



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Minutes

Thursday, November 5, 2015 - 12:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Administration Office

Present: P. Bowslaugh, L. Ross, M. Sefton

M. Gustafson, Assistant Superintendent

Regrets: K. Sumner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Trustee Pat Bowslaugh.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Minutes of September 29, 2015 were received as information.

4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

A. Student Focus Groups

The Committee discussed the upcoming lunch visit with students at École secondaire Neelin High School scheduled for November 24, 2015.

The Committee discussed the questions they will ask the students and decided on the following:

- 1) What is going well?
- 2) What is not going well?
- 3) What suggestions do you have for improvement?
- 4) Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?

Trustee Bowslaugh spoke on the format of the meeting and suggested separating the students into 3 groups and having all 3 groups listen to the others responses so duplicate feedback is not received

It was decided that a single facilitator could be used if there is only one group, and then everyone hears the same conversations. The Committee agreed they would leave the students in one group.

Discussion took place regarding what school to visit next and when. It was decided that February would be the next visit with High School students. The Committee agreed to visit Valleyview Centennial School in December, with 15 students from grades 5 & 6. This meeting can be moved to January if needed.

5. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

- A. Brandon Urban Aboriginal People's Council (BUPAC)
Trustee Bowslaugh provided a short report on BUPAC
- B. In-Camera
The Committee discussed one item In-Camera.
- C. Walking with our Sisters - Moccasin Vamps
Trustee Bowslaugh spoke on this upcoming event which recognizes Aboriginal women across Canada. The event is coming to Brandon in March 2016. Trustee Bowslaugh received a request to have a representative from Brandon School Division sit on the event committee. Mr. Gustafson stated that for official BSD representation, an official request should be received along with what is expected of the representative. Trustee Bowslaugh will ask for an official request for BSD representation.

6. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

Community Mobilization Update:

Trustee Sefton provided the following updates on the Community Mobilization Meetings:

- The group has had a total of 84 new discussions
- They have closed 72 cases, 60 have connected to services

Trustee Bowslaugh spoke on the possibility of Trustee Sefton presenting on this task force at the MSBA Conference in March. Trustee Sefton will look into it.

Trustee Bowslaugh spoke on the "No Stone Alone" event held that morning at the Brandon Cemetery. She noted that St. Augustine School, Valleyview Centennial School and École Harrison attended this event and each school laid a wreath. It was discussed whether in the future a wreath should be laid on behalf of the Division's 8,500 students. It was decided that the focus needs to be on the schools which helps with the mandate of No Stone Alone, and it is good public relations for the students. If the Board is invited to lay a wreath in the future, then the Division's involvement would be considered.

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Bowslaugh, Chair

M. Sefton

K. Sumner

L. Ross (Alternate)