



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## Education and Community Relations Committee Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.  
Boardroom, Administration Office

Present: S. Bambridge D. Kejick  
L. Letain J. Murray  
L. Ross

Also Present: D. Labossiere M. Casavant

Regrets: K. Fallis

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### I. Assignment of Spokesperson for the Committee

Trustee Sherilyn Bambridge, Chairperson for the Committee of the Whole, discussed with Trustees that a spokesperson be assigned for the Committee. It was agreed that Trustee Letain would serve as spokesperson for the Education and Community Relations Committee for 2020-2021.

### 1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

#### A. **Tipi Tour – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tipi Installation**

Dr. Marc Casavant, Superintendent/CEO, spoke to this item, indicating that Green Acres School would like to request the third Tipi the Division has committed to installing. He noted they have discussed the theme of the Tipi would be Healing, with the plaques inside the tipi noting different types of healing. Additional information will be brought to the Committee in March 2021, with the Tipi Ceremony taking place in September 2021.

The Committee agreed, in principle, with this request.

#### B. **Research Request – *Effects of COVID-19 on Education: Using Photo Images to Capture Living History***

The Brandon School Division Research Committee and Dr. Casavant reviewed the research request from Dr. Shelley Kokorudz, Brandon University, and are recommending it to the Board for approval. Dr. Kokorudz's objective of this qualitative arts-based research is to capture the return to Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools in the form of images during the COVID-19 pandemic. She aims to document via photographs some of the effects in schools, and to use the data in an analysis of the effect of COVID-19 on Education. The researcher is hopeful that the analysis of the data will assist and contribute to the processes of educational reform as educators plan for future delivery and best practice for current and future generations. Participation is voluntary, with consent to be requested from parents/guardians of students, and from teaching and support staff. Participants may be withdrawn at any point, and no names will appear in any publication resulting from this research.

The Researcher intends to publish a book to document this unprecedented return to school, and a copy of this book will be provided to the library of each participating school.

The Brandon School Division Research Advisory Committee submitted a recommendation for approval, noting that they request that Dr. Kokorudz be mindful of each school's COVID practices, and be cognizant of putting more tasks on teachers at this busy time.

Trustees asked questions for clarification. The Committee agreed to the recommendation as presented.

**Recommendation:**

That the Board approve the research request from Dr. Shelley Kokorudz, Department of Psychology and Student Services, Faculty of Education, Brandon University, for the research project entitled *"Effects of COVID-19 on Education: Using Photo Images to Capture Living History"*.

**C. Programming Request – For Information – In-Camera Discussion**

The Superintendent/CEO provided information on a Student Matter.

**2. OPERATIONS INFORMATION**

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 9, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Boardroom.**

Respectfully submitted,

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L. Letain