



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Education and Community Relations Committee Minutes

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Administration Office

Present: K. Fallis (Chair), D. Kejick, L. Letain, P. Bartlette (Alternate)
M. Casavant

Guest: S. Bambridge, Gail Cullen, Jason Gobeil, Frank Tacan

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Education and Community Relations Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:03 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

The Minutes of January 16, 2018 were received as information.

4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

A) Tipi Tour Legacy Project

Dr. Marc Casavant, Superintendent/CEO, spoke to this item, noting that decisions were required regarding where the first Brandon School Division Tipi will be placed, and what message would be shared inside the Tipi. Discussion took place regarding the installation of the Tipi in late September 2019 to coincide with an Indigenous Education Week.

Mr. Jason Gobeil noted that Indigenous Awareness Week takes place the week of September 30 to October 4, 2019 and it would be a great time to have the Tipi installation occur. The Committee discussion installation preparations, ceremony and activities.

Trustees indicated they would like the message inside the Tipi to be about the Indigenous Languages in the Brandon area and include the Indigenous languages of students in the BSD. Mr. Kevin Tacan, Brandon School Division Indigenous Elder, noted that 2019 has been declared the Year of Indigenous Languages by the United Nations, which aims to raise awareness of the consequences of the endangerment of Indigenous languages across the world, with an aim to establish a link between language, development, peace and reconciliation.

Frank Tacan spoke to the Tipi message also, and felt that a message regarding bullying, respect for each other, truth and honesty should be included in one of the Tipis. Further discussion took place regarding core teachings in schools, images that could be included on the plaques in the Tipi, and the message on the plaque outside the Tipi.

Mr. Tacan suggested that the first Tipi be installed at the Brandon School Division Administration Office. Mr. Gobeil added that this would show the importance and significance of this project to the organization as a whole.

It was agreed that Ms. Delvina Kejick, Trustee, and Mr. Kevin Tacan, Indigenous Elder, would work with Dr. Casavant to establish a small committee to develop the messages on the inside of the Tipi which will be brought to the Board Committee as a recommendation.

5. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

A) Sub-Committee Reports

- Brandon Community Drug and Alcohol Education Coalition – December 6, 2018
- Brandon Urban Aboriginal People's Council – March 28, 2019
- Friends of Education Fund – November 27, 2018
- Parent/Guardian/Division – April 10, 2019

6. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

7. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: TBD

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Fallis(Chair)

D. Kejick

L. Letain

P. Bartlette (Alternate)



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

COMMUNITY DRUG AND ALCOHOL EDUCATION COALITION MEETING

December 6, 2018 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Present:

Addictions Foundation of Manitoba
Assiniboine Community College
Brandon Ministerial Association

Brandon Police Service
Brandon School Division

Child and Adolescent Treatment Centre
Family Services and Labor
Prairie Mountain Health

Jamie Tompkins
Caley Strachan
Dwayne Dyck
Allan Peters, Youth For Christ
Chief Wayne Balcaen
Elaine McFadzen
Chad Cobbe
Trustee Peter Bartlette
Jaime Lombaert
Brad Twordik
Angela McGuire-Holder
Chris Bromley
Ferlin Asham
Deanne Baker

Regrets:

Addictions Foundation of Manitoba
Brandon Friendship Centre

Brandon School Division

Brandon University
CFB Shilo
Child and Family Services
City of Brandon
Community Development Department
Family Services and Labor
Prairie Mountain Health
Probation Services

Lorri Mathieson
Gail Cullen
Angela Griffith
Bryce Ridgen
Ken Seekings
Trustee Lisa Letain
Karen Doty-Sweetnam
Elaine Desbiens
Breanna Dick
Mayor Rick Chrest
Richard Greer
Mark Hewins
Pam Whitfield
Liz Spence

Welcome and Agenda Review

Mrs. McFadzen welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were done. The minutes of the February 22, 2018 meeting were reviewed. No changes or omissions were noted.

Coordinator's Report (including Youth Revolution)

Ms. McGuire-Holder's report is attached.

Partner Updates

Addictions Foundation of Manitoba

- Getting a lot of requests for meth presentations – just did a presentation at the Brandon Friendship Centre
- There is a new focus on cannabis presentations with the new legislation – will be doing presentations to high school students
- Staff in schools are working with the Mayor's Not Even Once Youth Addictions Prevention Program. Meth is still the main presentation being requested

Assiniboine Community College

- Hosting information sessions on the legalization of cannabis – safe practice harm reduction

Brandon Ministerial Association

- Would like someone from the Brandon School Division to come to one of the meetings to have a discussion on how Brandon Ministerial Association can work with schools

Youth for Christ

- Working with specific groups of people who are entrenched with drug and alcohol issues
- Looking to provide better long term support for youth

Brandon Police Service

- Have been extremely busy
- New federal legislation will come into effect on December 18, 2018 in which police officers who have an approved screening device on hand will be able to test a breath sample of any driver they lawfully stop, even without reasonable suspicion that the driver has consumed alcohol
- Have added a new position in the Drug Unit to investigate methamphetamine drug issues – education sessions and enforcement
- BPS has added an Exploited Youth Intelligence Officer to work with exploited youth
- Bill 7 will come into effect in June 2019 – less time involved with police, court, and criminal records for first time offenders
- Two cannabis stores are open in Brandon – haven't seen a huge increase in impaired driving so far
- Operation Festive Spirits 2018 started on December 1 - check stops and education campaign around getting a ride home after consuming alcohol and driving sober

