



"Accepting the Challenge"

Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Minutes

Friday, March 25, 2011 – 11:30 a.m.

Board Room, Administration Office

Present: M. Snelling, Chairperson, P. Bowslaugh, G. Kruck, (Alternate), K. Sumner, Dr. D. Michaels.

Guest: Brian Schoonbaert, Chief Financial Officer Brandon Regional Health Authority.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee Meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by the Committee Chairperson, Mr. Snelling.

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 Representatives of the Brandon Regional Health Authority).

Chairperson, Mr. Snelling, thanked Mr. Schoonbaert for his attendance. He reviewed the role of the Brandon School Division Board of Trustees' Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee and highlighted their work to date.

The Superintendent was asked by the Chairperson to review the programs, partnerships and joint initiatives the School Division currently participates in with the Brandon Regional Health Authority (BRHA).

Dr. Michaels, Superintendent, highlighted the following:

- Child's Therapy Initiative;
- Pre-School Speech Program;
- Teen Clinics in all three high schools;
- Crocus Plains Regional Secondary High School Infant Care Centre;
- Drug and Alcohol Coalition;
- Child and Adolescent Treatment Centre;
- Health Schools Coalition;
- Public Health Nurses in the schools;
- Medicine Follow-up Nurse in the schools;
- Vaccination Clinics; and
- Hearing and Vision Screening Clinics.

At the Executive level, Dr. Michaels noted both the BRHA and School Division also participate in the MUSCH Group and the Brandon Alliance.

Mr. Schoonbaert confirmed the positive relationship and current partnerships between the two organizations. He agreed the two institutions need to continue to work together to achieve common goals and eliminate duplication. He noted representatives of the RHA had met with representatives of Brandon's three educational institutions to discuss what could be done to meet many of the common goals. Possible job sharing, sharing of translation services, job training and education programs such as the current Health Care Aid program were discussed as possible items which would be beneficial to all involved.

Discussions were held regarding the possibility of developing an Infant Care Centre at the Neelin High School Off-Campus Site. Dr. Michaels noted the work that had been done to create the centre at Crocus Plains. She confirmed a proposal could be drawn up for the Off-Campus site and presented to the Divisional Futures Committee at a later date.

Mr. Schoonbaert confirmed he was a supporter of the "Community Health Model" and would like to work with community partners to help the community understand the population health issues and their effects on the people of the community. Discussions were held regarding education on the prevention of diabetes; education of students regarding dementia; students' influence on their parents; community access to school facilities; and the possibility of forming a "Team Brandon" to advocate at the Provincial level the needs of the community. It was agreed a diverse membership of interested parties working together to advocate on behalf of the community would provide the Government with a broader picture of the Community's needs.

Mr. Snelling concluded the meeting by highlighting the various discussions held including the following:

- Implementing an infant care centre at Neelin's Off-Campus Site;
- Combining Healthy Brandon and Healthy Living to form one voice regarding the health needs of the Community;
- Partnering with the BRHA to be proactive when working with the Provincial Government.

It was agreed Dr. Michaels and Mr. Schoonbaert would collaborate over the next six weeks to review the discussions which had taken place and the next steps that need to be taken.

5. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

NIL

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

6. NEXT REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING: 11:30 a.m., Friday, April 8, 201, Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Snelling, Chair

P. Bowslaugh

K. Sumner

G. Kruck (Alternate)