



# Education Committee Minutes

Monday, October 4, 2010 – 1:30 p.m.  
Board Room, Administration Office

Present: R. Coey (Chairperson), G Buri (Alternative) (entered at 1:43 p.m.) B. Jolly, Dr. D. Michaels  
Regrets: P. Bartlette

## 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson, Trustee Coey called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Education Committee Agenda was approved as circulated.

## 3. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

NIL.

## 4. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

### A) **Review of Committee Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were received as information.

### B) **2008/2009 BSD Report – “Are our children ready for school?”**

The Committee reviewed the report and received it as information.

Discussions were held regarding the Board's request to establish a pilot project for early childhood education as approved during the 2010/2011 Budget deliberations. It was noted the Division currently has several different initiatives in the area of early childhood education; however, none of these initiatives is formalized at present. It was agreed that the current initiatives needed to be extended with formalized programming established and that would also take into account the Division's beliefs in the areas of equity and sustainability.

**Recommendation:** That the Board recognizes a formalized comprehensive early childhood education program be developed in the Brandon School Division utilizing the budget enhancement approved in the 2010/2011 Budget; including a Division-wide pilot program request for funding from the Province.

### C) **Grade 3-4 Transition Staff Report**

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels spoke to the report provided by the Division's Grade 3-4 Transition staff. She confirmed that the intervention and additional staffing put in place to address this had made a marked improvement in the achievement of students. She noted that although schools were all working towards the same focus; each school had personalized its approach to the needs of the students in their school. She further confirmed Senior Administration is now working through the recommendations provided in the report.

The Committee agreed to receive the report as information and referred the report to the Divisions 2011/2012 budget discussions.

**D) Establish a Child Honouring Initiative in Brandon and Region**

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels provided background information regarding material circulated to the Committee on the Centre for Child Honouring, in Salt Spring Island, B.C.; noting the need for people of influence to help with advocacy in Brandon with respect to honouring and protecting the rights of the child. The Committee acknowledged the need for such advocacy; recommending that the matter be investigated further with a full report to be provided to the next Board. Discussions were also held as to what could be done to start up such a coalition in Brandon.

**Recommendation:**

That the possibility of the Brandon School Division establishing "Child Honouring" in partnership with Brandon agencies and Community groups be referred to the new Board of Trustee's Education Committee following elections.

**E) Pilot Program – Early Childhood Education**

This item was reviewed and discussed under Item A of the Agenda - 2008/2009 BSD Report – "Are our children ready for school?"

**5. BRIEFINGS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION**

NIL

**6. OPERATIONS INFORMATION**

- The Information Bulletin for Standards Tests, Policy and Procedures for Standards Tests received from Manitoba Education was received as information.

**7. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: TBA**

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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R. Coey, Chair

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P. Bartlette

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B. Jolly

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G. Buri (Alternate)