- Brandon Shoppers Mall hosted the 2018 Coppers Shoppers event partnering with the Brandon Police Service and Brandon Crime Stoppers. 20 students were able to go out shopping with 20 police officers. Students were able to buy items for themselves and also received \$200 to shop for their family
- Constable Alice Potter will be taking Constable Richards position as the K-8 School Resource Officer – Mrs. McFadzen recognized Constable Richards for the work he has done in our schools
- There is no legal ability to sell edible cannabis items in Manitoba yet. Police continue to caution people to not consume anything. It takes much longer for edible cannabis to get into the system so people may overconsume because of the time that it takes to start showing an effect
- Chief Balcaen recognized the work that Ms. McGuire-Holder has done with YR and the social media platform that has been created

Brandon School Division

- The City of Brandon is hosting the Mayor's Not Even Once Youth Addictions Prevention Program. Skid Row CEO Joe Roberts will headline the presentations as follows:
 - Thursday, December 6, 2018 – morning – Neelin High School
 - Thursday, December 6, 2018 – afternoon – Vincent Massey High School
 - Friday, December 7, 2018 – afternoon – Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School
 Presentations will take place directly at the schools. There will also be a parent/community presentation on Friday, December 7, 2018, starting at 6:00 pm at the Cultural Resource Centre (638 Princess Avenue, east doors).

Earl Oxford School

- Since the legalization of cannabis have seen an increase in vaping – vaping has taken the place of smoking at Earl Oxford
- Attended a PD from Safer Schools Together – gave some tips for searching Snapchat and Twitter to see what students are posting online
- Will have a MADD presentation in March
- Thanked Brandon Police Service for the Copper Shopper event – the Earl Oxford student who was able to be a part of the event was very grateful
- December 13 - will host a turkey dinner for the whole school
- Increase in number of breakfasts, lunches and snacks being given out
- Thirty-one Christmas hampers given out through Earl Oxford families

Kirkcaldy Heights School

- Haven't seen cannabis, smoking or alcohol – but have seen an increase in vaping as well

Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

- Hasn't been any kind of marked difference in use or abuse of cannabis as far as staff have seen
- Smoking has decreased, but there is a significant increase in vaping. Trying to explore what kind of preventative measures can be taken

- Brandon School Division's Administrative Procedure has just been updated to include vaping

Child and Adolescent Treatment Centre

- The Rapid Access to Addictions Medicine Clinic (RAP) is up and running out of 7th Street Health Access. All of the clinics in Manitoba are open. Doctors are available on Tuesday and Wednesday – 11:00 to 1:00. Have had quite a few referrals
- Doing meth presentations and working on cannabis presentations as well
- Mental Health and Addictions Strategy report *Improving Access and Coordination of Mental Health and Addictions Services: A Provincial Strategy for all Manitobans* speaks to how to treat and respond to meth addictions
- EMTs can now give naran to prevent a methamphetamine overdose. Need to figure out what the next steps would be for the use – detox, etc.
- Youth Wellness Day will take place December 7, 2018 for all grade 9 students. Joe Roberts and Val Caldwell will be guest speakers with other breakout sessions available
- Mental Health Commissions Event – Headstrong Anti Stigma Summit will be held in February. The speakers are young adults with lived experiences

Prairie Mountain Health – 7th Street Access

- Community Mental Health Nurse has been recently hired to the RAP Clinic. Hoping to be at the clinic Monday thru Friday – 10:00 to 6:00

Probation Services

- Overall numbers are down but are seeing more co-occurring disorders – meth use, mental health issues
- Legalization of cannabis has allowed clients be more open about their use of cannabis
- Involved with Community Mobilization
- Doing more community outreach – more supportive roles in the community, more multiagency meetings, more presentations in schools

Peter Bartlette – Education Review

Trustee Bartlette said that from January to June the government will be doing an educational review, with changes to be made before the end of 2019. The government focus will be looking at efficiencies and better outcomes. There are things that the community values about Brandon School Division so community members (agencies) are encouraged to share this with the government if there is an opportunity for community input.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, March 21, 2019 9:00 – 11:30 am

Board Room, Brandon School Division Administration Office

Mission: *Emphasis on the prevention of harm from the rise of drugs and alcohol through students' choice of positive lifestyles. Accomplished through education, life-style wellness activities, leadership opportunities together with community & school volunteerism*

Theme: *Youth Revolution Changing the Way Youth Interact in their Community...#MakingtheDifference in their schools and community*

Youth Revolution- creating cohesive, spiral support opportunities for students to enhance their protective factors against the use of drugs, alcohol and other risk-related behaviour

YR Community Partnership & Projects

- Human Rights Day Project (City of Brandon- Community Development). Dec 11th.
- CF industries community Mini-Grants. Eight of our grants were tentatively approved- projects vary from environmental focus to water testing.
- Brandon University Psychiatric Nursing Practicum- Hot Chocolate Chats (upcoming)
- Vincent Massey – Sockevember project
- Rising Youth Grant (Government of Canada) Feeding our Community Project
- Several ongoing relationships with Seniors homes (JRR/King George/ Riverview/RH and VM)
- Chamber Luncheon- Crocus & VM high school YR enjoyed the lunch presenter (USA Consulate)
- Movember Project (Riverheights school)
- Headstrong Anti-Sigma Summit (YR teams as well as teams from rural MB)- Feb. 28th

YR Volunteering in the Community & School Community

- Helping Hands Soup Kitchen donating/volunteering
- Samaritan House donating/volunteering
- Christmas Cheer volunteering
- Military Cards (King George)
- Christmas Cheer (8 school YR teams)
- Grim Acres

Special Interest

Beyond the Hurt Bullying Prevention Training- 5 new YR teams were trained (Riverview, George Fitton, O'Kelly, New Era, JR Reid).

