Friends of Education Fund Committee Minutes

Wednesday, December 16, 2009
Conference Room, Administration Office

Present: D. Karnes, Chair, L. Fowler, A. Godfrey, A. Johnston, C. Manson (entered 11:45 a.m.), Dr. D. Michaels (entered 12:00 noon), K. Zabowski, G. Barnes

Regrets: J. Pickard

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Friends of Education Committee Meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Friends of Education Committee Agenda was approved as circulated.

3. FUNDING UPDATE

The Friends of Education Projects financial update from July 1, 2009 to November 30, 2009 was presented by K. Zabowski, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. The financial report was discussed. Mr. Zabowski and Mr. Barnes responded to the inquiries from the Committee.

Agreed: That the financial report update be accepted as distributed.

4. SOUND FIELD SYSTEM

The request from Riverheights School for support of a sound field system was considered. The Administration provided background information regarding the previous purchase of sound field systems noting a cost of approximately $1,700.

Agreed: The request from Riverheights School for the sound field system to be allocated from the Rotary Literacy Program and General allocations be approved.

5. GEORGE FITTON SCHOOL – PLAY STRUCTURE

The Committee noted the correspondence to George Fitton School authorizing the use of the Friends of Education Fund for obtaining charitable donations to support construction of their play structure.

6. WAVERLY PARK SCHOOL – PLAY STRUCTURE

The correspondence to Waverly Park School authorizing the use of the Friends of Education Fund for donations to their play structures was noted and received as information.

7. **INFORMATION**

a) The placement of a newspaper advertisement acknowledging donations to the Friends of Education Fund was discussed by the Committee. The Committee was advised that $2,500 has been included in the Division budget for such purposes.

Agreed: That a general advertisement explaining the Friends of Education Fund be published now and the list of donors be advertised at the end of the school year.

b) The Committee was informed that the only specifications regarding the donations in memory of G. Gibbons was that expenditures be music related. This would be allocated to schools requesting support for music equipment.

c) The Committee was informed of the purchase of the "Front Row To Go" Sound Field System for a student at Valleyview Centennial School.

d) An inquiry regarding the maintenance of the Division archives was responded to be Senior Administration stating this is a continuing endeavor. Meetings held with representatives of Assiniboine Community College and Brandon University plus an up-coming meeting scheduled with a representative of the Brandon Museum Advisory Committee were noted.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

8. NEXT REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING: 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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DOUG KARNES, CHAIR