



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Education and Community Relations Committee Minutes

Monday, August 22, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Administration Office

Present: S. Bambridge C. Ekenna
K. Fallis B. Foley
D. Kejick (by phone) L. Letain
J. Murray L. Ross (by phone)

Also Present: D. Labossiere M. Gustafson
S. Gilleshammer J. Zilkey

Regrets: J. Gobeil

1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

A. **Approved Research Request: Stephen Davis, Student in the Mentored PH.D. in Education Program, University of Regina**

Mr. Mathew Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO, reviewed this research request for Trustees. The project is entitled: *French Immersion for Refugee-Background Students in the Canadian Prairies: Exploring the Experiences, Perspectives, and Ideologies of Educators*, and the study examines the perspectives of educators with respect to the learning, inclusion, and support of refugee-background students in French Immersion programs.

This research received a Doctoral Fellowship Award from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and is the first study to focus on refugee-background students in French Immersion programs in Canada. This study may benefit Brandon School Division by providing insights into the experiences of refugee-background learners and the perspectives of French Immersion educators in the Division. This research project does not involve student participation and was reviewed by the BSD Research Advisory Committee prior to approval by the Superintendent/CEO.

2. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

The Superintendent/CEO provided information on the following:

- **Correspondence from Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning:**
 - i. Mona Pandey, Assistant Deputy Minister
 - Clarification to the Departmental Policy Regarding the Enrollment of Children of Temporary Residents – July 6, 2022
 - Funding for Temporary Residents Policy

Respectfully submitted,

C. Ekenna