February 27th **PINK** day

YR- SWAT team at Crocus



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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL
HELD MARCH 28, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL**

Present:

Leah LaPlante, Chair
Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Vice Chair
Councillor Jeff Fawcett
Kevan Sumner, Brandon School Division Board
Debbie Huntinghawk, Brandon Friendship Centre
Flora Strong, Citizen Representative

Regrets:

David Ironstand, Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council
Penny Gilson, Prairie Mountain Health
Dr. Marc Casavant, Brandon School Division Administration
Steven Robinson, Brandon University
Amie Martin, Citizen Representative
Lorraine Pompana, Citizen Representative
Richard Greer, Citizen Representative

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

2. Smudging & Opening Prayer

Gerry Oleman opened the meeting with smudging and a prayer.

3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the March 28, 2019 meeting of the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council was adopted by consensus.

4. Approval of Minutes – January 31, 2019

The minutes of the January 31, 2019 meeting of the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council were adopted by consensus.

5. New Business

a. Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women Presentation – Aaliyah Blackhawk

Aaliyah Blackhawk provided the group with a verbal and powerpoint presentation with respect to missing and murdered Indigenous Women in Canada. Ms. Blackhawk advised that she was a student at the Neelin Off-Campus High School and she had completed the research on this issue as a project for her school. She advised that, through her research, she had determined that there were over 4,000 girls/women missing or murdered in Canada since 2012. She stated, and the group unanimously agreed that this was not acceptable. Aaliyah commented that, in her opinion, there was much less effort put into

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finding missing Indigenous girls/women than Non-Indigenous; however, that was not the point of her project, the point was that this problem needed to be urgently addressed. Ms. Blackhawk also noted that economics and poverty forced young Indigenous females off the Reserves and into the Urban Centres without any supports, financial or otherwise, making them very vulnerable. Aaliyah also stated that it takes everyone from all walks of life to work together to even begin to solve this problem.

She advised that the Virden Collegiate as well as Neelin High School both had very good programs in place with Indigenous students and staff working together

b. Draft By-law Amendment – Amber Chapil

Amber provided a brief overview of the proposed amendments to the by-law prior to it being presented back to City Council. Amber advised that, if approved by BUAPC, the By-law would be presented to City Council for 3rd Reading on April 15, 2019, following which Legislative Services could move forward with the application process for citizen members. Debbie confirmed that she would be sending a copy of the application form to all members as soon as it was ready to go. It was also noted that an ad would be placed in the Brandon Sun, on the City of Brandon Website and on the BUAPC Facebook page. The group around the table agreed that the changes were acceptable and the following resolution was carried unanimously.

Fawcett-Desjarlais

That the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council recommend City Council approve By-law No. 7225 to amend the By-law No. 6988, subject to the following amendments:

- i. 1 (a) Deleting in Section 2.(b)(1) the word "Aboriginal" and substituting the word "Indigenous";
- ii. 1 (b) Deleting in Sections 4.(a), 4.(a)(1), 4.(a)(2), 4.(a)(4) and 4.(a)(5) the words "Aboriginal people" and substituting therefor the words "Indigenous people";
- iii. Revising 1 (c) deleting in Section 5.(a)(10) the words "who shall be" and substituting therefor the words "with preference given to" and deleting the word "Aboriginal" and substituting therefor the word "Indigenous"; and
 - a. Deleting in Sections 5.(a)(10)(i) and 5.(a)(10)(ii) the word "shall" and substituting the word "may". CARRIED

c. Proposition of a Proclamation of Indigenous Education & Awareness Week – Jason Gobeil

Jason advised that he had had discussions with the Brandon School Division, Assiniboine Community College and Brandon University on the possibility of having the week of September 30 – October 4, 2019 proclaimed as Indigenous Education Week. He stated that Dr. Casavant was in full support of this and that the Brandon School Division planned to have their Tipi Tour Legacy Project Tipi installed at one of the high schools during that week. Kevan confirmed that there were activities planned throughout the week at the

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schools, including an Orange Shirt Day and other activities for the students. The group agreed that a Proclamation from Mayor Chrest would be a nice way to kick-off the inaugural event. Jason agreed to work with the Mayor's Office to have the week of September 30 – October 4, 2019 proclaimed as Indigenous Education & Awareness Week in the City of Brandon.

6. Outstanding Business

a. "Spirit Park"

Jason advised that there was nothing new to report on "Spirit Park" at this time as the ownership of the land had not transferred over. Jeff suggested he speak with the City Manager regarding polling the community on their thoughts for a "Spirit Park" in Brandon, not specific to one location. Jason agreed to look into this matter and report back at the next meeting.

