



School Division/Parent Liaison Committee Minutes

Wednesday, December 16, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Conference Room, Administration Office

Present: Brandon School Division:
B. Jolly, Dr. Michaels, D. G. Barnes, K. Braun
Parents:
Eva Cameron, Karen Colquhoun, Jo-Ann Pasklavich-Holder
Regrets: Lynda Fowler, Judy Seib

1. WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW

The School Division/Parent Liaison Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Trustee Jolly.

2. REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 19, 2009 MEETING

The minutes and agenda were accepted as circulated.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2009

i) Student Information Sessions (Grades 5-7)

The information circulated to the Committee regarding the April 2008 session was reviewed in detail. The questions and responses from the students were discussed. Dr. D. Michaels agreed to review and amend the questions addressing education and learning experiences as identified by the Committee. The revised questions will be presented to the Committee at the January meeting for finalization of the student sessions.

ii) Terms of Reference of School Division/Parent Liaison Committee

The Committee reviewed the information provided regarding the organization and operation of the School Division/Parent Liaison Committee when initiated. It was agreed that this matter will continue to be considered during the remainder of the school year.

4. NEW BUSINESS

i) H1N1

An update was provided regarding the H1N1 procedures in the schools. It was reported that a mass immunization of students and staff in the individual schools will be taking place after the Christmas holidays.

5. UPDATE REPORTS

i) Brandon Group Parent Council

No report. Next meeting is January 2010.

ii) Board of Trustees

Trustee Jolly reported on recent Board matters noting the approval of 4.0 FTE additional teaching staff and 9 education assistants; the approval of resolutions to be forwarded to the Manitoba School Boards Association convention in March 2010; budget preparations; and noted that she reported to the Board the resolution coming forward to the Group Parent Council Annual General Meeting in June 2010 with regards to the banning of the sale of energy drinks to children up to the age of eighteen (18).

iii) **Schools**

Kelly Braun, Principal, Riverview School informed the Committee of the Effective Behaviour Support (EBS) and the EAL issues being dealt with at the various schools.

iv) **Senior Administration**

G. Barnes referenced the budget enhancements and the on-going 2010/2011 budget preparations.

Dr. Michaels reported on educational issues presently being undertaken noting the Grade 3 and 4 transition support at Betty Gibson and St. Augustine School; the goal of having 80% of Grade 3 students reading at grade level; the plans for an off-site Middle Years Student Support Program (MYSSP); the senior high program review; the student learning assessment instrument to be undertaken at all high schools and two elementary schools during the 2010/2011 school year; the successful implementation of the learning development specialist position; and the change in the high school open houses being on a separate evening for each high school.

6. **WRAP UP AND ADJOURNMENT**

A parent inquiry regarding the cancellation of field trips during the examination months at Neelin High School was raised. Superintendent Dr. Michaels responded to the inquiry.

Trustee Jolly closed the meeting thanking members for their attendance and wishing them a happy holiday season.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, January 20, 2010 7:00 p.m., Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted

B. Jolly, Trustee