



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## Education and Community

### Relations Committee Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2019 – 5:15 p.m.

Boardroom, Administration Office

Present: K. Fallis (Chair), P. Bartlette (Alternate)

M. Casavant

Regrets: D. Kejick, L. Letain

Guest: S. Bambridge

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Education and Community Relations Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Committee Chair Trustee Fallis.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

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

NIL

#### 4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

#### 5. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

##### A) Indigenous Learning Week – Themes

Dr. Marc Casavant, Superintendent/CEO, spoke to this item, noting that Indigenous Learning Week is being celebrated from September 29 to October 4, 2019. He indicated that Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council (BUPAC) and the City of Brandon are going to be involved with Orange Shirt Day, which has now turned into a week with a focus on indigenous learning. Brandon School Division staff members came up with the theme of "Indigenous Education – Every Child Matters". The Mayor is proclaiming this as Indigenous Learning Week.

The Superintendent/CEO reviewed the schedule for each day of Indigenous Learning Week, noting that each day has a different message and set of "I can" statements.

##### B) Tipi Tour

The Committee discussed the setup of a Tipi at the Division Office and where the Tipi would be placed. The celebration of this installation is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Division Administration Office. Suggestions were made regarding who would attend and speak at this event.

The Agenda for the Ceremony was discussed:

- Jason Gobeil & Frank Tacan– Pipe/Smudging Ceremony, history/background, blessings
- Kevin Tacan, Indigenous Elder – Prayer
- Linda Ross/Sherilyn Bambridge – Greetings from the Board of Trustees
- Indigenous Language Instructors – Share language messages
- Sherry Baker and some students – Speaking on the importance of Indigenous language

Next steps:

Dr. Casavant noted that the Division is setting up two more Tipis and that discussion will need to take place in the near future regarding where they will be placed and what messages will be shared.

**C) Sub-Committee Reports**

- Brandon Community Drug and Alcohol Education Coalition – NIL
- Brandon Urban Aboriginal People's Council – NIL
- Friends of Education Fund – NIL
- Parent/Guardian/Division – NIL

**6. OPERATIONS INFORMATION**

**7. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 5:00 p.m., Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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K. Fallis (Chair)

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D. Kejick

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L. Letain

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P. Bartlette (Alternate)