



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Education and Community Relations Committee Minutes

Monday, December 12, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Administration Office

Present: C. Cramer C. Ekenna
K. Fallis B. Foley
J. Gobeil J. Murray
D. Ross L. Ross
B. Sieklicki

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

1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

A. Standards for Appropriate Education Programming in Manitoba

Ms. Susan Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the new policy document, *Standards for Appropriate Education Programming in Manitoba*, which was released in June 2022, and updating policy from 2006.

Ms. Gilleshammer advised that the changes in the document include changes in the language; policy now uses the same language and terminology as the Inclusion Branch – i.e. Student-Specific Plan (SSP) in place of Individual Education Plan (IEP). Another language change is in the verbiage. The policy from 2006 used “shall” and “should” when stating standards. The 2022 policy now uses the word “must” when stating standards. This change is intended to reinforce consistent implementation of the standards provincially.

Other significant changes were noted throughout the new document.

Trustees asked questions for clarification.

B. Brandon Girls Creative Festival Report

Mr. Jon Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed this report, which was completed by Ms. Omotinuola Olowojeunjeje. The Brandon Girls Creative Festival took place at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 15th at the Riverbank Discovery Centre. 45 students and staff from Neelin High School and Prairie Hope High School participated in the event. Students were provided with all the materials needed for the competition, and within 60 minutes, all the participants were able to create beautiful art pieces which included drawings, paintings and knitting.

Judging took place and winners were announced. The event was about fun, talent discovery and education. Feedback from the schools and the participants has been very encouraging.

C. Sub-Committee Reports

- Brandon Community Drug and Alcohol Education Coalition – December 6, 2022 -
Reviewed by Mr. Jon Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent
 - The Committee is looking at a larger project to plan together in the new year.

2. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

Respectfully submitted,

C. Ekenna