



Divisional Futures and Liaison Committee Minutes

Monday, November 9, 2009 – 11:30 a.m.

Neelin High School Off-Campus Site

Present: B. Jolly, B. Mayes, G. Buri (Alternate), Dr. D. Michaels
and 14 Students from the Off-Campus Program.

Regrets: M. Snelling

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Divisional Futures and Liaison Committee Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Chairperson, Trustee Jolly.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Divisional Futures and Liaison Committee Agenda was approved.

3. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

NIL

4. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

A) Meeting with students from Neelin High School's Off-Campus Site.

Chairperson, Mrs. Jolly, introduced herself and the representatives of the Divisional & Futures Liaison Committee. She welcomed the students and thanked all in attendance for their participation. Mrs. Jolly reviewed the role of the Brandon School Division Board of Trustees' Divisional Futures and Liaison Committee. She referenced the question to be discussed at the meeting:

"What do you like about the Off-Campus Program and what brought you to choose it?"

Mrs. Jolly then chaired an informal discussion with participants who provided input with respect to the above-noted question. The key ideas arising from the discussions are:

Why do you like the school?

- School is smaller than regular school class sizes.
- Laid back atmosphere.
- Can work at their own pace around their personal schedules.
- Teachers are supportive.
- More one to one assistance is provided than in a regular classroom setting.
- Age doesn't matter.
- Teachers adapt to different learning styles.
- Students chose the workload and how many credits they can complete.
- Can get right into working from textbook, don't have to listen to classroom lectures first.
- Hours are varied.
- There is responsibility at the off-campus school, but not like the responsibility the students face in their day to day life.
- Teachers go above and beyond to help students with completing forms for post-secondary education, etc.

What did not work in a regular school setting?

- Teachers did not have time for them.
- Timelines were too strict when they had other obligations.
- Classrooms too large.
- Too many outside pressures.

What can be done to improve the school?

- Computers are very slow and old.
- Location not necessarily the easiest as students come from all over the City. Inquired about the possibility of school buses including off-campus in their route.
- Volunteer Credits should be more flexible as to what is considered "volunteering".

Other comments.

- Off-Campus School is becoming more popular all the time.
- Would recommend the off-campus school to a friend.

5. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

NIL

6. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, November 19, 2009, Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Jolly, Chair

G. Buri (Alternate)

B. Mayes

M. Snelling

