BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

"Accepting the Challenge"

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January 4, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO BE HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.

J. L. MILNE BOARDROOM, ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

1031 - 6TH STREET, BRANDON, MANITOBA

G.F. Barnes
Secretary-Treasurer

AGENDA

1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

1.01 Reference to Statement of Board Operations

1.02 Approval of Agenda

1.03 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

a) Regular Board Meeting, December 12, 2011.
Adopt.

2.00 GOVERNANCE MATTERS:

2.01 Presentations For Information

a) École Neelin High School Students – Student Leadership Conference held in Cornerbrook, Nfld.

2.02 Reports of Committees

a)	BSD/BTA Liaison Committee Minutes	J. Murray
b)	Facilities & Transportation Committee Minutes	D. Karnes
c)	Education Committee Minutes	P. Bartlette
d)	Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Minutes	P. Bowslaugh
e)	Finance Committee Minutes	P. Bartlette
f)	Policy Review Committee Minutes	K. Sumner
g)	Other	

2.03 Delegations and Petitions

2.04 Communications for Action

a) Nancy Allan, Minister of Education, December 13, 2011, thanking the Board for their recent letter regarding the Government's class size initiative, noting it will present challenges but also opportunities to improve teaching and learning in our classrooms. She agrees that the perspective of school boards is important and that is the reason the previously established oversight committee assisting in the development of a provincial report card will also be engaged in the class size project. The Committee does have representation from Manitoba School Boards Association as well as other education partners. She is confident that the concerns of school boards will be voice effectively by the representatives of the Manitoba School Boards Association.

Refer Business Arising.

2.05 Business Arising

- From Previous Delegation

a) Mr. Jamie Burt, Parent, speaking to a request for transportation.

- From Board Agenda

a) Correspondence from Nancy Allan, Minister of Education, from Communications for Action 2.04a, thanking the Board for their recent letter regarding the Government's class size initiative and noting the Committee does have representation from Manitoba School Boards Association as well as other education partners.

- MSBA issues (last meeting of the month)

- From Report of Senior Administration

a) School Reports – Crocus Plains Regional Secondary High School – T. Osiowy

b) Learning Support Services Presentation – MIST Update – B. Ewasiuk

c) Items from Senior Administration Report
- Giving of Notice – Policy 9038 – Refer Motions.
- Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School/École Secondaire Neelin High School Off-Site Activity Request – Refer Motions.
- Meeting with Government Class Size Committee – Refer Business Arising.
- Trustee Inquiries:
  - Career Connections – Trustee Bartlette
  - Kindergarten Class Size at École Harrison – Trustee Murray.

2.06 Public Inquiries (max. 15 minutes)

2.07 Motions

01/2012 That Policy and Procedures 9038 – "Public Advertising on School Property" be rescinded and replaced with Policy and Procedures 9038 – "Restrictive Public Advertising on School Property".

02/2012 That the trip involving thirty-nine (39) high school students from Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School/École Secondaire Neelin High School to New York, NY from April 8, 2012 to April 16, 2012 be approved and carried out in accordance with Board Policy/procedures 4001: Off-Site Activities.

03/2012 That Senior Administration be authorized to enter into negotiations/arrangements with the City of Brandon for the use of Brandon School Division facilities, as to be mutually agreed upon, in connection with a bid to host the 2017 Canada Games.

04/2012 That the Facilities and Transportation Committee arrange a meeting with representatives of the Public Schools Finance Board to determine the status of the Brandon School Division's 5 Year Capital Plan, the George Fitton and Green Acres School gyms, Capital Asset plan.

05/2012 That Procedures 4047 – "Nutrition Policy" be amended as follows:
- The words "(to be implemented by September 1, 2008) be removed in procedures numbers 5, 6 and 7.
- The words "in the fryer" and "(i.e. Sysco Oil or Bung neutral-Clear Oil)" at the end of procedures number 7 be removed.
- The words "Halloween, Valentine's Day, Easter and Christmas functions" be removed in procedures number 9 and replaced with the words "cultural festivities".

