



"Accepting the Challenge"

Education Committee Minutes

Monday, September 10, 2012, 12:00 noon
Board Room, Administration Office

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Education Committee Meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Trustee Snelling.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:

It was agreed that Mr. Peter Bartlette would serve as Committee Chairperson for 2012-2013. In his absence, Trustee Snelling acted as Chairperson for the meeting. It was further agreed that the Education Committee meetings would be held on the third Monday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as follows:

Monday, October 15, 2012	11: 30 a.m.
Monday, November 19, 2012	11:30 a.m.
Monday, December 17, 2012	11:30 a.m.
Monday, January 21, 2013	11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 20, 2013	11:30 a.m.
Monday, March 18, 2013	11:30 a.m.
Monday, April 15, 2013	11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 22, 2013	11:30 a.m.
Monday, June 17, 2013	11:30 a.m.

The Committee reviewed their responsibilities as noted on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Discussions regarding a music program at O'Kelly School and the size of the newspaper ad placed by Friends of Education were added to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as amended.

4. REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes were received as information. As the Division had yet to receive the presentation from Dr. Rob Santos to place on the Division website, Senior Administration was directed to write a letter to Dr. Santos. Discussions were also held regarding posting celebrations of student achievement on the Division website. It was agreed the matter would be discussed further at Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee meeting with the Communications and Technology Specialist in attendance.

5. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

A) Review of Committee Governance Goals

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, provided a verbal update on the implementation of the At-Risk Youth Program (ARYP) and the Neelin Off-Campus "Upper Deck" Program. Trustees asked questions for clarification regarding staffing; types of high risk factors; and criteria for transition to other programming. It was agreed the Education Committee would, at a future meeting, attend both the ARYP and Upper Deck programs to view the programs. Dr. Michaels also provided an update on the graduation rate noting all three high schools are using the same programming to establish their data. Dr. Michaels completed her report on the Committee's Governance Goals by providing an update on the program reviews currently being conducted. She confirmed all data and information had been gathered with respect to the Grade 7 and 8 electives and was currently in the process of being collated. She also confirmed a review of the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs were now taking place.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE: Trustee Bowslaugh inquired about the Parent Night taking place on October 17, 2012 for the Youth Revolution. Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, confirmed a report would be brought forth to the Board in due course.

B) Consultation with Students

The Committee reviewed the questions which will be presented to students during the consultation on "Equity of Inclusion and Protection of Human Rights for Individual Differences". Discussions were held regarding the impact these consultations may have on the policies, practices and culture of the Division. It was agreed that the Minister of Education and the Minister of Children and Youth Opportunities would be invited to one of the consultations. Senior Administration was also instructed to ask each school to send one teacher to assist in making students comfortable at the consultations.

6. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

A) Music Programming at O'Kelly School

Trustee Bowslaugh noted there had been a speaker at the Manitoba School Boards Association AGM who was from Erickson and taught students how to play an instrument through a Google site. She inquired about the Division pursuing this idea for O'Kelly School, possibly through Skype. Senior Administration agreed to review the matter and report back at a later date.

B) Friends of Education

Trustee Bowslaugh commented on the ad that had been placed in the newspaper. She noted the ad did not contain the list of donors to the Fund as has happened in the past. Superintendent, Dr. Michaels confirmed a decision was made to ensure that no one was accidentally missed. Discussions were held regarding the "rules of thank-you" for donations, noting the more thank-yous received, the more a person is likely to donate again in the future. It was agreed the matter would be referred back to Friends of Education for review.

7. BRIEFINGS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION

NIL

8. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

NIL

9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, September 17, 2012, 11:30 a.m. Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Bartlette, Chair

P. Bowslaugh

M. Snelling

M. Sefton (Alternate)