Finance Committee
Pre-Budget Meeting with Stakeholders
Discussion Summary

"Accepting the Challenge"

Monday, December 14, 2009 – 6:30
Conference Room, Administration Office

Present:
Division: B. Mayes, G. Buri, P. Bartlette, B. Jolly, R. Coey, D. Karnes (entered 6:40 p.m.)

Labour Council: Jan Chaboyer, Brent Chamberlain

1. Finance Committee Budget Discussions with Labour Council:

Chair Brian Mayes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Budget Concerns raised by Labour Council:

- Ms. Chaboyer noted the size and role of the Brandon Labour Council noting its involvement in the Community.
- Noted that schools need to be affordable and accessible (e.g. lunch programs)
- Keep school supply costs reasonable to students and parents.
- Importance of language support and inclusiveness for new immigrants.
- Support work of Neelin Off-Campus Program and improvements to improve high school graduation rate.
- Consider cost of programs to allow student participation in bands, sports, etc.
- Noted the importance of working with First Nations to involve them in education.
- Referenced the joint use of school facilities for community purposes such as sports and pre-schools/day cares.
- Explained the role Labour Council plays in education for students.
- Sustain jobs and programs knowing these cost money and tax increases will result.

Trustee Mayes concluded the meeting thanking the Labour Council representatives for their input.

Adjourned 7:00 p.m.