



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Minutes

Wednesday, February 20, 2013 (11:45 a.m.)
Betty Gibson School

Present: P. Bowslaugh, Chairperson, M. Snelling, K. Sumner
14 Betty Gibson Students, Mr. Phil Vickers, Principal,
Mr. Anderson, Teacher

A) Equity and Sustainability in Education (Meeting with Betty Gibson Students)

Mr. Vickers, Principal, Mr. Anderson, Teacher and fourteen students from the Betty Gibson Student Council met with the Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee. Mrs. Bowslaugh thanked all in attendance for their participation and reviewed the role of the Brandon School Division Board of Trustees' Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee. The students were organized into four discussion groups. Students were asked the following questions:

- 1) What are the good things about Betty Gibson School?
- 2) What do Trustees need to know to make Betty Gibson School better?

Following the break-out discussions, students were asked to report out on their discussions. A summary of the points raised by students is attached to the Minutes as Appendix "A".

At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Bowslaugh thanked all present for participating, noting that student feedback was vital.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Bowslaugh, Chair

M. Snelling

K. Sumner

D. Karnes (Alternate)

Meeting with Students of Betty Gibson School Wednesday, February 20, 2013

Questions:

1) What are the good things about Betty Gibson School?

- The Winter Carnival
- Sports – Volleyball season and team were great
- Nice teachers
- Laptops and computers
- EBS and B-Cards
- Student council
- Artist in the school – stone carving
- Environmental Club
- Library
- Lots of new friends
- Grade 7 students have lockers
- Lots of different cultures
- EAL Program
- Pizza and Hot Dog days
- Lighthouse program
- Spirit Week
- Enrichment clusters
- Drink machine
- Music/band
- Field Trips
- Special events like pancake breakfast and Christmas dinner
- Stingers Jump Rope
- We do lots of donating.

2) What do Trustees need to know to make Betty Gibson School better?

- Doors on all classrooms – no more open air classrooms
- Would like a canteen
- Dances for Grades 6,7, and 8 students
- More fundraisers
- More laptops
- More sports teams
- Bigger gym
- A playstructure
- More EAL teachers
- More technology like SmartBoards
- Smaller classes
- More bathrooms