



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Minutes

Monday, September 16, 2013 (11:30 a.m.)
Board Room, Administration Office Building

Present: P. Bowslaugh, Chairperson, M. Snelling, M. Sefton (exited at 12:05 p.m.)
D. Karnes (alternate), D. Michaels, Superintendent/CEO.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Trustee Pat Bowslaugh.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR/CONFIRM REGULAR MEETING DATES/REVIEW COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

It was agreed that Mrs. Pat Bowslaugh would serve as Committee Chairperson for 2013-2014. It was further agreed that the Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee meetings would be held on the first Wednesday of each month from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. as follows:

Wednesday, October 2, 2013	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 6, 2013	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 4, 2013	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 8, 2014	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 5, 2014	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 5, 2014	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 2, 2014	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 7, 2014	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 4, 2014	2:30 p.m.

The Committee reviewed their responsibilities as noted on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Snelling requested the addition of discussions regarding the Joint Task Force Committee meeting schedule and possible agenda items.

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, suggested the Committee may wish to meet with various groups regarding technology and communication. She recommended the Committee meet with representatives from Assiniboine Community College, Brandon University, the Brandon Sun, and the City of Brandon. The Committee thanked Dr. Michaels for the suggestion.

Trustee Bowslaugh also requested the addition of discussions regarding attendance at the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee and how best to increase attendance at the meetings.

The agenda was approved as amended.

4. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Minutes of June 5, 2013 were received as information.

5. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

a) 2013-2014 Meetings

Schools remaining:

- J.R. Reid
- Riverheights
- Riverview
- Spring Valley
- St. Augustine
- Valleyview

The Committee agreed they would like to continue to meet with students. Discussions were held regarding the possibility of grouping schools together in order for the Committee to meet with all the remaining schools before the Christmas break. It was agreed the Trustees would meet with the students from Spring Valley separately. Five students from each of J.R. Reid, Riverheights, Riverview, St. Augustine and Valleyview would be invited to the Division office for a lunch meeting with the Committee members. Students would be provided with questions prior to the meeting in order to canvass students in their school and bring their responses to the proposed meeting. The Committee requested the meeting be arranged between October 10th and November 18th.

b) Meeting with Brandon University regarding the BU Healthy Living Centre.

Trustee agreed they would like to meet with representatives from Brandon University regarding a possible partnership with respect to the BU Healthy Living Centre. Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, confirmed she had a letter prepared to send to the University and would forward same on behalf of the Committee.

c) Other Meetings

- Trustee Bowslaugh noted the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee had problems establishing a meeting date and ensuring a high attendance during the previous year. She asked for suggestions to help address this issue. Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, suggested a change of venue. She recommended the core Committee establish three meeting dates for the year and then book various venues for those dates and invite the people in the area, close to the venue. Suggestions of venues included Brandon University, Manitoba Métis Federation, Brandon Friendship Centre, New Era School or George Fitton School. Trustee Bowslaugh thanked Dr. Michaels for her suggestions, noting she would take them to the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee.
- Trustee Bowslaugh noted she would also be attending the City's Urban Aboriginal People's Council meetings as the Board's representative. She expressed concerns regarding the possibility of duplication of services. Trustee Snelling noted the original purpose of the Committee was to discuss gang issues. Trustee Bowslaugh confirmed she will meet with, and informally connect with. Mr. Ironstand regarding this Committee.
- Trustee Bowslaugh again expressed concerns regarding a speaker from Brandon's immigrant community at the Manitoba School Boards Association meeting held in Brandon in the spring. It was noted that the Committee had met with Mr. Richard Bruce of Westman Immigrant Services back in the spring regarding this matter. Dr. Michaels confirmed that she and the Associate Superintendent were in the process of arranging a meeting with Mr. Bruce. She confirmed she would report back to the Committee following the meeting. Trustee agreed to leave the matter with the Superintendent.
- Trustee Bowslaugh requested possible agenda items for the upcoming Joint Task Force Committee Meeting. Suggestions included: Community User Group insurance requirements; discussions regarding the work of the Division's Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee and the City's Brandon Urban Aboriginal People's Council; follow up discussions regarding speed zones in school zones; and school playground update.

6. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

NIL

7. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

NIL

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Bowslaugh, Chair

M. Sefton

M. Snelling

D. Karnes (Alternate)