



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Minutes

Monday, May 11, 2015 10:00 a.m.  
Boardroom, Administration Office Building

Present: P. Bowslaugh (Chair), M. Sefton, K. Sumner, D. Michaels,  
Superintendent.  
Regrets: G. Buri (Alternate)  
Guest: Kathy King, RCMP (Retired)

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chair Pat Bowslaugh.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

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

The Minutes of March 3, 2015 and the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of April 27, 2015 were received as information.

The April 7, 2015 Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee meeting was discussed. This was an informal meeting as there was no one from Senior Administration available to attend and therefore, there are no formal minutes available. The Joint City of Brandon Task Force and Parent/Guardian/Division Advisory Committee meetings were discussed. Trustee Sumner noted that not as many Parent Councils attended the last Parent/Guardian/Division Advisory Committee as they have seen in the past. Dr. Michaels, Superintendent, suggested that the Parent Councils be updated electronically regarding meetings and information. Trustee Sumner noted that meetings for this Committee need to be scheduled starting in October 2015.

### 4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

#### a) **Child Safety – Information Provided by Kathy King – RCMP Retired**

Ms. Kathy King, Chair of the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, attended and spoke to the Committee regarding the Kids in the Know program. The Canadian Centre for Child Protection was formerly Child Find Manitoba. Ms. King highlighted the following:

- This is now a national program based in Manitoba
- They run the Canadian National Tip Line, which aligns with the Need Help Now Kids Tip Line/ Help Line
- They have worked with Google to create a free app called findMEid where you can take a photo of your child and update their information regularly. The information will then be accurate and up to date if there is an incident where the child's information needs to be forwarded to schools, police, etc.
- They would be happy to speak with Parent Councils about this program.

Trustee Sefton asked if fingerprinting takes place anymore. Ms. King responded that this practice is done very little now. Ms. King noted that the pathway to getting information out more quickly is now through social media. Children are connected as they tend to have phone or technology access. Ms. King stated that if there is anything their group could do to help the Brandon School Division and parents, they will try to assist.

Trustee Bowslaugh asked if there are materials available for every child in class. Ms. King responded that yes, there is age appropriate information for the students, and for the teachers there are booklets, guides, etc.

Dr. Michaels, Superintendent, thought this would be an excellent topic for an upcoming Parent/Guardian/Division Advisory Committee Meeting. It was decided that a Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee Meeting would be set for mid-October once the Committee for 2015-2016 has been decided. The information could be available to parents online and through the school portals. Trustee Sumner suggested the information also be sent out through Twitter feeds. Ms. King noted that there is a segment for parents on their website: [www.protectchildren.ca](http://www.protectchildren.ca).

Ms. King will be invited back for the October meeting with the Parent/Guardian/Division Advisory Committee.

The Trustees and Superintendent thanked Ms. King for attending the meeting and for the valuable information she provided.

## **5. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

### **a) Miscellaneous topics discussed:**

- School Visits – will be set after the September Inaugural meeting, and once the Committee members have been decided.

## **6. OPERATIONS INFORMATION**

NIL

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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P. Bowslaugh, Chair

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M. Sefton

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K. Sumner

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G. Buri (Alternate)