



# School Division/Parent Liaison Committee Minutes

Wednesday, October 21, 2009 7:00 p.m.  
Conference Room, Administration Office

Present: Brandon School Division:  
B. Jolly, Dr. Michaels, D. G. Barnes, P. Vickers  
Parents:  
Joanne Paskewitz-Holden, Judy Sieb  
Regrets: Eva Cameron, Linda Fowler.

## 1. WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW

The School Division/Parent Liaison Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Bea Jolly, Trustee.

## 2. REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 MEETING

The Minutes of the September 16, 2009 Committee meeting were reviewed and amended by changing item 6 from "adjustment" to "adjournment".

## 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

### i) Conference Planning Feedback

Committee members attending the October 17, 2009 Parent Conference reported on the event stating it was very good, the speakers and panel discussions were excellent and it had been a beneficial personal experience. It was noted that approximately 37 people attended but no Trustees were present. Dr. Michaels advised that the Drug and Alcohol Special Project funding had been used to host the event. The Committee discussed the conference agreeing that such parent education sessions should continue to be held as they were well received and provided useful information for parents.

### ii) Student Fee Parent Survey

G. Barnes circulated information to the Committee regarding the Parent Survey that was undertaken approximately four years ago in regards to school fees. The information was discussed in detail and at length. After much consideration it was agreed that the Parent Survey would not be redone. The Committee concluded that both Group Parent Council and Senior Administration would review the student supply lists for changes and to bring them back to the Committee for review. G. Barnes is to have the student supply lists provided to Group Parent Council. Senior Administration agreed to continue working on the School Fee Policy with a draft to be brought to the Committee in early spring.

### iii) Student Information Sessions (Grades 5-7)

This item was deferred to the next Committee Meeting.

## 4. NEW BUSINESS

NIL

**5. UPDATE REPORTS**

**i) Brandon Group Parent Council**

Brandon Group Parent council representative advised that a meeting had not been held this month. The Committee was advised that the Brandon Group Parent Council website was now in operation on E-Brandon.

**ii) Board of Trustees**

Trustee Jolly reported on the following Board matters: meetings being held by the Single Track French Immersion Implementation Committee; the Manitoba School Boards Association Regional Meeting, noting discussions regarding literacy with ICT and prekindergarten; approval for Division payment of Manitoba Association of Parent Council (MAPC) fees for school parent councils; and requests to meet with the three provincial leaders, including the new Premier.

**iii) Schools**

Phil Vickers, Principal, Betty Gibson School, informed the Committee regarding school operations noting September startup of classes; EAL challenges; implementation of the pandemic response plan; Grade 3 and 5 assessment; and report card preparation.

**iv) Senior Administration**

G. Barnes, Secretary-Treasurer, advised the Committee of work presently taking place, including facilities review; staff negotiations and arbitrations; and commencement of the 2010/2011 budget preparations. Dr. Michaels, Superintendent/CEO reported on their continuing core work on quality teaching, quality learning and quality support services; preparation of school plans; the hiring of a teacher for the Drug and Alcohol Programs; work being undertaken with the Brandon Police Service; and an explanation of the new Learning Disability position in the Division.

**6. WRAP UP AND ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Jolly closed the meeting thanking the members for their attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, November 19, 2009 7:00 p.m., Administration Office, Conference Room**

Respectfully Submitted

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B. Jolly, Trustee