7. February – March Report of the Aboriginal Community Coordinator – Jason Gobeil

Jason reviewed his report (a copy of which is attached). Separate from his report Jason also spoke about working with the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation and the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation on potential murals for Downtown Brandon. He also advised that talks were in works with a Winnipeg artist on the potential to paint wrap a building in a Star Blanket. Jason also let the group know that talks were still ongoing with Christie Belcourt for a painting regarding the protection of water.

8. Next Meeting

April 25, 2019

9. Adjournment

Fawcett-Desjarlais

That the meeting do now adjourn (5:05 p.m.). CARRIED.



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Friends of Education Fund Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2018
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Conference Room, Administration Office

Present: L. Letain, C. Rose, A. McGuire-Holder, Ken Seekings, T. Curtis, D. Pelletier, L. Arndt,
Dr. Marc D. Casavant (Chairperson) and E. Jamora

Regrets: P. Buehler & V. Findlay

Recording: M. Smoke-Budach

Call to Order

The Friends of Education Fund Committee meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Committee Chairperson, Dr. Marc D. Casavant.

1. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Dr. Marc D. Casavant invited changes/additions to the agenda. No amendments were made to the agenda.

Accepted: A. McGuire-Holder and L. Arndt

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Dr. Marc D. Casavant invited changes/additions to the minutes dated Wednesday, May 9, 2018. No amendments were made to the previous minutes.

Accepted: C. Rose and L. Arndt

3. Financial Report Summary, 3 Months ending September 30, 2018 – E. Jamora

E. Jamora delivered a detailed overview of the Financial Report; she highlighted descriptions, contributions/withdrawals and ending balances. She further explained that currently six (6) scholarships were under review due to inactivity (last 5 years). She advised that she would report back in April with a recommendation.

E. Jamora shared that all Principals were informed of their discretionary account balances as of June 2018.

Accepted: L. Arndt and L. Letain

4. Advertising – Yearly Thank You – E. Jamora

E. Jamora advised that the yearly Thank You advertising was completed in October, via the Brandon Sun, the Westman Journal and the Brandon School Division website.

5. Promotional Material – purchases - E. Jamora

E. Jamora drew attention to the Friends of Education SWAG, and commented the challenge was how to efficiently disperse or use the items and how to create awareness. She also informed them of the travelling Friends of Education stand that is available for functions throughout the Division and the Community.

A. McGuire-Holder explained how she currently uses the Friends of Education business cards in her role as the Coordinator, Brandon Community Drug and Alcohol Education Coalition/Youth Revolution Program. The Committee discussed what options were available for exposure: Chamber Luncheons, The Shoppers Mall display window and presentations to the Parent Council. It was agreed that A. McGuire-Holder and E. Jamora would present at the Parent Guardian Division Committee in April 2019 and report back to the Committee.

As per the request of the Committee T. Curtis agreed to set up a Twitter account for Friends of Education. This account would provide a platform for increasing exposure.

Accepted: L. Letain and D. Pelletier

6. Accessing Playground Funds, St. Augustine School – E. Jamora

E. Jamora explained the request put forth by St. Augustine school. A discussion regarding the advantages of using the funds now occurred. The Committee agreed to support St. Augustine's request to repurpose existing playground designated funds for purchasing outdoor track and field mats. The Committee emphasized the importance of informing all donors of St. Augustine's intention to repurpose.

Accepted: L. Arndt and L. Letain

7. New Projects – Charitable Tax Receipts – E. Jamora

E. Jamora updated the Committee on the two new projects that were approved by the Friends of Education: Brandon Ladies Bonspiel Committee (Floor Curl Equipment) and the Nancy Miller Music Program/BSIMA (music program donation).

8. Committee Membership & Feedback – A. McGuire-Holder and E. Jamora

E. Jamora thanked T. Curtis for her assistance in getting Parent Council representation on the Committee and she welcomed the two new members from Parent Council: Lynda Arndt and Darlene Pelletier. A. McGuire-Holder advised she continues to work/correspond with Westman Retired Educators' Association and hopes to secure membership on the Committee in the near future.

9. Next meeting date: April 23, 2019

The next scheduled meeting date was confirmed by the Committee.

Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 23, 2019

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Administration Office

Respectfully submitted,

L. Letain, Chairperson



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

PARENT/GUARDIAN/DIVISION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 (7:00 – 9:00 pm)
Division Office Board Room

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Agenda Review

The Parent/Guardian/Division Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Committee Chair, Trustee K. Fallis. The agenda was approved as previously distributed.

2. Meeting Structure for the 2019-2020 School Year

A brief discussion was held regarding the organization of the Parent/Guardian/Division Committee. All schools are encouraged to have a parent council member in attendance to support the school and children in a multitude of ways. The Parent/Guardian/Division Committee will meet four times throughout the 2019-2020 School Year:

- Regular Parent/Guardian/Division Committee Meeting – Date to be Confirmed
- Professional Development Event with MAPC
- Meeting with Finance Committee – Date to be Confirmed
- Meeting with Full Board of Trustees – Date to be Confirmed
- Regular Parent/Guardian/Division Committee Meeting – Date to be Confirmed

3. Professional Development Opportunities for Parent Councils

Contact has been made with the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) with regards to the request for professional development opportunities for parent council members (outside of Winnipeg). The Office of the Superintendent will request the MAPC to provide a PD event in Brandon for the fall of 2019. Such PD may be related to budget planning or school administrative procedures.

