



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Education and Community Relations Committee Minutes

Monday, January 23, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Administration Office

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

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

Regrets: K. Fallis

1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

A. Trustee Sieklicki – Inquiry re: School Tours/Visits

At the November 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, Trustee Sieklicki requested that Trustees commit to visiting three (3) Division schools each throughout the school year. After discussion around this request, Trustees were sent a survey in early January to advise on their availability and preferred frequency of the visits.

Trustees reviewed the responses to the survey, and discussion took place regarding the format of the tour, the purpose of the visits, and the time of day of the visits.

The Board directed the Office of the Superintendent to schedule one (1) school visit per month, and include the School Principal, Senior Administration and Supervisor of Facilities.

2. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

A. Ms. Susan Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the following correspondence:

- i. Dana Rudy, Deputy Minister, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning:
 - Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children Survey (HBSC) - Regarding the cross-national collaboration conducted in over 50 countries with the objective of increasing understanding of youths' health behaviours and lifestyle; and recording behavioural changes over time. Students in Grades 6 to 10 will participate.
 - Post-Secondary Programming in Public Schools - Requesting information, specifically around current vocational and post-secondary programming for adult learners offered by the division and/or through its respective schools.

- ii. Janet Tomy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning:
 - “School. Keep Going.” Campaign – The Manitoba government is committed to improving student presence and engagement and collectively, as a system, we share responsibility to facilitate and promote student presence and engagement with a focus on identifying and removing barriers early. The province is pleased to announce the launch of a new provincial attendance policy directive and action plan that have been created to provide provincial guidance to build upon the work of school divisions, school leaders, educators, and other partners in support of student presence and engagement. This new public media campaign compliments this important work.
 - MECY document: [Safe and Caring Schools: A Policy Directive and Action Plan to Enhance Student Presence and Engagement](#)

Respectfully submitted,

C. Ekenna