



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Education and Community Relations Committee Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2023 – 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. Elders and Knowledge Keepers in School Initiative

Mr. Jon Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent, provided information on the Elders and Knowledge Keepers in School Initiative. This initiative supports students, educators, and families to learn First Nations, Métis and Inuit histories, cultures traditional values, languages, contemporary lifestyles, and traditional knowledge systems across all learning environments.

Mr. Zilkey spoke on the provided Elders and Knowledge Keepers Planning Table, which was completed by the Division and submitted to the Manitoba Indigenous Inclusion Directorate, Education and Early Childhood Learning on December 13, 2022. The Initiative is initially taking place at six schools, and if it is successful, and with grant development in subsequent years, the program could expand to more schools.

Trustees asked questions for clarification. Mr. Zilkey confirmed that a report will be provided to the Board after the end of the program, prior to submission to the Province.

B. Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children (HBSC) Survey

Ms. Susan Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent, provided an update on this Survey. She had reached out to Allan Hawkins, Executive Director, Inclusion Program, with questions regarding this survey. Ms. Gilleshammer was advised that Queen's University owns the data from the survey, and the names on the report will be of the Queen's University researchers. To protect and preserve student privacy, particularly at smaller schools, Ms. Gilleshammer was advised that student names will not appear anywhere on the questionnaire, it is completely anonymous. Additionally, for privacy reasons, the ethics protocol required that a minimum of 30 students must complete the survey for reporting at the school level. The survey data will be shared with Manitoba Education and Early

Childhood Learning, and schools will receive a copy of their report. It will be at the Division's discretion to share the report.

Mr. Mathew Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO, added that the survey is currently on pause at the schools.

Trustee Linda Ross asked questions for clarification regarding how the data will be reported as well as the level of anonymity for smaller schools.

Mr. Gustafson indicated that the Division would get further clarification directly from Queen's University. If the responses satisfy our expectations in terms of the level of aggregation and the anonymity of data reporting, the Division will proceed with the survey.

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Respectfully submitted,

C. Ekenna