Please see Appendix A for more information from MAPC.

“Accepting the Challenge”

4. Settlement Workers in School (SWIS) Program

Brandon School Division is currently wrapping up a three-year agreement with the Settlement Workers in School (SWIS) Program provided by Westman Immigrant Services and will be engaging the organization into another five-year agreement. Is there a need for interpreters to be available during school-based parent council meetings to help bridge the language barrier between the parent community?

In discussion with members in attendance, the need is not necessarily during the school-based parent council meetings but is needed more in the area of engagement and communication with the parent community about different events and the focus of the parent council as a whole.

5. Fundraising Timelines for 2019-2020 School Year

As we wrap of the current school year, please remember the process and deadlines for Fundraising Proposals, as per [Administrative Procedure 2115 – School Fees and Fundraising](#).

- October 31 – deadline for staff, students, parents to submit Fundraising Proposals to School Leader
- November 1 – deadline for School Leader to submit Fundraising Proposals and Annual Fundraising Plan to Superintendent/CEO for approval

6. School Reports

École O’Kelly School: continuing with regular fundraising initiatives, highly recommend Booster Juice as they are very accommodating to work with. The parent community of École O’Kelly School wanted to bring forward some discontent with regards to the Grade 7-8 Options plans for the upcoming school year. As the majority of the family are military, they feel the need to take French as a compulsory subject, which leaves their student without the option to take Industrial Arts or Home Economics.

J.R. Reid School: nothing to report at this time.

École Harrison: recently held a family bingo night with 128 people in attendance. Also hosted an internet safety presentation with Val Caldwell which was very well received by students and parents.

NOTE: *If your school is interested in hosting Ms. Caldwell for an internet safety presentation, she can be reached by email at: Valerie2@mymts.net.*

Our School Resource Officers through the Brandon Police Service are also available to provide presentations that combine education, crime prevention, counselling, and community relations. Presentation requests can be made through your school’s Principal.

Meadows School: wrapping up fundraising initiatives with a movie night. Meadows School is also hosting its 50th Anniversary on June 4th. Keep watch on the school's website and Twitter account for more information.

Alexander School: Ofield Williams, an Artist in Residence, was recently at Alexander school for two weeks. During his time at the school, he worked with the students doing "Breakdancing Yoga", the kids loved it! We're also installing our new projector system at the school, this was a major fundraiser for our school. We are currently wrapping up our fundraising and events for this current school year and are getting ready to plan for next year.

Linden Lanes School: continuing our fundraising initiatives for the current school year and are preparing for the installation of our new playground this summer.

Riverview School: students recently went on their annual ski trip, we're wrapping up our fundraising for the current school year. Our KM Club Challenge will be up and running shortly and we will be hosting our AGM in May with hopes to see some new faces.

7. Other Items

- Our Journey – Honouring Indigenous Student Success
May 23, 2019 – Keystone Centre Grounds – Grand Entry at 11:00 am
- Honouring the Good Road Gala – Recognizing Mother Earth and the Contributions of Indigenous Community Members through the Seven Sacred Teachings
May 23, 2019 – The Dome Building – 6:00 - 10:00 pm
- Canadian Tire – Jump Start Program
Brandon School Division is currently working on building a partnership with the Jump Start Program through Canadian Tire to help identify the kids whose families may need funding assistance to get them off the sidelines and into the game. We will keep you updated as further information becomes available.
- Bake Sales – Brandon School Division has a responsibility to foster, promote and support healthy living by demonstrating positive leadership in nutrition ([Administrative Procedure 2060 – Nutrition](#)). Please keep this in mind when you are hosting bake sales and other food events in your school.

D. Labossiere, CPA, CGA
Secretary Treasurer

/tlc



Manitoba Association of Parent Councils Chairpersons' Breakfast

Become a Host School!

When: Held annually on a Saturday morning in February

Where: Your school's gymnasium or multi-purpose room (Winnipeg)

How: Seek approval from your PAC and School Principal, then contact MAPC.

Why: It's a great opportunity for MAPC and a member school to partner together. It's also a chance to showcase your school in different ways - we'll leave the "creative" to you!

What: **MAPC** takes care of the most of the details including promotion, invitations, agenda, registration, and all refreshments.

Your school will take care of setting up the space (tables, chairs, podium and coat rack, for example), ensuring you have help to execute the event (PAC members, school principal and other staff, for example). Other options for your PAC to get involved include: displaying students' artwork; creating table centerpieces; organizing student opening entertainment; having students act as greeters; etc.

So consider the opportunity to work closely with MAPC to bring this event to membership, while highlighting your school's community! Contact the MAPC office for more information if you are interested in becoming a host school for a future Chairpersons' Breakfast!

Please note: *MAPC funds the office-produced promotional material and all refreshments for the Chairpersons' Breakfast. We appreciate any consideration given to waiving school-use fees and any applicable custodial fees for this event.*

Manitoba Association of Parent Councils

Phone: 204-956-1770 or email info@mapc.mb.ca.

