



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Education Committee Minutes

Thursday, December 10, 2015 10:00 a.m.

Boardroom, Administration Office

Present: S. Bambridge (Chairperson), P. Bartlette, G. Buri, P. Bowslaugh (Alternate), Mr. M. Gustafson, Assistant Superintendent.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Education Committee Meeting was called to order by Trustee Bambridge at 10:02 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Bowslaugh noted she had three questions to add to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Committee minutes from Thursday, November 26, 2015, were received as information.

4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

5. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

A) Arts Curriculum Implementation Overview

Mr. Mathew Gustafson, Assistant Superintendent, distributed copies of the Arts Curriculum Summary document to the Committee. The following Implementation Summary was reviewed and discussed:

- Implementation Summary
- Dramatic Arts
 - Poster
 - K-8 Curriculum Framework
 - 9-12 Curriculum Framework
- Visual Arts
 - Poster
 - K-8 Curriculum Framework
 - 9-12 Curriculum Framework
- Music
 - Poster
 - K-8 Curriculum Framework
 - 9-12 Curriculum Framework
- Dance
 - Poster
 - K-8 Curriculum Framework
 - 9-12 Curriculum Framework

Mr. Gustafson noted that there was full Arts Curriculum implementation this year. Trustees asked questions for clarification.

Discussion took place regarding whether there is time to implement the curriculum and whether it is being done in schools. Mr. Gustafson noted that the Principals review the timetables and decide with the teachers where to integrate the curriculum. The Arts Curriculum is integrated in K-8, not stand alone. Trustees asked questions for clarification regarding PD (Professional Development) for the Arts Curriculum. Mr. Gustafson responded that they take training through the Province and PLC's and there are opportunities through Brandon School Division PD also. The Committee wants to be sure that teachers who are implementing this curriculum have training and Professional Development. Mr. Gustafson will bring back a brief summary to the Committee on what PD opportunities are available.

The Committee noted it would be interesting to collect information from the Principals at each school regarding the implementation of the different components of the Arts Curriculum, and asked that Senior Administration provide an overview before the end of the School Year. Mr. Gustafson was asked review the high school implementation.

Trustee Bambridge noted that the Board enjoys hearing principals and teachers showcase what is happening at their schools. Suggestion was made to visit Alexander School as a Committee to see how the Arts Curriculum is being implemented in that school, along with visits to other Division schools.

B) Sub-Committee Reports

Brandon Community Drug and Alcohol Education Coalition

Trustee Bartlette reviewed the minutes from the October, 2015 meeting.

Youth Revolution was discussed. The Committee noted that the program has grown faster than anticipated and is quite successful, and decided to look at making a budget request to assist with funding this program. Trustee Bartlette noted that Angela McGuire-Holder, Community Drug and Alcohol Coalition Education Coordinator, has been clear that the #1 need for Youth Revolution is financial support to carry on what they are doing. The Committee would like to do something to demonstrate that they support the program. Currently most of the financial income for the program comes from grants.

It was decided that a request from the Committee for \$30,000 for the YR budget would be submitted, where it would be requested that a budget line be created or increased for the Youth Revolution program.

The Committee requested the identification of required supports to ensure sustainability of Youth Revolution.

Friends of Education Fund

Trustee Buri shared that he received a quote for thank you cards for the Committee, and it was significantly less than the quote he had received from a different supplier. Trustee Buri will forward the information electronically to Mr. Gustafson and Ms. Melanie Smoke-Budach.

6. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

A) Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning Inquiry

Mr. Gustafson indicated that Jean-Vianney Auclair, Assistant Deputy Minister, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth, has contacted him and is interested in the recent French Immersion Registration Public Consultation. Public information to date was sent to him, which he has now received.

Additional Agenda Items

Trustee Bowslaugh spoke on the "Joy Smith Event" happening on Saturday, December 12, 2015 and noted that she will be attending.

Trustee Bowslaugh said she has been asked recently about increasing the visibility of indigenous pictures, language etc in the schools.

Trustee Bowslaugh received a question from a grandparent regarding the truancy of their grandson. Trustee Bowslaugh asked if there is a new Resource Officer in the schools. Mr. Gustafson informed the Committee that Jason Richards is the new School Resource Officer for K-8 schools. The Committee suggested that Trustee Bowslaugh bring this matter to the Office of the Superintendent.

7. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, January 28, 2016, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Bambridge, Chair

P. Bartlette

G. Buri

P. Bowslaugh (Alternate)