



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## Education and Community Relations Committee Minutes

Monday, November 8, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.  
Boardroom, Administration Office

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

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

Regrets: B. Foley

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### 1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

#### A. Tipi Installation at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

Correspondence was received from Gail Cullen, Executive Director, Brandon Friendship Centre, offering a tipi for installation at one of the high schools in Brandon School Division. The cost of the tipi will be covered by Brandon Friendship Centre. The Division will pay for cost of installation and plaques (estimated at \$1,500.00).

All of the high schools were interested in this opportunity; it was agreed that Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School would be the recipient of the Tipi.

#### B. Curriculum Updates – Release of K-12 Curriculum Framework for English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Literacy, Academics, and Language (LAL) Programming

Manitoba Education is pleased to announce the release of Manitoba Kindergarten to Grade 12 Curriculum Framework for English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Literacy, Academics, and Language (LAL) Programming. The curriculum framework has been divided into Early, Middle, and Senior Years documents, as well as a separate assessment document. These documents are available on the Manitoba Education website at:

<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/eal/framework/index.html>.

These documents replace the draft version of this material that was previously released.

The document titles are as follows:

- *Early Years: Manitoba Kindergarten to Grade 4 Curriculum Framework for English as an Additional Language (EAL) Programming*
- *Middle Years: Manitoba Grades 5 to 8 Curriculum Framework for English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Literacy, Academics, and Language (LAL) Programming*
- *Senior Years: Manitoba Grades 9 to 12 Curriculum Framework for English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Literacy, Academics, and Language (LAL) Programming*
- *Assessment of EAL and LAL Learners: Manitoba Kindergarten to Grade 12 Curriculum Framework for English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Literacy, Academics, and Language (LAL) Programming*

This information is many years in the making and is exciting for our EAL team and learners. Though still reviewing for changes, one major change that our team has discovered from the draft is that Grade 4 has been moved to early years curriculum to put it in line with other curriculum, where it has been in the middle years area in the past. This document has been shared with Aracely Oosterhuis, French/English as an Additional Language Specialist; Kelly Fuhr, Teacher, BSD Welcome Centre; and all Principals and EAL Teachers. These 4 documents provide the curriculum framework for K-12 and also assessment procedures for EAL and LAL learners.

**C. Provincial Assessment Document Updates: Provincial Report Card Policy**

Mr. Jon Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent, spoke to this item, advising that the provincial report card policy document has been updated in order to address changes in the Arts education framework.

For the Grades 1–6 and Grades 7–8 report cards, at least one Arts Education subject is to be reported in a single-subject grading box, with the subject categories. This subject meets the Arts Education requirement. This includes visual arts, dance, dramatic arts, music (as highlighted on pages 29/30 of the Manitoba Provincial Report Card Policy and Guidelines: Partners for Learning, Grades 1 to 12). These changes were announced by Manitoba Education on October 22.

There have been no changes to the report card template.

**D. Connecting Mental Health Literacy and Well-Being to the Physical Education/Health Education Curriculum**

Ms. Susan Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent, spoke to this item, noting that is important that Kindergarten to Grade 12 students, as part of their physical education and health education (PE/HE), are able to gain the knowledge and skills they need to support mental health, well-being, and healthy lifestyles. This resource is intended to enhance understanding of the overall integration of mental health throughout the current Manitoba K-12 PE/HE curriculum and increase awareness of resources that are available to support the implementation of mental health curricular learning outcomes. Along with this resource, Manitoba Education has also created a list of Mental Health and Well-Being 2021/2022 Professional Development Sessions.

**E. Sub-Committee Reports**

- Community Drug and Alcohol Education Coalition – October 26, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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C. Ekenna