



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Education Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 12:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Administration Office

Present: P. Bartlette (Chairperson), S. Bambridge, G. Kruck,
P. Bowslaugh (Alternate), Dr. Michaels, Superintendent,
G. Malazdrewicz, Associate Superintendent.

Guest: Ralph Clark.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Education Committee Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Committee Chair Peter Bartlette.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Committee minutes from March 10, 2015, were received as information.

4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

A) Strategic Direction "Student Health & Well Being" Ralph Clark, Physical Education Specialist

Some of the highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- Health and Wellbeing is a part of the Brandon School Division 2014-2017 Strategic Plan, with a focus on Emotional (anxiety and depression) and Physical (physical activity and substance use) Health.
- The Committee has met and decided to go beyond the Schools and School Division. The committee has grown to include: School Social Workers, Psychologists, Prairie Mental Health, Anxiety Disorders Association, CATC, etc.
- Large meeting on October 15, 2015 where the results from the Youth Health Survey were presented by Marnie Wilson. The questions were asked: What is going well and what areas need improvement? Highlights from the meeting were the importance of School Services and to provide Information on available resources. This information was presented to School Administrators on November 18, 2015 at an SLC Meeting.
- June 9, 2015 the Committee will meet to discuss a 3 year plan. There will also be a Community Services Fair, Development of a Resource List (specific to students) and the development of a Healthy School Team.
- The Healthy School Teams will move through modules. The modules will be completed on-line with a focus on their schools, positive/negative.
- Schools can apply for funds from the Healthy Schools Steering Committee. Currently, \$22,000 is divided among the schools. Additional grants are available from Healthy Brandon.

- Co-Chairs to meet April 8, 2015 to plan for a healthy morning on April 15, 2015.

Trustee Barlette and Trustee Bambridge thanked Ralph Clark for his presentation and acknowledged the importance of having Health and Wellbeing as part of the Brandon School Division 2014-2017 Strategic Plan Overview.

5. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

A. 2015-2015 School Calendar:

- Greg Malazdrewicz, Associate Superintendent, spoke to the Committee regarding the school calendar.
- There is a late start this year: September 8, 2015
- There are two changes in the calendar this school year:
 - 1) The PD from the first day of school has been moved to September 25, 2015
 - 2) There is a different utilization of time reflected in the dates for the Administration Days. This also coincides with the requirements on the Provincial Report Card this school year.
- February 26, 2016 has been set aside for the BYTE Conference.
- May 20, 2016 has been set aside for Wellness Day, guidelines to be issued from the Office of the Superintendent.

Recommendation:

That the School Calendar for the 2015-2016 school year be established with the Christmas break occurring from December 21 to January 1, inclusive, and the ten (10) non-instructional days be five (5) professional development days and five (5) administrative days.

B. Education Committee Governance – Monitoring of Progress:

- Dr. Michaels, Superintendent, spoke to the chart “Implementation of Board of Trustees Goals 2014-2017”. The chart will be updated with progress and brought back to the Committee.
- Trustee Kruck requested the outstanding agenda items be settled prior to moving forward:
 - a) Exercise for Disruptive Students (presentation by Ralph Clark).
 - b) Students of Aboriginal Heritage – Achievement Scores.

The Committee agreed to move the two items to the Education Agenda for May 2015.
- Discussion regarding the Exercise for Disruptive Students is held. The committee requests material to pre-read prior to the next meeting.

6. STRATEGIC PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

7. BRIEFINGS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION

No briefings included.

8. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 1:30 p.m., Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Bartlette, Chair

G. Kruck

S. Bambridge

P. Bowslaugh (Alternate)