 that had been submitted to the Board of Trustees for consideration during the 2010-2011 budget deliberations. The Senior Administration responded to the Committee member inquiries regarding the requests.

Dr. Michaels, Superintendent/CEO, informed the Committee regarding the numeracy program and the math recovery initiatives that were taking place in the Division this year.

6. WRAP UP AND ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Jolly thanked the parent representatives for attending and for their contribution to the Committee work.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 7:00 p.m., Administration Office, Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted

B. Jolly, Trustee