Every year, MAPC provides its membership with opportunities to learn and grow together. These events include examples such as;

- Formal one-hour presentations to membership such as Roles and Responsibilities for PAC or Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers
- Facilitated conversations about the role parents and parent councils can play in school and divisional planning or how to start a PAC in a school community
- Annual events such as the MAPC Chairperson's Breakfast in Winnipeg
- Topic specific forums such as the MAPC Math Forum for Parents (2016) or the MAPC Mental Health and Wellness Forum (2015 and 2018)

The MAPC board of directors determines an annual plan on what events will take place – and where - for each upcoming school year. It also determines what modules it can create to better address memberships' needs and interests.

MAPC is eager to work in partnership with schools and school divisions to provide professional development opportunities for parents which might include; creating workshops for conferences, operating a trade booth at school fairs, or any other suggestion a partner suggests.

In consideration of the request from Brandon School Division for MAPC to participate as a partner in providing professional development for its parents and parent groups as part of its annual planning cycle, the division could consider any of the following in consideration of achieving its goals:

- One hour presentations for its divisional group to learn about the roles and responsibilities of PACs in school communities, running effective meetings, or recruiting and retaining volunteers. Two additional presentations will also be available in the fall of 2019 for parents to learn about advocating for their children in the school system AND how to participate in school and divisional planning, but a date for release is TBD. Advance notice is recommended.
 - A 1.5 day long workshop about skill development in the areas of conflict resolution and communication is also planned for release about the same time, but again is TBD.
- A facilitated conversation or question and answer session about PAC, where participants can speak about the topic or area specific to their individual needs. This would be coordinated in advance and in consultation with parents, educators, and leadership teams to ensure that areas of interest are fully addressed and supporting materials are provided (such as copies of legislation or other MAPC support documents). A conversation could include items such as: specific questions to address, resources available and how to access and use those resources, legislative references (if necessary), and more. Advance notice is required so the right person can be made available to facilitate such a conversation.
- Hosting a topic specific forum in Brandon (such as the Mental Health Forum or Math Forum) or a Chairperson's Breakfast – which allows parents to network and learn together on a wide range of interests. These events are more 'hands on' in the community, as MAPC would be dependent on community participation in advance of the event, such as an organizing committee to coordinate logistics, as well as provide input for the event, who lives in the area and can work directly with MAPC. Advance notice would be required (at least three months), so MAPC can ensure it has the human resource capacity available to coordinate – in consultation with the division – such an event.

Would you like to plan a parent forum for your school community?



Here's how MAPC planned today's event with some suggestions for you to discuss with your school community!

Appoint a planning committee and decide who will lead or represent the committee. MAPC directors decide who will sit on the committee at our annual retreat. The leader, or chairperson, of that committee reports to the entire board regularly to keep them up to date on what is happening. Seek input and work collaboratively with your principal and school division in regards to hosting the event. Keep them up to date of about the plan, the communication methods, and invited guests.

Plan a budget. The MAPC board of directors provides feedback and input regarding the budget for MAPC events to the respective planning committee. Budget items include; venue expenses (room or equipment rentals), refreshments or meals, promotions, honorariums or gifts for presenters, and director expenses such as hotel rooms or mileage. It is important for your group to explore what resources are available in your community to include in your event and what is a reasonable budget to set as you access these resources. Don't forget to make a reasonable estimate of how many people you can expect to attend your event. Remember – it may not be everyone in the community!



Plan your timeline and include what you need to do and when it needs to be done. Time moves very quickly when an event is approaching! We find it very helpful to list each item in an ongoing 'to do' list that we update and refer to frequently. For an event such as the Math Forum 2016, we **decided on the event in June, set the goals, budget, and agenda in early September, booked the venue in early October, and confirmed panelists and the speaker in mid-October.**

Determine your goals that you would like this forum to achieve. For our Math Forum 2016, we decided our goals were to give parents a balanced perspective on what the Manitoba math curriculum is and what it hopes to achieve, how students and teachers use assessment, how teachers learn to teach math and apply it in the classroom, how kids learn, and how parents can support learning from home and in the community. From these goals, we determined who we would like to invite based on our experiences and interactions with our education partners. **An important question for your group to consider is what resources does your parent group have access to in your school and division?** Your principal and school division are great resources that can direct you towards local experts. MAPC is another resource to help you find experts who are available to the public and can contribute to your event!

Promote, invite and finalize! Our **promotion strategy started once all of the pieces and people were confirmed** and included multiple methods – mail, email, Facebook and Twitter, and personal invitations to members whenever the opportunity arose. Consider special guests to include, such as school division staff. The committee then worked on the **questions to present to the panelists in late October**, which were then sent in advance to the panelists so they could research and reflect on them and provide you with the best (and most recent) information possible for a great learning experience. Contact any presenters a couple of days before to confirm their attendance (or provide alternates). Our final step was to **know how many participants we could expect** the first week of November so we could plan seating and refreshments. And of course, on the day of the event we arrive early to set up and ensure that everything is in good working order so you can have the best experience possible.

Host the event and enjoy the day! Provide attendees with the opportunity to provide you with feedback about the event – create a short list of questions and ask them to fill it out before departing.



What is MAPC?

MAPC and its volunteer Board of Directors act as a resource and support for parents and parent groups to better understand the importance and relevance of the parental voice in education.

MAPC is recognized and respected as the parental voice within the public education system in Manitoba. We invest in educational partnerships to strive to continually improve the education and well-being of children in Manitoba.

