



"Accepting the Challenge"

## **Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Minutes**

Thursday, October 27, 2011 – 11:35 a.m.  
Kirkcaldy Heights School

Present: P. Bowslaugh (Chairperson), J. Murray, K. Sumner,  
M. Snelling, (Alternate).

### **1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by the Committee 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 Kirkcaldy Heights Student Council Members)**

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. The students were organized into several discussion groups. Students were asked the following three questions:

- 1) What are the good things about Kirkcaldy Heights School?
- 2) What do Trustees need to know to make Kirkcaldy Heights School better?
- 3) Is there something else you would like to tell Trustees that you haven't already said?

Following the break-out discussions, students were asked to report out on their discussions. A summary of the points raised by students is attached to the Minutes as Appendix "A".

At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Bowslaugh thanked all present for participating noting that student feedback was vital.

### **5. OPERATIONS INFORMATION**

NIL

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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P. Bowslaugh, Chair

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J. Murray

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K. Sumner

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M. Snelling (Alternate)

# Meeting with Student Council Members

## Kirkcaldy Heights School

### Thursday, October 27, 2011

#### Questions:

#### 1) What are the good things about Kirkcaldy Heights School?

- Special food days (pizza, subs, hot dogs)
- Canteen
- Track and field by school
- Intramurals
- Lots of school sports
- A library
- SmartBoards
- Gym
- Music equipment
- Lots of choices
- Dances
- Lunch room
- Art room
- Science room
- Lockers
- Recess
- Playstructure
- The school is clean
- Enrichment clusters
- Good supplies
- It's safe here
- Spirit week
- Understanding and caring teachers
- Book selection
- Good amount of space
- Lots of student participation- we are a democracy
- Good student/teacher relationships

#### 2) What do Trustees need to know to make Kirkcaldy Heights School better?

- Textbooks that haven't been vandalized.
- Washrooms that haven't been vandalized – some doors do not have locks, barely any water pressure and soap dispenser is broken.
- iPads
- An outdoor volleyball net;
- More selection for our drink machine like juices etc. and always have the drink machines filled.
- Newer computers

- More young adult books
- Better bullying program for younger students with bigger punishments.
- More physical activities
- More field trips
- Another janitor to take care of our wonderful school
- SmartBoards for every classroom not just one for each grade
- Soccer posts and basketball hoops outside that aren't rusty
- More math classes

**3) Is there something else you would like to tell Trustees that you haven't already said?**

- It would be nice to have a spot at school to work after class when home is too loud.
- More selection of enrichment clusters.
- An after school drama or star search club.
- New garbage cans so the wasps don't get us.
- Healthy selections at the canteen and more selections at the canteen, like fruit and veggies and dip.
- Comfy chairs.
- More gym glasses as the grades 7 and 8 only get 3 classes and the grades 1 to 6 get 4.
- More after school activities.
- Run volleyball and basketball throughout the year.
- Drama club.
- Better school colours.
- More educational field trips.