



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Education and Community Relations Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Administration Office

Present: K. Fallis (Chair), D. Kejick, L. Letain
M. Casavant, M. Gustafson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Education and Community Relations Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Committee Chair Trustee Fallis.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Minutes of November 21, 2018 were received as information.

4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

5. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

A) 2019-2020 School Calendar

Mr. Mathew Gustafson, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the draft 2019-2020 School Calendar. He indicated that the School Calendar Committee is comprised of School Leaders, along with representation from the BTA and CUPE Local 737. Mr. Gustafson also noted that the Public Schools Act legislation prescribes some mandatory Professional Development and Administration Days in the calendar.

Trustees asked questions for clarification regarding the calendar deadline and how the calendar information is communicated to the public. The Committee agreed to forward a recommendation to the Board regarding the 2019-2020 School Calendar, which is supported by Senior Administration, the Brandon Teachers' Association (BTA) and CUPE Local 737 union presidents.

Recommendation:

That the School Calendar for the 2019-2020 School year be established, as proposed.

B) Sub-Committee Reports

- Brandon Community Drug and Alcohol Education Coalition – December 6, 2018
- Brandon Urban Aboriginal People's Council – NIL
- Friends of Education Fund – November 27, 2018
- Parent/Guardian/Division – NIL

6. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

7. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 1:00 p.m., Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Fallis(Chair)

D. Kejick

L. Letain

P. Bartlette (Alternate)



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

2019-2020 School Calendar

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SEP

- 2 Labour Day
- 3 Admin. Day (K-12)
- 4 First Day of Classes
- 9 P.D. Day (K-12)
- 10 P.D. Day (K-12)

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OCT

- 14 Thanksgiving Day
- 25 MTS P.D. Day (K-12)

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NOV

- 11 Remembrance Day
- 15 Student Conferences (K-12)
- 29 P.D. Day (K-12)

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- 20 Last Day of Classes (K-12)
- 23-31 Winter Break

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JAN

- 1-3 Winter Break
- 6 Classes Resume
- 31 P.D. Admin. Day (K-8 Only)

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FEB

- 3 Semester 2 Begins (9-12)
- 17 Louis Riel Day

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MAR

- 6 Student Conferences (K-8)
- P.D./Admin. Day (9-12)
- 27 Last Day of Classes
- 30-31 Spring Break

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APR

- 1-3 Spring Break
- 6 Classes Resume
- 10 Good Friday
- 17 P.D./Admin Day (K-8)
- Student Conferences (9-12)

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MAY

- 8 P.D./Admin. Day (9-12 Only)
- 18 Victoria Day

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JUN

- 29 Last Day of Classes
- 30 Admin. Day (K-12)

	School Closed
	No Classes K-12
	No Classes K-8
	No Classes 9-12
	Classes Resume/End

"Accepting the Challenge"

PD Calendar

Professional Development Days	2019-2020	Administrative Days
	Tuesday, September 3, 2019	K-12
K-12	Monday, September 9, 2019	
K-12	Tuesday, September 10, 2019	
K-12	Friday, October 25, 2019 (LIFT/SAGE)	
	Friday, November 15, 2019 Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences	K-12
K-12	Friday, November 29, 2019	
K-8 0.5	Friday, January 31, 2020	K-8 0.5
9-12 0.5	Friday, March 6, 2020 Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences PD/Admin	K-8 9-12 0.5
K-8 0.5	Friday, April 17, 2020 Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences PD/Admin	9-12 K-8 0.5
9-12 0.5	Friday, May 8, 2020	9-12 0.5
	Tuesday, June 30, 2020	K-12
K-8 = 5 days 9-12 = 5 days		K-8 = 5 days 9-12 = 5 days



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

COMMUNITY DRUG AND ALCOHOL EDUCATION COALITION MEETING

December 6, 2018 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Present:

Addictions Foundation of Manitoba
Assiniboine Community College
Brandon Ministerial Association

Brandon Police Service
Brandon School Division

Child and Adolescent Treatment Centre
Family Services and Labor
Prairie Mountain Health

