



"Accepting the Challenge"

Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Minutes

Friday, May 20, 2011 – 11:30 a.m.

Board Room, Administration Office

Present: M. Snelling, Chairperson, P. Bowslaugh, K. Sumner, G. Kruck (alternate), Dr. D. Michaels.

Invited Guests: Dr. D. Poff, Dr. S. Grills (Brandon University)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chairperson, Mr. M. Snelling, asked Trustee Bowslaugh to act as Chairperson for the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by the Acting-Chairperson, Mrs. Bowslaugh.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee Agenda was approved.

3. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

NIL

4. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

A) Equity and Sustainability in Education (Meeting with Representatives from Brandon University.

Acting Chairperson, Mrs. Bowslaugh, thanked all in attendance for their participation and reviewed the role of the Brandon School Division Board of Trustees' Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee. She provided information regarding the various groups the Committee had met with to date.

Trustee Snelling, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, thanked Dr. Poff and the staff of the Brandon University for their support and efforts in assisting the Brandon School Division by housing the students from Kirkcaldy Heights School during Brandon's high water event. He noted their co-operation had been greatly appreciated.

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, reviewed the list of current partnerships between the Brandon University and the Brandon School Division, including:

- Professional Development School;
- Dual Credit Initiative;
- Entrance Scholarships;
- Recruitment;
- Cross initiatives in music;
- Writing transition team.

Brandon University President, Dr. Poff, reviewed the University's strategic plan and specifically highlighting the involvement of the Brandon School Division in the strategic plan. Discussions were held regarding the University's attrition rate; the relationship between the School Division and the Faculty of Education; use of facilities, both Division facilities and University facilities; encouraging and attracting young men to University; working with the School Division to advocate for more money to educate Brandon students; developing an "experts list" wherein the Brandon School Division could work in partnership with the University to draw "experts" into the classroom.

It was agreed the Brandon School Division and The Brandon University will continue to work together in areas of mutual interest. The Superintendent confirmed the Division would look at ways to fold several of the discussions and points raised into the Board of Trustees' Governance Goals.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Bowslaugh thanked all present for participating noting that the meeting had been beneficial for all.

5. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

NIL

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Snelling, Chair

P. Bowslaugh

K. Sumner

G. Kruck (Alternate)