



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Minutes

Wednesday, April 16, 2014 2:30 p.m.

J.L. Milne Board Room, Administration Office Building

Present: P. Bowslaugh, Chairperson, M. Sefton, M. Snelling, D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer.

Regrets: D. Michaels, Superintendent/CEO.

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Committee Chairperson, Trustee Bowslaugh.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

### 3. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Minutes of March 5, 2013 were received as information.

### 4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

### 5. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

#### a) **Presentations to the Committee (timed events)**

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. – Lindsay Hargreaves – Environmental Initiatives/Operations for the City of Brandon.

Ms. Hargreaves spoke to the members of the Committee regarding environmental opportunities for the Brandon School Division. Ms. Hargreaves highlighted the Brandon Waste Reduction School Challenge and Brandon Enviro Expo initiatives currently taking place in Brandon schools. She specifically spoke about the Brandon Environment Committee Mobile Education Unit which would feature interactive stations for students to learn about the environment. She inquired about the possibility of partnering with the Division and possibly using the Division's Friends of Education Fund to raise money and provide contributors with tax receipts. She noted the City would own the unit; however, the Division could have use of the unit for free. There would be a small mileage charge for other divisions to use the unit.

Discussions were held regarding whether or not another organization could use the Friends of Education Fund to raise money. The Secretary-Treasurer explained the purpose of the Friends of Education Fund noting it has always been used for school purposes. Ms. Hargreaves noted the City of Brandon could issue tax receipts, but as a municipality, they were unable to obtain charitable status and therefore unable to receive larger donations. The Committee thanked Ms. Hargreaves for her presentation. They noted they felt it was a very worthwhile project; however, at this time they could not guarantee the use of the Friends of Education Fund without further investigations as to the tax and/or charitable implications to the Division. The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed, if it was the will of the Board, he could look into this matter further with Revenue Canada, following the March Audit.

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Barry Hartley – Brandon Rotarian

Mr. Hartley spoke to the members of the Committee regarding Rotary Youth Programs. He began his presentation by providing background information regarding the Rotary Clubs in Brandon and spoke to their mission.

Mr. Hartley noted the variety of Youth Projects and Programs available including scholarships offered at the three high schools; the Model United Nations program held in Winnipeg each year; the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards held at Clear Lake; Rotaract and Interact youth clubs; Adventures programs and Literacy involvement, including a free book for all children attending the clubs' spring and fall book sale.

Following his presentation, Mr. Hartley asked the Committee members for feedback on how to reach the youth of today, particularly students in the Brandon School Division, to advise them of the programs offered by Rotary and encourage them to participate. Discussions were held and it was recommended that the Rotary Clubs contact the Office of the Superintendent in order to contact or distribute materials to the schools. It was also suggested that the Office of the Superintendent may be able to help connect with the Youth Revolution regarding some of the projects and programs discussed.

**6. OPERATIONS INFORMATION**

**7. NEXT REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 2:30 p.m., Board Room.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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P. Bowslaugh, Chair

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M. Sefton

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M. Snelling

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