BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

"Accepting the Challenge"

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December 9, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO BE HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

J. L. MILNE BOARDROOM, ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

1031 - 6TH STREET, BRANDON, MANITOBA

Secretary-Treasurer

AGENDA

1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

1.01 Reference to Statement of Board Operations

1.02 Approval of Agenda

1.03 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

a) Regular Board Meeting, November 23, 2009.
Adopt.

b) Special Board Meeting, November 30, 2009.
Adopt.

2.0 GOVERNANCE MATTERS:

2.01 Presentations For Information

2.02 Reports of Committees

a)	Finance Committee Meeting – Nov 16/09	(Buff)	B. Mayes
	– Dec 8/09	(Buff)	B. Mayes
b)	Divisional Futures & Liaison Committee Meeting	(Grey)	B. Jolly
c)	School Division Parent Liaison Committee Meeting	(Purple)	B. Jolly
d)	Policy Review Committee Meeting	(Pink)	P. Bartlette
e)	MSBA Resolutions Committee Meeting	(White)	P. Bartlette
f)	Personnel Committee Meeting	(Pink)	L. Ross
g)	Chamber/Division Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	(Salmon)	R. Coey
h)	Education Committee Meeting (Special)	(Green)	R. Coey

i) Other – Meeting with Progressive Conservative Party Leader

j) Other – Meeting with Minister of Education

k) Other –

2.03 Delegations and Petitions

a) Scott Hayward, Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) – the business student organization at Brandon University – with the goal of developing a relationship and dialogue between SIFE and the Board of Trustees.

2.04 Communications for Action

a) Carolyn Duhamel, Executive Director, Manitoba School Boards Association, November 18, 2009, inviting school boards to nominate an outstanding school-based program for the 2010 Premier Award for School Board Innovation. Nominations must be received by Friday, February 5, 2010. (Appendix "A").
Refer Business Arising.

b) Helen Bridging, in regard to the Convergys building being "annexed" to New Era being a win-win situation for Brandon City Council and Brandon School Board.
Refer Business Arising.

2.05 BUSINESS ARISING

- From Previous Delegations

1. Mr. Howard Hoy, regarding Neelin High School Off-Campus Scholarship update.

2. Mr. D. Hardy, President, Brandon Teachers' Association regarding budget.

- From Board Agenda

a) Correspondence from Carolyn Duhamel, Executive Director, Manitoba School Boards Association, from Communications for Action 2.04a), inviting school boards to nominate an outstanding school-based program for the 2010 Premier Award for School Board Innovation. Nominations must be received by Friday, February 5, 2010.

b) Correspondence from Helen Bridging from Communications for Action 2.04b), in regard to the Convergys building being "annexed" to New Era being a win-win situation for Brandon City Council and Brandon School Board.

- MAST issues (last meeting of the month)

- From Report of Senior Administration

a) School Reports – NIL

b) Learning Support Services Report – Bill Bolley and Carolyn Blaine, Social Workers.

c) Items from Senior Administration Report

- Travel Reimbursements – Refer to Motions.
- MUST Fund July 1, 2010 Fee Assessment – Refer to Motions.
- Wide Area Network Connectivity Project – Refer to Motions.

2.06 Motions

190/2009 That the procedural form 1007.2b "Outlook Live User Agreement" be amended as form 1007.2a.

191/2009 That the Board submit to the MSBA Resolution and Policy Committee, resolutions on the following:

1) Private Donations For Capital Projects
2) Provincial Support – High Ability Learners
3) Mandatory Kindergarten
4) Pre Kindergarten Program
5) Addiction's Foundation of Manitoba Support
6) High Ability Learners
7) School Bus Ridership Program
8) Manitoba Liquor Control Commission Contribution
9) Associate Membership – First Nations Education Authority

192/2009 That Trustees Coey, Karnes and Secretary-Treasurer G. Barnes be appointed as Division representatives to the Joint Job Evaluation Review Committee.

193/2009 That the request for sabbatical leave for John Kreshewski, teacher, be approved at half time each school year of 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 at an approximate cost of $21,000 per year, subject to admission acceptance and finalization of details with the Superintendent.