2.08 Bylaws

NIL

2.09 Giving of Notice

That I, or someone in my stead, will introduce a motion to approve Policy 4059 - "Numeracy".

That I, or someone in my stead, will introduce a motion to rescind Policy 1008 – "Communications Protocol" and replace same with Policy 1008 – "Communications".

2.10 Inquiries

- Trustee Inquiries

3.00 ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

3.01 Report of Senior Administration

Receive and File.

3.02 Communications for Information

a) Dr. Michaels, Superintendent/CEO, December 12, 2011, addressed to Mr. Claren Turner and thanking him for his recent book recovery efforts. This is the ninth consecutive year he has undertaken this endeavour on behalf of the Brandon School Division students. She also thanks Mr. Turner for the purchase of 18 French language books. These recovery projects involve time, money and effort on behalf of Mr. Turner and it is greatly appreciated by the Division.

Receive and File.

b) Carolyn Duhamel, Executive Director, Manitoba School Boards Association, December 14, 2011, noting the work of the Manitoba Class Size Reduction Oversight Committee is underway. Discussions about that strategy as a means of improving student achievement will become an increasingly common occurrence and in order to assist trustees and administrators who find themselves engaged in such discussions she had attached a fact sheet on the topic. The fact sheet is a one page summary. The entire document may be found online at http://www.cea-ace.ca/sites/cea-ace.ca/files/cea-2010-foe-class-size.pdf. Links to this document and others on the topic can be found on the MSBA website.

Refer to Education Committee.

c) Barb Gribben, Secretary, CUPE Local 737, December 16, 2011, noting on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 CUPE local 737 held their elections for offices. The Executive Officers for 2012 are as follows:

President	Deb Arpin
Vice-President	Jamie Rose
Treasurer	Christine Rempel
Recording Secretary	Barb Gribben

Receive and File.

3.03 Announcements

a) Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee Meeting – 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2012, Board Room.

b) Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee Meeting with 1st Nations – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2012, École New Era School.

c) Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting – 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 11, 2012, Board Room.

d) Education Committee Meeting – 11:30 a.m., Thursday, January 12, 2012, Board Room.

e) Board of Trustees Retreat – Friday, January 13, 2012 – 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 14, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Victoria Inn.

f) Finance Committee Meeting -1:00 p.m., Monday, January 16, 2012, Board Room.

g) Special Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 16, 2012, Board Room.

h) Workplace Safety and Health Committee - 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 18, 2012, Conference Room.

i) Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Meeting – 11:30 a.m., Thursday, January 19, 2012, Board Room.

j) Region 1 Meeting, Manitoba School Boards Association – Monday, January 23, 2012, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Victoria Inn, Brandon.

k) Personnel Committee Meeting – 12:00 noon, Monday, January 23, 2012, Board Room.

l) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 23, 2012, Board Room.

4.00 IN CAMERA DISCUSSION:

4.01 Student Issues

- Reports

- Trustee Inquiries

4.02 Personnel Matters

- Reports

a) Confidential #1 – Personnel Report.

- Trustee Inquiries

4.03 Property Matters/Tenders

- Reports

- Trustee Inquiries

4.04 Board Operations

- Reports

a) Confidential #2 – MSBA Item.

- Trustee Inquiries

5.00 ADJOURNMENT

Appendix A

MINISTER
OF EDUCATION

Room 168
Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
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RECEIVED
DEC 16 2011

DEC 13 2011

Mr. Mark Sefton
Chair
The Brandon School Division
1031 – 6th Street
Brandon MB R7A 4K5

Dear Mr. Sefton:

Thank you for your recent letter. I appreciate your interest in the recently announced class size initiative. It will present challenges but also opportunities to improve teaching and learning in our classrooms.

I agree that the perspective of school boards is important, and it is for that reason that the previously established oversight committee assisting in the development of a provincial report card will also be engaged in the class size project. That committee does have representation from Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA), as well as other education partners. I am confident that the concerns of school boards will be voiced effectively by the representatives from MSBA.

Thank you for your comments and for raising this with me. I appreciate the information you have provided.

Sincerely,

Nancy Allan

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c. Dr. Donna Michaels

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