



"Accepting the Challenge"

Education Committee Minutes

Monday, September 13, 2010 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Room, Administration Office

Present: R. Coey (Chairperson), P. Bartlette, G Buri (Alternative) B. Jolly,
Dr. D. Michaels

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson, Trustee Coey called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Education Committee Agenda was approved as circulated.

3. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

NIL.

4. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

A) **Review of Committee Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were received as information.

B) **Minnetonka School Visit – April 16 and 17, 2010**

The report of former Trustee Mr. Brian Mayes regarding his visit to the Minnetonka School District to research Minnetonka's introduction of Mandarin Chinese and Spanish Immersion Programs, was referenced. It had been referred to the Committee from the Regular Board Meeting held June 14, 2010. Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, confirmed the proposed Consultation Policy is being brought forward to the Board of Trustees for approval at their Regular Board Meeting September 13, 2010. Once the policy is approved, this proposed programming would follow the Consultation Policy to determine if there was interest in the community for such programming. Discussions were held regarding the timing of this project and whether or not to table further discussions until after the elections. Concerns were expressed that the Board had directed the Education Committee to review the matter and bring back a recommendation. It was agreed the matter would be tabled until after a new Education Committee has been established following School Board elections (October 27, 2010). It was further noted future discussions were to include reviewing the possibility of implementing an Aboriginal Immersion program as had been originally discussed at the Board table in June, 2010.

C) **2008/2009 BSD REPORT – "Are our children ready for school?"**

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, reviewed the report from Healthy Child Manitoba regarding Early Development Indicator (EDI) results for the Brandon School Division. She noted that each school division in Manitoba received a similar report from the Province. Dr. Michaels reviewed the EDI measures and the sub-domain analyses for each measure. The Committee inquired about the possibility of receiving the results and reports of other school divisions. The Committee agreed to defer further discussions of the report until the next Committee meeting; allowing Trustees time to review the report in detail and study the results.

D) ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN

The Committee stated they were interested in looking into the possibility of implementing all-day kindergarten in the School Division, but would defer further discussions on the matter until after the new Board of Trustees was in place elected (October, 2010).

5. BRIEFINGS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION

- A) Dr. Michaels confirmed she would be providing a report from the Grade 3/4 Transition staff for the Committee's review at the next regular meeting of the Committee.

6. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

- A) The Committee reviewed the possibility of partnering with other child care agencies that support children's development. It was noted that the Brandon Healthy Families Coalition does meet some of the community's needs in this regard. Further discussions would take place when the new Board of Trustees was elected (October, 2010).

7. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, October 4, 2010, 1:30 p.m. Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Coey, Chair

P. Bartlette

B. Jolly

G. Buri (Alternate)