Jamie Tompkins
Caley Strachan
Dwayne Dyck
Allan Peters, Youth For Christ
Chief Wayne Balcaen
Elaine McFadzen
Chad Cobbe
Trustee Peter Bartlette
Jaime Lombaert
Brad Twordik
Angela McGuire-Holder
Chris Bromley
Ferlin Asham
Deanne Baker

Regrets:

Addictions Foundation of Manitoba
Brandon Friendship Centre

Brandon School Division

Brandon University
CFB Shilo
Child and Family Services
City of Brandon
Community Development Department
Family Services and Labor
Prairie Mountain Health
Probation Services

Lorri Mathieson
Gail Cullen
Angela Griffith
Bryce Ridgen
Ken Seekings
Trustee Lisa Letain
Karen Doty-Sweetnam
Elaine Desbiens
Breanna Dick
Mayor Rick Chrest
Richard Greer
Mark Hewins
Pam Whitfield
Liz Spence

Welcome and Agenda Review

Mrs. McFadzen welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were done. The minutes of the February 22, 2018 meeting were reviewed. No changes or omissions were noted.

Coordinator's Report (including Youth Revolution)

Ms. McGuire-Holder's report is attached.

Partner Updates

Addictions Foundation of Manitoba

- Getting a lot of requests for meth presentations – just did a presentation at the Brandon Friendship Centre
- There is a new focus on cannabis presentations with the new legislation – will be doing presentations to high school students
- Staff in schools are working with the Mayor's Not Even Once Youth Addictions Prevention Program. Meth is still the main presentation being requested

Assiniboine Community College

- Hosting information sessions on the legalization of cannabis – safe practice harm reduction

Brandon Ministerial Association

- Would like someone from the Brandon School Division to come to one of the meetings to have a discussion on how Brandon Ministerial Association can work with schools

Youth for Christ

- Working with specific groups of people who are entrenched with drug and alcohol issues
- Looking to provide better long term support for youth

Brandon Police Service

- Have been extremely busy
- New federal legislation will come into effect on December 18, 2018 in which police officers who have an approved screening device on hand will be able to test a breath sample of any driver they lawfully stop, even without reasonable suspicion that the driver has consumed alcohol
- Have added a new position in the Drug Unit to investigate methamphetamine drug issues – education sessions and enforcement
- BPS has added an Exploited Youth Intelligence Officer to work with exploited youth
- Bill 7 will come into effect in June 2019 – less time involved with police, court, and criminal records for first time offenders
- Two cannabis stores are open in Brandon – haven't seen a huge increase in impaired driving so far
- Operation Festive Spirits 2018 started on December 1 - check stops and education campaign around getting a ride home after consuming alcohol and driving sober

- Brandon Shoppers Mall hosted the 2018 Coppers Shoppers event partnering with the Brandon Police Service and Brandon Crime Stoppers. 20 students were able to go out shopping with 20 police officers. Students were able to buy items for themselves and also received \$200 to shop for their family
- Constable Alice Potter will be taking Constable Richards position as the K-8 School Resource Officer – Mrs. McFadzen recognized Constable Richards for the work he has done in our schools
- There is no legal ability to sell edible cannabis items in Manitoba yet. Police continue to caution people to not consume anything. It takes much longer for edible cannabis to get into the system so people may overconsume because of the time that it takes to start showing an effect
- Chief Balcaen recognized the work that Ms. McGuire-Holder has done with YR and the social media platform that has been created

Brandon School Division

- The City of Brandon is hosting the Mayor's Not Even Once Youth Addictions Prevention Program. Skid Row CEO Joe Roberts will headline the presentations as follows:
 - Thursday, December 6, 2018 – morning – Neelin High School
 - Thursday, December 6, 2018 – afternoon – Vincent Massey High School
 - Friday, December 7, 2018 – afternoon – Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School
 Presentations will take place directly at the schools. There will also be a parent/community presentation on Friday, December 7, 2018, starting at 6:00 pm at the Cultural Resource Centre (638 Princess Avenue, east doors).