194/2009 That Confidential #4 regarding Out of Scope salary adjustments be adopted for 2009 and 2010.

195/2009 That continued participation in the Manitoba School Boards Association Universal Standards Trust (MUST) Fund at a 2010 fee assessment of approximately $8,157.19 be approved.

196/2009 That the request for 4.0 FTE additional teacher staff positions at a cost of $133,800 (effective February 1, 2010), 3.0 EAL education assistants at a cost of $40,200 and 6.0 AEP education assistants at a cost of $82,000 be approved and funded as follows:

EAL Provincial Grant	$174,000
Enrolment Change Grant	70,600
Library Professional Services	11,400

197/2009 That the technology related wiring for Green Acres School in the estimated amount of $65,000 be approved and further the project be supported from previous years unallocated Section D funding.

198/2009 That Form 3013 be amended by changing the kilometer rate to now be "38.0¢", the mileage to Shilo to be "$23.00" and the mileage to Winnipeg to be "$161.00".

199/2009 That the proposal from Westman Communications Group in the amount of $947,500 for the unmanaged connectivity project for a 20 year term be accepted in principle, subject to final arrangements and agreement approval between the parties and finalization of financial arrangements requiring Public Schools Finance Board authorization.

2.07 Bylaws

2.08 Giving of Notice

2.09 Inquiries

2.09a) Public Inquiries (last meeting of each month – max. 15 minutes)

2.09b) Trustee Inquiries

3.00 ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

3.01 Report of Senior Administration

Receive and File.

3.02 Communications for Information

a) Copy of a letter from Ron R. Schuler, PC Education Critic, November 18, 2009, to Minister of Education, Nancy Allan, inquiring about the department's policy for school division expenditures related to the purchase of hand sanitizers used to prevent the spread of H1N1 in the classroom. He notes that some school divisions are forced to cover these H1N1 prevention-related costs with money allocated for the delivery of education and they have requested reimbursement from the province. As the Education Critic for the PC party he urges the government to allocate additional funds to school divisions for expenditures related to the prevention of H1N1.

Receive and File.

b) Copy of a letter from Karen Velthuys, Chair of the Board, Pembina Trails School Division, November 12, 2009 requesting that the Province consider providing funding to school divisions to fully or partially support the cost school divisions are obligated to pay for the retroactive increase in tariff of royalties to the Copyright Board of Canada.

Receive and File.

c) Judith Baldwin, Coordinator of the Premier's Secretariat on behalf of the Honourable Greg Selinger, Premier of Manitoba, November 16, 2009 thanking the Board for the recent letter and advising that a response is forthcoming from the office of Honourable Nancy Allan, Minister of Education.

Receive and File.

d) Darryl Gervais, Acting Director, Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment Branch, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth, November 2009, to provide an update on the distribution by Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth of the document entitled Manitoba Grants for Education for Sustainable Development, distributed to Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools and published online at 222.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/esd.

Refer to Secretary-Treasurer's Department.

e) Hedy Friesen, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office, November 18, 2009 advising that the Council of the City of Brandon at its November 16th, 2009 meeting appointed Councillors Murray Blight, Ken Fitzpatrick and Jim McCrae to the Joint Task Force with terms of office to expire October 28th, 2010.

Receive and File.

f) Naomi Kruse, Executive Director, Manitoba Association of Parent Councils, November 23, 2009 expressing appreciation to our School Division for our 2009-2010 membership.

Receive and File.

g) Nancy Allan, Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth, November 24, 2009, on behalf of the Premier in response to the Board's letter regarding funding for incremental H1N1 preparedness expenses, noting that in regard to financial assistance, the Preparedness Guidelines for Manitoba School Divisions and Schools (K-12) contemplates financial losses in section 2.4.2.6., and that any

financial assistance for those expenses will be subject to broader public policy decisions in the event of a pandemic.

Receive and File.

h) Copy of a letter from Dr. Donna M. Michaels, Superintendent of schools/Chief Executive Officer, Brandon School Division to Mr. Claren Turner, November 25, 2009 thanking him for his recent book recovery efforts for the seventh consecutive year.

