



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Minutes

Tuesday, January 6, 2015 10:00 a.m.  
Boardroom, Administration Office Building

Present: P. Bowslaugh, Chairperson, G. Buri, M. Sefton, K. Sumner, D. Michaels (arrived 11:13 a.m.), Superintendent/CEO, Brent Ewasiuk, Director, MIST Dept. (exited 11:15 a.m.)

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chairperson Pat Bowslaugh.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

### 3. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Minutes of December 3, 2014 were received as information.

Chairperson Bowslaugh will contact the City of Brandon regarding a meeting of the Joint Task Force Ad-hoc Committee with a tentative meeting date of Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

### 4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

#### a) **Invitations for Guest Visitors**

Trustees would like representatives of the Board (Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee) and a representative from Senior Administration to meet with Spring Valley Colony as it has been many years since the last visit of BSD Trustees to the Colony. This would be a good opportunity to meet with staff and students. Jacklyn Hutchinson, teacher at Spring Valley School, could make the arrangements to meet with the Colony. Chairperson Bowslaugh will contact Ms. Hutchinson to set this up. The colony members would bring topics for discussion to the meeting so the committee can find out how things are going. Chairperson Bowslaugh will suggest a Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. as this is the regular meeting time for the Committee.

Maple Leaf was discussed and it was decided that no action to meet would be taken at this time as there is no immigration planned by the company in the near future.

A meeting with the Rural Municipalities of Cornwallis and Whitehead will be requested for some time in March 2015. Topics on the agenda could include:

- Busing,
- Local Schools (Alexander, O'Kelly)
- General Divisional Concerns
- Taxation

Lesser priorities for meetings included: ACC and BU.

**b) Feedback from Parent Liaison Committee Meeting**

- Highlights of school reports:
  - Successful fundraisers
  - Stolen technology
  - George Fitton School Gymnasium Grand Opening January 15, 2015.
  - École Harrison provided an update from Canadian Parents for French – there are concerns regarding the security in the school during elections as people were not required to sign in at the office.
  - Meadows brought forth concerns regarding the pedestrian crosswalk and traffic on Richmond Avenue. Who is responsible for monitoring crosswalks? Citizens, School, Division, City?

Questions were posed regarding where the fundraising money was going. The response was laptops/tablets, which raises the concern of potential inequity in schools.

Trustees discussed the issue of the schools lacking space for polling stations. They suggested follow-up with the Senior Election Official and requesting increased security and signage for the next election. The other school doors should be locked and only one door used for voters. Principals are to be advised that there is only one access door. The Secretary-Treasurer can look into the legalities of the polling stations.

The “Book Buildings” in nearby communities was discussed. They have a “Take a Book, Leave a Book” policy. Our Schools have libraries and this subject does not fall under this Committee, it would be a neighborhood initiative.

Chairperson Bowslaugh asked if the donations for the Buddy Benches are recognized. Dr. Michaels responded that the schools recognize the donations.

**5. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

NIL

**6. OPERATIONS INFORMATION**

NIL

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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P. Bowslaugh, Chair

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M. Sefton

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K. Sumner

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G. Buri (Alternate)