# Education Committee Minutes

Friday, May 11, 2012, 11:30 a.m.
Board Room, Administration Office

Present: P. Bartlette (Chairperson), P. Bowslaugh, D. Karnes, K. Sumner, (Alternate), Dr. D. Michaels, G. Malazdrewicz

## 1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Education Committee Meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by the Chairperson, Trustee Bartlette.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

## 3. REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes were received as information.

## 4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

### A) Update on Divisional Work to Achieve Education Goals for 2011/2012 School Year.

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, and Associate Superintendent, Mr. Malazdrewicz, provided information regarding the work being conducted throughout the Division to achieve the goals of the Education Committee and the Board for the 2011/2012 School year.

- ***To conduct program reviews to determine efficacy, quality of engagement and outcomes of student learning in elective and required courses and programs.***

Associate Superintendent, Mr. Malazdrewicz spoke to the program reviews being conducted with respect to Grade 7 and 8 Home Economics and Industrial Arts; Band; and Core French. He noted approximately 1100 students across the Division have completed a survey on the Grade 7 and 8 option package. Ms. Jill Martine, external reviewer, has met with supervising principals and teachers for feedback in this area. She is still waiting feedback from students in Grades 9 and 10 in related programs, as well as meetings with core teachers at the high school level who deliver the programs. Mr. Malazdrewicz noted that clear themes are emerging from the students. Students showed an interest in a variety of options, which Senior Administration will explore further. Mr. Malazdrewicz spoke to how this will affect future programming including the continued development of HALEP clusters. He noted interests that have come forth from the surveys include fitness experiences, drama and Spanish. Superintendent, Dr. Michaels noted that the review of compulsory options will be completed by 2014. She confirmed “one on one” communication technology and bussing issues will need to be factored into the review.

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels provided information regarding the review of the International Baccalaureate Program and Advanced Placement Programming. She is working with Mathew Gustafson, Principal, Vincent Massey High School, and Michael Adamski, Principal, École Secondaire Neelin High School in this area. She further advised that the Advanced Placement Programming will be expanding into Crocus Plains in the fall. She noted 114 students, or 12% of Vincent Massey student population, will be writing exams in the Advanced Placement Programming. The Division is reviewing the possibility of expanding the Academic Challenge

Programming to Grade 9 and 10 students. She is currently working on collecting data regarding costs, student feedback, marks, and student participation. Dr. Michaels noted the International Baccalaureate Program is also currently under a major international review. Twenty students will be eligible for Diplomas in the next year. The Division is looking at offering IB physics and dance in the future. Professional Development for teachers continues. The challenge facing the Division will be the registration fees for exams. She confirmed that no additional staffing is required for this programming.

Dr. Michaels noted the next area of program review will take place in the area of technical vocational programming. Discussions were held regarding the possibility of collecting data providing information on students who use the technical vocational programming they receive in high school.

- ***To increase grade 12 graduation rate to 85%+ over the next four years through an emphasis on the quality of student engagement in learning.***

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels referenced the student monitoring system currently in place at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School. She noted a similar monitoring system will be implemented in the other two high schools. Dr. Michaels also spoke to the individual programming taking place at the high school level. It was noted the Division has received the student assessment results for the first semester. The Brandon School Division is above the provincial mean in a large majority of areas.

- ***To develop transition programming for senior high (9-12) "high risk"/behaviourally-challenged students based on a comprehensive assessment of those students' needs.***
- ***To develop alternative programming to accommodate 16-18 year old students through sustainable partnerships with community agencies.***

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels noted the Division is expecting approximately 100 graduands from the Off-Campus program this year. She confirmed the Division is looking at possible post-education planning for these students. Trustee Sumner requested discussions of the future of the off-campus programming be included as part of the Board's review of facilities and growth into the future.

Associate Superintendent, Mr. Malazdrewicz, spoke about the development of supports for at-risk students through the At Risk Youth Development (ARYD) Program. He noted students in this program requires a different level of intervention and/or support within the school setting. He confirmed the program needed to be separate from the current Off-Campus program and therefore, they were in the process of working with the City to develop a new site.

Trustees thanked Mr. Malazdrewicz and Dr. Michaels for providing detailed information.

## 5. <u>OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS</u>

### A) **Dr. Rob Santos – Early Development Forum Presentation**

Trustee Bowslaugh referenced the presentation of Dr. Santos at the Early Development Forum held Friday, April 20, 2012. She noted this presentation had been discussed at the Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee Meeting. She asked if Senior Administration had received the power point presentation yet as it was worthwhile for all Trustees to review. It was noted the Division is still awaiting a copy of the presentation.

### **B) Parent Handbook Review**

Trustee Bowslaugh provided an update on the Parent Handbook Review being conducted currently.

## 6. BRIEFINGS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION

NIL

## 7. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

NIL

## 8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, June 14, 2012, 11:30 a.m. Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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| P. Bartlette, Chair | P. Bowslaugh |
| D. Karnes | K. Sumner (Alternate) |