



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Education Committee Minutes

Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 11:30 a.m.

Upper Deck, Neelin High School Off-Campus Si

Present: P. Bartlette (Chairperson), P. Bowslaugh, M. Snelling
M. Sefton (Alternate), Dr. D. Michaels.

Upper Deck: M. Adamski, Principal, École Secondaire Neelin High School,
V. Adams, Vice-Principal, École Secondaire Neelin High
School, L. Strahl, Executive Assistant, R. Degagne,
Teacher, B. Hamilton, Teacher, R. Feldstead, Teacher.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Education Committee Meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by the Committee Chairperson, Mr. Bartlette.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Committee minutes from December 17, 2012 were received as information.

4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

A) Meeting at Off-Campus/Upper Deck

The Committee Chairperson welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting. Mr. Bartlette confirmed the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) had chosen the Brandon School Division's submission regarding the Upper Deck program as a workshop proposal for the Annual MSBA Convention to take place in March. He noted the purpose of the meeting was to review the program and work together with the Upper Deck staff to prepare a presentation for the March Convention.

Discussions revolved around the purpose of the program; the number of students registered in the program; the high success rate of the program; the importance of administrative time allocated to physically be on site during programming; the support and financial commitment of the Board of Trustees; the importance of choosing the right staff for the program; the importance of technological support; the importance of other resource support such as assigning a social worker to the program.

It was agreed the workshop would be presented in a panel format. The panel would consist of representatives from Sr. Administration, the Board of Trustees, administrative and teaching staff of the Upper Deck program; and possibly student representation. Panel discussions would be interspersed with a video presentation of testimonials from Upper Deck students, parents and staff. It was further agreed it was important to note who the students are in the program and why they have been placed in the program. Highlights would include the importance of the

relationship between teacher and student; the importance of building trust; providing consistency in a student's life; and providing a safe environment for the student. It was further noted that alternative education also means alternative administration/governance. This includes flexibility in the classroom and alternate classroom setting/location.

The Chairperson thanked all presented for their participation. Follow-up would take place through the Office of the Superintendent.

5. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

NIL

6. BRIEFINGS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION

NIL

7. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

NIL

8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 11:30 a.m. Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Bartlette, Chair

P. Bowslaugh

M. Snelling

M. Sefton (Alternate)