Earl Oxford School

- Since the legalization of cannabis have seen an increase in vaping – vaping has taken the place of smoking at Earl Oxford
- Attended a PD from Safer Schools Together – gave some tips for searching Snapchat and Twitter to see what students are posting online
- Will have a MADD presentation in March
- Thanked Brandon Police Service for the Copper Shopper event – the Earl Oxford student who was able to be a part of the event was very grateful
- December 13 - will host a turkey dinner for the whole school
- Increase in number of breakfasts, lunches and snacks being given out
- Thirty-one Christmas hampers given out through Earl Oxford families

Kirkcaldy Heights School

- Haven't seen cannabis, smoking or alcohol – but have seen an increase in vaping as well

Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

- Hasn't been any kind of marked difference in use or abuse of cannabis as far as staff have seen
- Smoking has decreased, but there is a significant increase in vaping. Trying to explore what kind of preventative measures can be taken

- Brandon School Division's Administrative Procedure has just been updated to include vaping

Child and Adolescent Treatment Centre

- The Rapid Access to Addictions Medicine Clinic (RAP) is up and running out of 7th Street Health Access. All of the clinics in Manitoba are open. Doctors are available on Tuesday and Wednesday – 11:00 to 1:00. Have had quite a few referrals
- Doing meth presentations and working on cannabis presentations as well
- Mental Health and Addictions Strategy report *Improving Access and Coordination of Mental Health and Addictions Services: A Provincial Strategy for all Manitobans* speaks to how to treat and respond to meth addictions
- EMTs can now give naran to prevent a methamphetamine overdose. Need to figure out what the next steps would be for the use – detox, etc.
- Youth Wellness Day will take place December 7, 2018 for all grade 9 students. Joe Roberts and Val Caldwell will be guest speakers with other breakout sessions available
- Mental Health Commissions Event – Headstrong Anti Stigma Summit will be held in February. The speakers are young adults with lived experiences

Prairie Mountain Health – 7th Street Access

- Community Mental Health Nurse has been recently hired to the RAP Clinic. Hoping to be at the clinic Monday thru Friday – 10:00 to 6:00

Probation Services

- Overall numbers are down but are seeing more co-occurring disorders – meth use, mental health issues
- Legalization of cannabis has allowed clients be more open about their use of cannabis
- Involved with Community Mobilization
- Doing more community outreach – more supportive roles in the community, more multiagency meetings, more presentations in schools

Peter Bartlette – Education Review

Trustee Bartlette said that from January to June the government will be doing an educational review, with changes to be made before the end of 2019. The government focus will be looking at efficiencies and better outcomes. There are things that the community values about Brandon School Division so community members (agencies) are encouraged to share this with the government if there is an opportunity for community input.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, March 21, 2019 9:00 – 11:30 am

Board Room, Brandon School Division Administration Office

Mission: *Emphasis on the prevention of harm from the rise of drugs and alcohol through students' choice of positive lifestyles. Accomplished through education, life-style wellness activities, leadership opportunities together with community & school volunteerism*

Theme: *Youth Revolution Changing the Way Youth Interact in their Community...#MakingtheDifference in their schools and community*

Youth Revolution- creating cohesive, spiral support opportunities for students to enhance their protective factors against the use of drugs, alcohol and other risk-related behaviour

YR Community Partnership & Projects

- Human Rights Day Project (City of Brandon- Community Development). Dec 11th.
- CF industries community Mini-Grants. Eight of our grants were tentatively approved- projects vary from environmental focus to water testing.
- Brandon University Psychiatric Nursing Practicum- Hot Chocolate Chats (upcoming)
- Vincent Massey – Sockevember project
- Rising Youth Grant (Government of Canada) Feeding our Community Project
- Several ongoing relationships with Seniors homes (JRR/King George/ Riverview/RH and VM)
- Chamber Luncheon- Crocus & VM high school YR enjoyed the lunch presenter (USA Consulate)
- Movember Project (Riverheights school)
- Headstrong Anti-Sigma Summit (YR teams as well as teams from rural MB)- Feb. 28th

YR Volunteering in the Community & School Community

- Helping Hands Soup Kitchen donating/volunteering
- Samaritan House donating/volunteering
- Christmas Cheer volunteering
- Military Cards (King George)
- Christmas Cheer (8 school YR teams)
- Grim Acres

Special Interest

Beyond the Hurt Bullying Prevention Training- 5 new YR teams were trained (Riverview, George Fitton, O'Kelly, New Era, JR Reid).

