
Parent /Guardian/ Division Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 18, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Administration Office



Present:

Trustees Kevan Sumner, Pat Bowslaugh, and Jim Murray;
Greg Malazdrewicz, Associate Superintendent; Barb Miller, Principal
Representative, Alexander School

Lori Nickel, Betty Gibson School Parent; Cheryl Peturssen, New Era School
Parent; Wanda Brine, Earl Oxford School Parent; Jo-Ann Pasklivich-Holder,
St. Augustine School Parent; Karen Slawinsky, École Harrison Parent; Mel
Tallant-Townsend, Green Acres Parent; Jackie Guthrie, Waverly Park
Parent; Robert Pilloud, Kirkcaldy Heights Parent; Sandra Couling; Alexander
School Parent; Sandra Koch-Gensiorek, Crocus Plains Parent; Nancy
Kolesar, Linden Lanes Parent; Candace Hildebrand, Meadows Parent;

Regrets:

Dr. Donna Michaels, Superintendent, Kevin Zabowski, Secretary-Treasurer

1. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA AND OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Trustee Sumner.

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2012 AND BUSINESS ARISING

The Committee minutes of February 15, 2012 were reviewed.

- a) Correction: typing error on page two under the topic of “dress code”. It should say: “In these minutes of November 16, 2011, it was recommended by the senior high principals that the Board of Trustees write a letter to the MHSAA Board of Directors addressing the concerns of clothing and how the short **shorts** violate the School Division's dress code for students as stated in the Policy on Student Conduct.”
- b) Nutrition Policy 4031: Mr. Malazdrewicz advised the committee that the order has been given for full removal of cola drinks for the start of the September 2012/2013 school year. Jo-Ann Pasklivich-Holder indicated that Crocus Plains has a new milk vending machine.
- c) Parent Handbook: A new sub committee has been formed and revisions are underway. Sandy Harrison, Vice-Principal at Kirkcaldy Heights is the chairperson for this committee. They are anticipating that the new handbook will be ready for September 2012. It was asked if there are going to be different languages offered. The costs are quite high and each school has their own handbook. Various discussions were made about the contents in each school handbook.

3. TRUSTEE UPDATES

- a) Dress Code: The request is that a letter comes from the Board to MHSAA to address the issue. It was decided that someone from the divisional futures and liaison would work on this.
- b) Private Sponsorship in Schools: The Policy Review Committee is reviewing this policy and wants to develop one that is appropriate. A draft copy is available from Kevan. There were several discussions in regards to private sponsorship; no classroom setting

for exposure; athletic teams it's acceptable. The committee discussed input for private sponsorship and type of corporations. Corporations that support alcohol and tobacco are not acceptable and are inappropriate. This topic will be discussed further at the next meeting. Trustee Bowslaugh brought forward information in regards to the Friends of Education Committee. This is a program that is open to school donations and individuals would be issued a tax receipt.

- c) Accommodation Sustainability Study: The programs are at capacity with the K-3 cap at 20 students per classroom. The capacity is monitored by our Principals. Three (3) portables are being brought in. A public document on this study has been posted on the Brandon School Division website. By September 2012 there is a plan to have consultation with the Board of Trustees and then to the public for their input.

4. LUNCH PROGRAM

Trustee Sumner raised this matter to obtain parental response to this matter. Perspective expressed:

- Don't divide the bussed in students or catchment students. The catchment students would only be accepted if space is available.
- Priority listing (need vs. want)
- Supervision and discipline
- Cleaning up; responsibilities
- Timing of lunch
- Safety
- Consistent plan for all schools

It was suggested that an administrative position for a coordinator would help. Trustee Bowslaugh invited parents to provide input, suggestions to Pat Bowslaugh to take to the Board of Trustees for Implementation.

5. BUSSING GRADE 7 & 8 STUDENTS

This concern was brought to the Board at budget time. Interest is expressed to ask the city to work with the school schedules. There would be a no charge bus pass issued to the students. There are approximately 2700 students on busses per day. Various ideas on how to present the idea of students using city busses to parents were:

- More information to the parents on Brandon Transit system
- Inform the parents ahead of time

Trustee Bowslaugh asked for more feedback from parent council so we can come to a resolution.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Bowslaugh thanked everyone for their active participation and welcomed input.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

8. **NEXT REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 17, 2012, Board Room, Administration Office.**

Respectfully submitted,

K. Sumner

P. Bowslaugh