Receive and File.

i) Karla Willis, Scheduling Assistant to the Premier, November 25, 2009, on behalf of the Honourable Greg Selinger, Premier of Manitoba thanking the Board for the recent letter advising that a copy was forwarded to Honourable Nancy Allan, Minister of Education, for her consideration and response.

Receive and File.

j) Heather Demetrioff, Associate Director Manitoba School Boards Association, December 2, 2009 advising that in 2009 the Convention Planning Committee selected to support KidSport ™ Canada (administered by Sport Manitoba) with proceeds from sales of raffle tickets, that 2010 will mark the 10th year of this very popular component of the Convention, being confident that school boards will contribute to this charity with donations and the purchase of raffle tickets and asking that we advise by March 5, 2010 if our Division will be participating.

Refer to Secretary-Treasurer's Department

3.03 Announcements

a) Education Committee Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Monday, December 14, 2009, Board Room.

b) Friends of Education Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 16, Conference Room.

c) Divisional Futures & Liaison Committee Meeting, 12:00 noon, Thursday, December 17, 2009, Board Room.

d) Policy Review Committee Meeting – 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 22, 2009, Board Room.

e) Education Committee Meeting – 1:30 p.m., Monday, January 4, 2010, Board Room.

f) Personnel Committee Meeting – 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 5, 2010, Board Room.

g) Chamber/Division Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting – 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 6, 2010, Conference Room.

h) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 11, 2010, Board Room.

4.00 IN CAMERA DISCUSSION:

4.01 Student Issues

- Reports

a) Confidential #2 – Student Instructional Matter

- Trustee Inquiries

4.02 Personnel Matters

- Reports

a) Confidential #1 – Personnel Report
b) Confidential #3 – Administrator Re-Assignments
c) Confidential #4 – Out of Scope Salary Adjustments
d) Confidential #5 – 2010/2011 Budget Estimates - Salaries

- Trustee Inquiries

4.03 Property Matters/Tenders

- Reports

- Trustee Inquiries

4.04 Board Operations

- Reports

- Trustee Inquiries

5.00 ADJOURNMENT

MANITOBA
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LEADERSHIP, ADVOCACY AND SERVICE FOR MANITOBA'S PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS

November 18, 2009

TO: The Board Chair and Superintendent, All School Divisions and Districts

FROM: Carolyn Duhamel, Executive Director

RE: Nominations for the Premier Award for School Board Innovation

This letter is your invitation to nominate an outstanding school-based program for the 2010 Premier Award for School Board Innovation.

Each participating school board will be given an opportunity to showcase its program on the evening of Thursday, March 18, as part of the "Celebration of Success" that is being held in conjunction with the Manitoba School Boards Association's 2010 Convention. That evening, the winning entry, as selected by a panel of judges, will receive a $3,000 cheque from award sponsor Xerox Canada Ltd. in support of its innovation. Other components of the evening will include presentation of our Student Citizenship and the AMM Young Community Leader Awards, and the Manitoba School Boards Association Presidents' Council Award. Members of the Legislative Assembly and the media will be invited to attend this event, which will be open to the public.

To participate in the Innovation Showcase and be eligible for this award, your school board must:

- submit the attached nomination form and a two-page program description by Friday, February 5, 2010; and
- participate in the Innovation Showcase, to provide information and answer questions.

Judging will take place in advance of the Showcase itself, but participation in the Showcase is a prerequisite for receiving the award. This Innovation Showcase will draw attention to the many diverse initiatives that school boards have supported to benefit the students of our province. While only one board can receive this award each year, we are all enriched by the experience of sharing our successes.

Background information and a nomination form are attached. Complete applications must be received at the Manitoba School Boards Association office by Friday, February 5, 2010.

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Attachments

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Premier Award for School Board Innovation
Sponsored by Xerox Canada Ltd.

Background

The Premier Award for School Board Innovation recognizes educational innovations and improvements advanced or directed by boards of education to support and/or enhance student achievement. For 2010, the sponsor, Xerox Canada Ltd., has committed $3,000 to award one prize in Manitoba.

