Divisional Futures and Liaison Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2010 – 12:00 noon.
Conference Room, Administration Office
Present: B. Jolly, B. Mayes, M. Snelling, Dr. D. Michaels
Regrets: G. Buri (Alternate),

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Divisional Futures and Liaison Committee Meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Chairperson, Trustee Jolly.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Divisional Futures and Liaison Committee Agenda was approved. Trustee Mayes requested the addition of discussions regarding Committee support for three of the proposed 2010 budget sustainability requests.

3. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

NIL

4. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

A) Ongoing Liaison with Committee Groups

The Committee reviewed the various groups they had met with over the past three years, including the following:

- Brandon School Division Teaching Staff
- Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation and Affiliated Organizations
- Brandon University
- Assiniboine Community College
- School Division Youth
- Initiating contact with Southwest Horizon School Division
- Seniors
- Early Childhood Educators
- Minister of Labour and Immigration re EAL
- Justice and Legal Community
- Members of Brandon 125 Committee
- Presentation by native Elder Kevin Tacan re Aboriginal Education
- Staff presentation on “Demographics by The Learning Company”
- Brandon Chamber of Commerce
- Neelin Off-Campus Students
- Director AFM Western Region

Discussions were held regarding which groups the Committee would like to meet with over the next several months. The Committee requested the following meetings be arranged:

- Brandon University – February, 2010
- Assiniboine Community College – March, 2010
- Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation and Affiliated Organizations – April, 2010
- Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services – May, 2010
- Healthy Schools Coalition – June, 2010
- Maple Leaf and Sandy Trudel from City of Brandon – September, 2010.

It was further agreed that meetings with representatives from Brandon University and Assiniboine Community College should be conducted on an annual basis.

B) Possible Location of B.J. Hales Collection at Proposed Brandon Museum

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, reported on a meeting with City Councilor Errol Black and Ken Jackson, members of the Brandon Museum Association, seeking support from the Brandon School Division with respect to the concept of the Brandon Museum. Discussions were held regarding the benefits of the proposed museum to the Brandon School Division including the possibility of permanently locating the B.J. Hales Collection and the Brandon School Division archives in the proposed museum. Discussions were also held regarding the possible location of the proposed museum. It was agreed the Division should provide a letter of support regarding the concept of the Brandon Museum, however, the Division would not speak to the matter of location.

Recommendation:
That the Brandon School Division Board of Trustees provide a letter of support regarding the concept of a proposed Brandon Museum.

C) Board/BTA Liaison Committee – (In-Camera)

In-Camera discussions were held regarding the composition of the Board/BTA Liaison Committee.

Agreed: It was agreed the matter would be discussed with the Board of Trustees In-Camera at the next regular meeting of the Board.

D) Proposed Budget Sustainability Requests

Discussions were held and the Committee agreed to endorse the following budget sustainability requests:

- Off-Campus Support for Physical Education $1,500.00
- "Girls Go To College" – Why not boys? $2,000.00
- Translator Funds – EAL Parent/Teacher Interviews $2,000.00

It was noted these budget sustainability requests were the direct result of discussions held with Community Groups and Organizations by the Divisional Futures and Liaison Committee over the past year.

E) Meeting with City Poverty Committee

Trustee Snelling confirmed he will make arrangements for the Divisional Futures and Liaison Committee to attend the City Poverty Committee meeting during the month of March.

5. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, provided a verbal update on the outreach meeting held with Brandon University Deans and some of the topics that had been discussed. She also provided a verbal update on the development of the proposed Environmental Studies program.

6. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 12:00 noon, Thursday, February 18, 2010 Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Jolly, Chair	G. Buri (Alternate)
B. Mayes	M. Snelling