



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, April 13, 2026

J. L. Milne Boardroom
Administration Office
1031 - 6th Street, Brandon, Manitoba

Trustees Present:

L. Ross, Chairperson	D. Ross, Vice-Chairperson
K. Carr	C. Ekenna
K. Fallis	L. McConnell
S. Mozdzen	

Also Present:

D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer
M. Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO
S. Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services
J. Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and HR
J. McBeth, Executive Assistant
T. Curtis, Communications Coordinator

Regrets:

J. Murray, B. Sieklicki

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

AGENDA

1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

1.01 Approval of Agenda

Senior Administration added one (1) item for In-Camera.

K. Fallis – C. Ekenna

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) Regular Board Meeting – March 23, 2026
S. Mozdzen – K. Carr

That the minutes be approved as circulated.

Carried

K. Fallis – L. McConnell

That the Board move into In-Camera session at 7:03 p.m.

2.00 IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION

2.01 Student Issues

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

2.02 Personnel Matters

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

2.03 Property Matters/Tenders

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

2.04 Board Operations

Mr. Gustafson provided information on a Board Operations Matter and answered Trustee questions for clarification.

D. Ross – C. Ekenna

That the Board move out of In-Camera session at 7:07 p.m.

The Chairperson called the public portion of the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., with a traditional heritage land acknowledgment.

3.00 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

3.01 Presentations for Information

3.02 Communications for Information

3.03 Communications for Action

4.00 REPORT OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Gustafson provided highlights from the following items from the April 13, 2026, Report of Senior Administration:

a) Administration Information:

➤ Celebrations:

- During Truth and Reconciliation Week in the fall of 2025, students from Betty Gibson School, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, École Harrison, King George School, Kirkcaldy Heights School, Meadows School, Prairie Hope High School, and Waverly Park School participated in creating strings of beads to honour children lost and affected by Residential Schools in Canada. This project, Tears of Truth, is on display until June 6, 2026, at the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba.

- Trustee Jim Murray was recognized by the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) with a Long Service Trustee Recognition Award for 30 years of service.
- The third Wednesday in April is recognized throughout Manitoba as School Bus Driver Day. We thank all of our school bus drivers for their commitment to students and their dedicated service throughout the year and in all kinds of weather.
- Administrative Professionals' Day is recognized annually in April. The purpose of this day is to celebrate the many contributions of these valued staff members. We thank all of our Administrative Assistants for their work in support of students, families, and staff in Brandon School Division.
- Approximately 900 students from Brandon School Division participated in the 2026 Brandon Career Symposium on March 17 and March 18, 2026.
- Brandon School Division is hosting a High School Career Fair as an opportunity for employers to connect with motivated high school students who are eager to explore career options, gain work experience, and contribute to the workforce. Dates and locations are noted below:
 - April 21, 2026: Vincent Massey High School
 - April 22, 2026: Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School
 - April 23, 2026: École secondaire Neelin High School
- Information Items:
 - Correspondence was received from Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, proclaiming the week of April 26 to May 2, 2026, as the 35th annual Week of the Early Childhood Educator.
 - Correspondence was received from Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, proclaiming the week of April 13 to 17, 2026, as Education Week in Manitoba.
 - Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, Off-Site Activity, soccer tournament to Kenora, Ontario.
 - Vincent Massey High School, Off-Site Activity, hockey tournament to Halifax, Nova Scotia.
 - Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, Off-Site Activity, hockey tournament to Moncton, New Brunswick.

b) Business Arising for Board Action:

- Information for Discussion and Correspondence:
 - The Staffing Activity Report was distributed to the Board as Confidential No. 1.
 - Mr. Labossiere spoke to the Brandon Schools Instrumental Association Agreement (BSIMA) – refer to motions.

D. Ross – K. Fallis

That the April 13, 2026, Report of Senior Administration be received and filed.

Carried

5.00 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

5.01 Reports of Committees

- a) Education & Community Relations Committee Meeting
The written report of the Education & Community Relations Committee meeting held on March 23, 2026, was circulated.

C. Ekenna – D. Ross

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

- b) Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting
The written report of the Finance & Facilities Committee meeting held on March 23, 2026, was circulated.

K. Carr – S. Mozdzen

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

- c) Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting
The written report of the Personnel & Policy Committee meeting held on March 23, 2026, was circulated.

L. McConnell – C. Ekenna

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

5.02 Delegations and Petitions (Max. 15 minutes)

5.03 Business Arising

- From Previous Delegation:

Kat Hunkin and Tana Janzen of the Brandon School Division have partnered with Smiley Worms, and presented an idea for a progressive, proactive, low-risk budget shift that would make the Brandon School Division a leader in Manitoba in terms of environmental education. Kat and Tana answered Trustee questions for clarification. The Board thanked Kat, Tana and Smiley Worms for their presentation and indicated it would be referred to Committee for further discussion.

Ketan Patel, Citizen of Brandon, provided a presentation on Anti-Islamophobia Action Plan introduced by the Manitoba government and how initiatives connected to this plan may be implemented within public schools. Ketan answered Trustee questions for clarification. The Board thanked Ketan for his presentation and indicated it would be referred to Committee for further discussion. The Board also requested that Senior Administration bring this forward to the Province for their information.

- From Board Agenda

- MSBA Issues –

- a) E-News – March 25, 2026

5.04 Public Inquiries (Max. 15 Mins)

5.05 Motions:

31/2026 L. McConnell – S. Mozdzen
That the Agreement between the Brandon Schools Instrumental Music Association (BSIMA) and Brandon School Division (Division) regarding the 2026/2027 financial support to be provided by the Division to BSIMA be approved; and that the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer be and are hereby authorized to affix their signatures and the seal of the Division thereto.
Carried

32/2026 S. Mozdzen – K. Fallis
That a balanced school day schedule for Alexander School for the 2026/2027 school year, be approved.
Carried

Late Motion:

33/2026 K. Fallis – S. Mozdzen
That Confidential No. 2 and the recommendation therein be approved.
Carried

5.06 Bylaws

5.07 Giving of Notice

D. Ross

a) I hereby give notice that at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, I, or someone in my stead, will introduce By-law 1/2026 being a by-law providing for the borrowing of moneys upon the credit of the said School Division to meet current expenses for the fiscal year, July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

5.08 Trustee Inquiries

6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:30 p.m. (public), Monday, April 27, 2026.

7.00 ADJOURNMENT

K. Fallis – S. Mozdzen
That the Board do now adjourn at 7:58 p.m.
Carried

Chairperson (L. Ross)

Secretary-Treasurer (D. Labossiere)