The prize is administered by the Manitoba School Boards Association and will be awarded in conjunction with its 2010 Annual Convention. The prize is to be used to support or extend the innovation or project.

Selection Criteria

A panel established to review applications will select the award winner. The broad purpose of the award is to recognize and celebrate school board involvement in the improvement of learning opportunities for Manitoba children and youth.

The selection panel will rely upon the following criteria in their determination of the award recipient:

- innovative nature of the program or project;
- sustainability of the innovation within the present system or school;
- ability to transfer the innovation to other systems or schools;
- cost of the innovation relative to benefits achieved;
- client support for the innovation; and
- evidence of improved student achievement.

Innovations will not be reviewed by the judging panel in-person; a decision will be based solely on written school board submissions. However, in order to be eligible for the award, school boards will be required to profile their innovations at the Innovation Showcase to be held on the evening of Thursday, March 18, in conjunction with the 2010 Manitoba School Boards Association Convention.

Nominations

The nomination form must be completed and submitted by the required date. Other materials, including photographs, may be submitted in support of the nomination. All materials will remain the property of the Manitoba School Boards Association.

Manitoba School Boards Association Support

The Executive of the Manitoba School Boards Association will provide the necessary support for the selection panel, and for presentation of the award on the evening of Thursday, March 18, in conjunction with the association's 2010 convention.

The information about each innovation will be posted on the association website. Other school boards will be able to use the site to identify school divisions and districts that have introduced innovations or promising practices, and to establish contacts.

Deadline for receipt of nominations:
Friday, February 5, 2010

MANITOBA School Boards ASSOCIATION

Premier Award for School Board Innovation

Sponsored by Xerox Canada Ltd.

Nomination Form

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Nomination forms and program descriptions (maximum two typed, double-spaced pages) must be received by **February 5, 2010.**

Nomination forms and program descriptions may be:

MAILED TO:

Premier Award for School Board Innovation
Manitoba School Boards Association
191 Provencher Blvd.
Winnipeg, MB R2H 0G4

FAXED TO:

(204) 231-1356

E-MAILED TO:

kharrington@
mbschoolboards.ca

QUESTIONS?

Call Carolyn Duhamel
Executive Director
(204) 233-1595

All nomination materials become the property of the Manitoba School Boards Association.

The award will be presented in conjunction with the Manitoba School Boards Association Convention in Winnipeg on Thursday, March 18, 2010.

Name or type of program you are nominating:

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Goal of program: _____

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On no more than two typed, double-spaced pages, describe who instituted the program and why, when it began, how it works, who it serves, and how much staff time and cost it involves. Please include evidence of appropriate board involvement in initiating, endorsing, and/or advancing the program, along with specific evidence that the program is successful. You may include a few relevant background materials if you choose. The selection panel will determine the winner on the basis of the program description.

Why do you think this program deserves recognition?

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School Division/District: _____

Board Chairperson: _____

Secretary-Treasurer: _____

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Signature of Board Chairperson

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Signature of Secretary-Treasurer

To: Brandon City Council
Brandon School Board

Win-Win for Brandon City Council & Brandon School Board

Sometimes a solution can be staring you in the face but can't be seen due to so many factors involved in making a decision.
Case in point.....
New Era is "bursting at its seams". One block away from New Era sits an empty building, Convergys, formerly the Brandon Public Library. What if the Convergys building was "annexed" to New Era? This building would surely have space for 200 students. This could become the New Era Community School for grades Kindergarten to Grade 8. The students would still be in their catchment area. One administrator stays at Ecole New Era & one administrator would be at the New Era Community School (Convergys site). This would leave Ecole New Era with enough space to house the rapidly expanding French Immersion program. Harrison, Green Acres & George Fitton Schools would remain as they are now. This would be the least disruptive for the students from these 3 schools.
Wouldn't this save hundreds of thousands of dollars as only this building (Convergys) would need to have some renovations done to it as opposed to 3 schools? Renovations in 1 building could be completed in time for September 2010.
Now, how does one go about getting the Brandon City Council and the Brandon School Board to discuss an agreement that would be win-win for both?
Please do what is best for the students of Brandon!

Best regards,

Helen Bridging

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