



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Office of the Secretary-Treasurer

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Board Briefs – February 13, 2017

- The Board recognized Gail McDonald, Principal, George Fitton School, for being named one of Canada's Outstanding Principals by The Learning Partnership Canada.
- The Board approved the transfer of the 2017-2018 Operating Budget from Senior Administration to the Board of Trustees for the Board's ownership and final decision making.
- The Board approved to rescind Policy 7013 – "Student Exchange" and replace same with updated Policy 7013 – "Student Exchange".
- The Board approved to rescind Policy 7017 – "Admission of Foreign Students" and replace same with Policy 7017 – "Admission of International Students".
- The Board Approved to rescind Procedures 7017 – "Admission of Foreign Students" and replace same with Procedures 7017 – "Admission of International Students".
- The Board approved the issuance of a Request for Proposal for a consultant to review and update the Policy Manual.
- The Board formally adopted the Decision Making Matrix as a guideline for the future review and update of the policies of the Brandon School Division.
- The Board approved the Board of Trustees Governance Goals 2014 be updated and accepted as follows:

Finance:

- 1) Implement a multi-year budget strategy to plan for future sustainability; to achieve long-term goals.
- 2) Subject to Provincial funding support, attempt to limit special levy increases to the sum of inflationary pressures plus enrolment growth.

Facilities:

- 1) Continue to lobby vigorously for a new school in South Brandon.
- 2) Develop new and existing spaces to support current and future programming.

Education:

- 1) Long-term tracking of individual student/group progress to inform Board's decision making on programming.
- 2) Implement a continuous process of program evaluation, with priorities to be determined on an annual cycle.
- 3) Review current staffing deployment to achieve a better comprehensive continuity approach.
- 4) Enhance the development of cultural competency amongst students and staff.

- 5) High overall student achievement without significant gaps across major subgroups in the student population.

Divisional Futures and Community Relations:

- 1) Build relationships actively with existing and new stakeholder groups.
- The Board agreed to perform an annual self-evaluation of progress towards goals, policy, and function at the end of each school year. The Board will conduct a major mid-term evaluation, the nature of which to be determined by the Board, but to be comprehensive and involve community partners, senior administration, and a random sampling of BSD staff.
 - The Board approved that Trustees be paid the appropriate indemnity for attending the All-Day Budget Meeting on February 21, 2017.
 - The Board approved that Trustees be paid the appropriate indemnity for attending the Manitoba School Boards Association 2017 Convention to be held March 16 to 18, 2017 at the Delta Inn, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
 - The Board noted the following upcoming Budget dates:
 - Public Budget Consultation Forum – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 15, 2017, Kirkcaldy Heights School Gymnasium.
 - All Day Budget Meeting – 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2017, Boardroom.
 - Special Board Meeting – Public Presentations re: Proposed 2017-2018 Budget – 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2017, Boardroom.
 - Regular Board Meeting - Final Budget Approval – 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 6, 2017, Boardroom.
 - NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2017, in the J.L. Milne Boardroom.

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