MAPC has developed workshops, conferences and resources to make available to parents and parent groups to support the work they do in the school and with children.

The Manitoba Association of Parent Councils has over 325 members throughout Manitoba, consisting of Advisory Councils for School Leadership, Parent Advisory Councils, Parent Committees and several others.

IT MATTERS.

“Parents, families and community members play a very important role in the education system. It is important for them to realize how much influence they can have over students and schools, especially when they become involved in school matters”.

(Working Together: A Guide to Positive Problem Solving for Schools, Families and Communities, Manitoba Citizenship and Youth, 2004)

“For school divisions and school districts other than the francophone school division, the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils, Inc. (“MAPC”) is recognized as the representative of school-based parent groups, including parent advisory councils and parent **councils.**”

Section 4.1(1) The Education Administration Act, Manitoba

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MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF PARENT COUNCILS Presentations for Parent Advisory Councils

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Roles & Responsibilities of Parent Advisory Councils

Defining roles and responsibilities of PACs includes understanding the following:

- the role of PACs as defined by Manitoba Education and Training
- the role of the PAC within a school and/or division
- the responsibilities for operating a PAC
- ACSL Legislation
- the responsibilities of individuals serving on a PAC

Effective Meetings for Parent Advisory Councils

It's important to have productive sessions and meaningful discussions. Part of this includes having a solid agenda and the tools you need to ensure dynamic sessions.

Ingredients for effective meetings include:

- knowing the role of the PAC executive and members
- meeting preparations
- creating minutes & agendas
- voting and making motions
- managing conflict

Parent Volunteers

How to get individuals to sign on, show up and stay engaged. MAPC can help provide information on:

- ideas you can put into action to increase participation of parents in your school
- why volunteers are important
- why parents want to volunteer
- why some parents are not willing to help
- where to find volunteers
- your responsibilities to volunteers
- showing volunteer appreciation

To book a presentation for your PAC, contact MAPC at 204-956-1770 or info@mapc.mb.ca.

MAPC works to empower parents by supporting, promoting and enhancing meaningful involvement and participation of parents in order to improve the education and well-being of children in Manitoba.



MAPC provides professional development for Parent Advisory Councils and provides a platform **for parents' voices to be heard**. We offer support to parents when facing a challenge. We also provide resources, ideas, and suggestions related to parent councils.



MAPC supports educators by promoting collaborative relationships between home and school. We also advise administration teams on fostering solid parent advisory council practices.



MAPC consults with other educational partners and collaborates on various educational committees throughout the year.

HONOURING INDIGENOUS STUDENT SUCCESS

Our Journey

**Keystone Centre
Grounds**

**THURSDAY
MAY 23, 2019**

9 am - Pipe Ceremony

10 am - Registration

11 am - Grand Entry*

*Pow Wow, Métis &
Inuit performances*

5 pm - Feast

HOST DRUM

Saulteaux Nation

*Drum registrations required
before May 23rd, 2019*



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Honouring THE GOOD ROAD - GALA



**MAY
23
2019**

RECOGNIZING MOTHER EARTH & THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIGENOUS
COMMUNITY MEMBERS THROUGH THE SEVEN SACRED TEACHINGS

**6:00 PM -
10:00 PM**

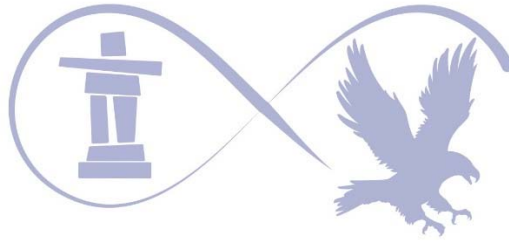
THE DOME BUILDING
ON THE KEYSTONE CENTER GROUNDS
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NOMINATIONS PACKAGES NOW AVAILABLE

through the Brandon Friendship Centre (836 Lorne Ave.)
and the Manitoba Metis Federation Southwest Office (656 - 6th St.)
Completed Nomination Packages can be submitted to Lisa Ramsay at bdmramsay@yahoo.ca





~ HONOURING THE GOOD ROAD ~

***AN INDIGENOUS GALA EVENT TO CELEBRATE THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO LIVE BY THE
SEVEN SACRED TEACHINGS, ARE ROLE MODELS TO OUR YOUTH,
AND WHO WALK THE GOOD ROAD***

Nomination Criteria

- Nominees for any of the Seven Sacred Teaching honours must be at least 18 years of age.
- Nominees for the Youth honour must be between the ages of 14 and 18 before May 1, 2019.
- Nominees for the Elder/Knowledge Keeper honour must be 60 years of age or older
- Nominees for the Ally honour must be at least 18 years of age.
- Be residents of, or employed in, the City of Brandon since at least January 1, 2018.
- Consent to the nomination by signing the nomination form.
- Be in attendance the evening of the gala.

Submission Requirements

1. Fully complete nomination forms submitted before deadline of April 1, 2019. Must include full consent of the nominee. Two nominators required for each nominee submission.
2. One photograph of the nominee.

