



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

PARENT GUARDIAN DIVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Division Office – Board Room

Present: Greg Malazdrewicz, Associate Superintendent

Trustees: P. Bowslaugh
K. Sumner
M. Snelling

Parent Representatives:	Wanda Brine (EO)	Jo-Ann Pasklivich-Holder (St.A)
	Amy Grift (ME)	Linda Thiffeault (KG)

MINUTES

1. Review of Agenda

Trustee P. Bowslaugh opened the meeting and welcomed members. Trustee P. Bowslaugh made two additions to the agenda:

- i. Lunch Room Discussion; and
- ii. Budget Discussion.

Trustee P. Bowslaugh also had two announcements to add to the agenda, which have an impact on schools:

- i. Western Manitoba Regional Science Fair March 18, 2014
- ii. Milestones Wellness Fair April 23, 2014

2. Review of Minutes of November 20, 2013

Minute accepted as circulated. Trustee P. Bowslaugh expressed appreciation for the input to the Finance Committee at the last meeting. Feedback is helpful and was reiterated at the Public Budget Consultation Forum held on February 12, 2014.

3. School Reports

King George

- Parent Council fundraiser at our Christmas concert which raised \$516;
- Cultural Days being held March 27/28 (evening performance on March 27th) will also be doing Parent Council fundraising by selling cultural related food items;
- Will be having monthly evening activities including movie nights, bingo, outdoor activities;
- In the process of developing our constitution;
- In the process of establishing a volunteer contact list to request people to volunteer on a monthly basis based on their personal interests and how much time they can commit

“Accepting the Challenge”

- KG will be having their Winter Classic Games in March with activities such as skiing, snowboarding, swimming, skating and bowling;
 - Looking into long term savings for playground equipment and being able to provide funds for special activities;
 - Naomi Leadbeater from the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation visited our last Parent Council meeting to encourage applications for Grants
- Meadows**
- No fundraising updates at this time;
 - School has a few events going on. In January ME had a presentation from Kobo E-Readers where the school was presented with 100 E-Readers pre-loaded with books;
 - End of January ME had a visit from Paralympian, Colin Mathieson;
 - End of January ME also had a visit from Lt. Governor Philip Lee in celebration of Chinese New Year and City of Brandon's Winter Festival;
 - ME is now settled into the portable.
- Earl Oxford**
- December we our Christmas dinner and store;
 - Christmas concert had a packed audience, we're excited to see so many parents coming out;
 - In the process of increasing our lunch program supervisor wages;
 - Naomi Leadbeater from the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation visited our last Parent Council meeting to encourage applications for Grants.
- St. Augustine**
- Royal Winnipeg Ballet workshop in December;
 - Santa's Workshop in December;
 - Currently have no Parent Council, call was made for nominations and no one came forward;
 - Contact has been made with the Manitoba Association of Parent Council, as BSD currently has no policy in place with regards to parent councils, St. Augustine has funds in the Parent Council account but no one to designate their use;
 - Contact should be made with Denis Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer, to discuss arrangements.

4. Others

Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation

Marty Snelling asked Naomi Leadbeater from the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation to visit the individual Parent Councils to encourage them to apply for Grants. There are many different grant options to choose from which may benefit a school.

School Fundraising

It is encouraging to see all of the different fundraising activities going on and school should be able to do a chocolate bar fundraiser as it brings in the most money seen to date. This message will be brought forward to the Education Committee to consider as a "special event" fundraiser.

City of Brandon, Environmental Initiatives/Operations

Lindsay Hargreaves from the City of Brandon, Environmental Initiatives/Operations department would like to address this committee with programming ideas and environmental opportunities for the Brandon School Division. Trustee P. Bowslaugh will invite her to the next meeting to make a presentation.

Lunch Program

Trustee K. Sumner will follow up with the Policy Review Committee will be made with regards to lunch room reports. Greg Malazdrewicz, Associate Superintendent, will follow-up with the Secretary-Treasurer's office to get information from surveys to provide report to this committee

Brandon Schools Instrumental Music Association

BSIMA is looking for funding for instruments. In the past a plea was made to the community through the Friends of Education Committee seeking donations of musical instruments. Trustee P. Bowslaugh will contact Friends of Education to inquire whether this can be done again.

5. Announcements

- i. Western Manitoba Regional Science Fair March 18, 2014
This is an all-day event where many of BSD students will have their projects on display. Nearly 500 children throughout Western Manitoba will be participating.
- ii. Milestones Wellness Fair April 23, 2014
This is aimed at pre-school aged children to have free professional screenings in various areas, such as: speech and language development, vision, hearing, dental, immunizations. There will also be free informational displays.

Meeting Adjourned

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2014