February 27th **PINK** day

YR- SWAT team at Crocus



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#MakingtheDifference





BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Friends of Education Fund Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2018
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Conference Room, Administration Office

Present: L. Letain, C. Rose, A. McGuire-Holder, Ken Seekings, T. Curtis, D. Pelletier, L. Arndt,
Dr. Marc D. Casavant (Chairperson) and E. Jamora

Regrets: P. Buehler & V. Findlay

Recording: M. Smoke-Budach

Call to Order

The Friends of Education Fund Committee meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Committee Chairperson, Dr. Marc D. Casavant.

1. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Dr. Marc D. Casavant invited changes/additions to the agenda. No amendments were made to the agenda.

Accepted: A. McGuire-Holder and L. Arndt

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Dr. Marc D. Casavant invited changes/additions to the minutes dated Wednesday, May 9, 2018. No amendments were made to the previous minutes.

Accepted: C. Rose and L. Arndt

3. Financial Report Summary, 3 Months ending September 30, 2018 – E. Jamora

E. Jamora delivered a detailed overview of the Financial Report; she highlighted descriptions, contributions/withdrawals and ending balances. She further explained that currently six (6) scholarships were under review due to inactivity (last 5 years). She advised that she would report back in April with a recommendation.

E. Jamora shared that all Principals were informed of their discretionary account balances as of June 2018.

Accepted: L. Arndt and L. Letain

4. Advertising – Yearly Thank You – E. Jamora

E. Jamora advised that the yearly Thank You advertising was completed in October, via the Brandon Sun, the Westman Journal and the Brandon School Division website.

5. Promotional Material – purchases - E. Jamora

E. Jamora drew attention to the Friends of Education SWAG, and commented the challenge was how to efficiently disperse or use the items and how to create awareness. She also informed them of the travelling Friends of Education stand that is available for functions throughout the Division and the Community.

A. McGuire-Holder explained how she currently uses the Friends of Education business cards in her role as the Coordinator, Brandon Community Drug and Alcohol Education Coalition/Youth Revolution Program. The Committee discussed what options were available for exposure: Chamber Luncheons, The Shoppers Mall display window and presentations to the Parent Council. It was agreed that A. McGuire-Holder and E. Jamora would present at the Parent Guardian Division Committee in April 2019 and report back to the Committee.

As per the request of the Committee T. Curtis agreed to set up a Twitter account for Friends of Education. This account would provide a platform for increasing exposure.

Accepted: L. Letain and D. Pelletier

6. Accessing Playground Funds, St. Augustine School – E. Jamora

E. Jamora explained the request put forth by St. Augustine school. A discussion regarding the advantages of using the funds now occurred. The Committee agreed to support St. Augustine's request to repurpose existing playground designated funds for purchasing outdoor track and field mats. The Committee emphasized the importance of informing all donors of St. Augustine's intention to repurpose.

Accepted: L. Arndt and L. Letain

7. New Projects – Charitable Tax Receipts – E. Jamora

E. Jamora updated the Committee on the two new projects that were approved by the Friends of Education: Brandon Ladies Bonspiel Committee (Floor Curl Equipment) and the Nancy Miller Music Program/BSIMA (music program donation).

8. Committee Membership & Feedback – A. McGuire-Holder and E. Jamora

E. Jamora thanked T. Curtis for her assistance in getting Parent Council representation on the Committee and she welcomed the two new members from Parent Council: Lynda Arndt and Darlene Pelletier. A. McGuire-Holder advised she continues to work/correspond with Westman Retired Educators' Association and hopes to secure membership on the Committee in the near future.

9. Next meeting date: April 23, 2019

The next scheduled meeting date was confirmed by the Committee.

Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 23, 2019
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Administration Office

Respectfully submitted,

L. Letain, Chairperson