~ Award Categories ~

- Seven (7) Adult nominees will be honoured, one for each of the Seven Sacred Teachings. Please identify which of the Seven Sacred Teachings you would like this nominee honoured for.
- One (1) Youth nominee will be honoured. Please identify how the youth lives and works in a way that shows respect for the Seven Sacred Teachings.
- One (1) Elder/Knowledge Keeper nominee will be honoured. Please identify how the Elder/Knowledge Keeper lives and works in a way that shows respect for the Seven Sacred Teachings.
- One (1) Ally nominee will be honoured. Please identify how the Ally lives and works in a way that shows respect for the Seven Sacred Teachings.

*Please note that a nominee may only be nominated in one category.
Should a nominee be nominated in more than one category, the Selection Committee reserves the right to choose
the most appropriate category.*

Applications will be accepted via e-mail at bdnramsays@yahoo.ca

LOVE - EAGLE



To feel true love is to know the Creator. It is expected that one's first love is to be the Great Spirit. He is considered the father of all children, and the giver of human life. Love given to the Great Spirit is expressed through love of oneself; it is understood that if one cannot love oneself, it is impossible to love anyone else.

The Eagle was chosen by the Great Spirit to represent this Teaching. The Eagle can reach the highest of all creatures and bring pure vision to the seeker. Love depends upon a world that acknowledges the importance of spirituality.

RESPECT - BUFFALO

The Buffalo, through giving its life and sharing every part of its being, showed the deep respect it had for the people. No animal was more important to the existence of Indigenous families. Its gift provided for daily living. Indigenous people believed themselves to be true caretakers of the great herds, and developed a sustainable relationship with the Buffalo resulting in a true expression of respect.



COURAGE - BEAR



The Bear provides many lessons in the way it lives, but courage is the most important teaching it offers. Though gentle by nature, the ferociousness of a mother Bear when one of her cubs is approached is the true definition of courage. To have the mental and moral strength to overcome fears that prevent us from living our true spirit is a great challenge. Living of the heart and living of the spirit is difficult, but the Bear shows us how to face any danger with courage.

HONESTY – SABE

Long ago, there was a giant called Kitch-Sabe. Kitch-Sabe walked among the people to remind them to be honest to the Teaching of the creator and honest to each other. The highest honour that could be bestowed upon an individual was the saying "There walks an honest man. He can be trusted." To be truly honest was to keep the promises one made to the Creator, to others and to oneself. The Elders would say, "Never try to be someone else; live true to your spirit, be honest to yourself and accept who you are the way the Creator made you."



WISDOM - BEAVER

The Creator gave each community member gifts to use. The Beaver uses his sharp teeth for cutting trees and branches to build his dams and lodges. If he did not use his teeth, the teeth would continue to grow until they became useless, ultimately making it impossible for him to sustain himself. The same can be said for human beings. One's spirit will grow weak if it is not fulfilling its use. When used properly however, these gifts contribute to the development of a peaceful and healthy community.



HUMILITY - WOLF



To truly know humility is to recognize and acknowledge that there is a higher power, and it is known as the Creator. To capture the spirit of humility is to accept that all beings are equal. The expression of this humility is manifested through the consideration of others before ourselves. In this way, the Wolf became the teacher of this lesson. He bows his head in the presence of others out of deference, and once hunted, will not take the food until it can be shared with the pack.

TRUTH – TURTLE

To know truth is to know and understand all of the original Teachings as given by the Creator and to be faithful to them. In the beginning, when the Creator made man and gave him the Seven Sacred Teachings, the Grandmother Turtle was present to ensure that the laws would never be lost or forgotten. On the back of a Turtle are the 13 moons, each representing the truth of one cycle of the Earth's rotations around the sun. The 28 markings on her back represent the cycle of the moon and of a woman's body.



Teachings shared by Knowledge Keeper Frank Tacan

Each nominee requires a separate nomination package to be completed by two nominators.

Nominators will be responsible for the cost of the nominee ticket to the event. (Tickets are \$75/each)

Please check only one box.

Adult

☐ Courage/Bear

☐ Humility/Wolf

☐ Love/Eagle

☐ Honesty/Sabe

☐ Truth/Turtle

☐ Respect/Buffalo

☐ Wisdom/Beaver

☐ Youth / ☐ Elder/Knowledge Keeper / ☐ Ally (*Please check one*) – One who shows their respect for the Seven Sacred Teachings in the way that they live, work and carry themselves in community.

Nominee's Full Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Contact Number(s): _____

I have read the information contained herein, certify it to be true and correct in the entirety and hereby allow my name to stand for nomination. I agree to have my story shared at the event and with any media related activities.

Nominee's Signature of Consent

Date

1.) Nominator Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Contact Numbers: _____

I have read the information contained herein and certify it to be true and correct in its entirety.

Signature

2.) Nominator Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Contact Numbers: _____

I have read the information contained herein and certify it to be true and correct in its entirety.

Signature

Statement of Nomination

Please use additional space as needed.

The Good Road, according to our Indigenous values, means that one consistently demonstrates respect, love, humility, honour, wisdom, courage and truth in how they conduct themselves in their lives. Being on The Good Road, means one takes responsibility not only for themselves but for their role as a community member. This way of walking is reflected in how one lives and works in our community, with and for our people.

How does the nominee walk the good road?

How does the Nominee demonstrate and show their respect for the Seven Sacred Teachings in the way that they live, work and carry themselves in community.

How is the nominee an excellent role model to our youth?

Honoured recipients are those who contribute to our collective wellbeing by doing their work in a way that reflects Indigenous values. How does your nominee contribute to our community wellbeing?