



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Education Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 1:30 p.m.

Boardroom, Administration Office

Present: P. Bartlette (Chairperson), S. Bambridge, G. Kruck, P. Bowslaugh (alternate), G. Malazdrewicz, Associate Superintendent.

Guest: Kelli Boklaschuk

Regrets: Dr. Michaels, Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Education Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chairperson Trustee Bartlette.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Kruck added one item to the agenda regarding a suggestion for the BSD website.

The agenda was approved as amended.

The Committee addressed Trustee Kruck's suggestion for the BSD website immediately. Trustee Kruck noted that he has quite a few calls from parents with questions that he believes would be helpful to have on the website under a "FAQ" (frequently asked questions) tab. Kelli Boklaschuk demonstrated on the site where answers can be found, including the search area, and a spot to email a question to Communications. Trustee Kruck suggested a tab across the top of the page but Kelli noted it would have to be in the menu under the search area. She will contact School Bundle and check into making this addition.

Trustees also discussed changing the March 11, 2015 meeting to March 10, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as Trustee Bartlette has a scheduling conflict.

3. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Committee minutes from December 3, 2014, were received as information.

4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

Education Goals as per the Trustee Goal Setting Session – January 10, 2015

- 1) Long-term tracking of individual student/group progress to inform Board's decision making on programming.
- 2) Evaluate the effectiveness and success of programming for student engagement.
- 3) Review current specialist staffing fragmentation to achieve a better comprehensive continuity approach.
- 4) Focus on strengthening the connections between grades 7, 8, 9 and senior high programming to improve student engagement.

- 5) Implement Grades 7 and 8 electives research report within given spaces; review and restructure electives.
- 6) Enhance the development of cultural competency amongst students and staff.
- 7) Research the implementation of year-round schooling.

Presentation on Implementation of Policy 1001.2 – Equity – Kelli Boklaschuk

Ms. Boklaschuk noted that the new Policy aligns with the new goals for Education, and she read the Goals for the Committee.

The Equity Walk presentation follows the goals of the Board and Strategic Plan. Dr. Michaels wants the Committee to be aware of the roll-out of this Policy and what is happening in the schools. The video shows the criteria to be observed on the walk.

Trustee Bowslaugh spoke on the eradication of some special classes, and could not see any special needs students in the video. Associate Superintendent Malazdrewicz spoke on 'differently abled' students.

Trustee Bartlette asked about the term "intentionality is critical". Associate Superintendent Malazdrewicz explained that it's the intent – you identify an action or response and there is a path with work to be done. This equity walk sharpens our skills. Students engaged with peers engage better. There are different pathways available.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Life Skills Program.

Trustee Kruck asked what process a Trustee would follow to visit a classroom? Associate Superintendent Malazdrewicz responded that the school principal should be contacted to set up a visit.

6. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Trustee Kruck suggested having Education Committee Meetings every two weeks as there are quite a few topics to review that are not being covered. He asked that this item be added to the next Education Committee Meeting agenda.

7. BRIEFINGS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION

No briefings included.

8. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 1:30 p.m., Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Bartlette, Chair

G. Kruck

S. Bambridge

P. Bowslaugh (Alternate)