



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Education and Community Relations Committee Minutes

Monday, March 14, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Administration Office

Present: S. Bambridge C. Ekenna (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)
K. Fallis B. Foley
J. Gobeil D. Kejick (by phone)
L. Letain J. Murray
L. Ross

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

1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

A. 2022-2023 School Calendar

Mr. Jon Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the draft 2022-2023 School and Administration and Professional Development Days Calendars.

Discussion took place regarding the September 30th federal statutory holiday “*National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*”. Mr. Mathew Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO, noted that at this time, the Province has not notified school divisions regarding recognition of this day, and indicated that additional information will be provided from Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning in the future.

The Committee agreed to the recommendation as presented.

Recommendation:

That the School Calendar for the 2022-2023 School Year be established, as proposed.

B. Research Request – Kelly DeRoo, Student, Home Economics and Everyday Life (HEEL) Education Master’s Program in the Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy, University of British Columbia

Trustees reviewed the information and recommendation from the Brandon School Division Research Advisory Committee regarding Kelly DeRoo’s research project entitled “*Understanding the Academic and Social Experiences of English Language Learners in Home Economics*”.

Trustees asked questions for clarification and agreed to the recommendation as presented.

Recommendation:

That the Board approve the research request from Kelly DeRoo, Student, Home Economics and Everyday Life (HEEL) Education Master’s Program in the Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy, University of British Columbia, for the research project entitled “*Understanding the Academic and Social Experiences of English Language Learners in Home Economics*”.

C. Odyssey Program

Mr. Jon Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the Division's Odyssey Program, noting that the Odyssey Program provides French Immersion schools in Manitoba with the possibility of receiving the services of a French Language Assistant. The assistants interact with students and help students improve or perfect their French language skills through activities and games.

For 2021/2022, School Divisions and French Language Assistants will be granted additional indemnities due to a surplus of funds in the 2021/2022 Odyssey program. Each Language Assistant will receive an additional \$2500 to assist with travel costs and technical equipment. Each School Division hosting a Language Assistant will receive \$700 per assistant. This is to assist with health and safety equipment costs as well as to help with increased costs related to EI and CPP payments for the Language Assistants.

The Odyssey agreement for the 2022/2023 school year has been submitted to Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, with a request for participation for the following schools: École New Era School, École Harrison, and École O'Kelly School.

D. Sub-Committee Reports

- Brandon Community Drug and Alcohol Education Coalition – February 23, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

C. Ekenna