



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, January 26, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Administration Office

Trustees Present: L. Ross D. Ross
K. Carr C. Ekenna (by phone)
K. Fallis L. McConnell
S. Mozdzen J. Murray
B. Sieklicki

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

1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

A. AI IN EDUCATION SUMMIT

Mr. Gustafson spoke to the AI in Education Summit which took place on Friday, January 16, 2026, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and answered Trustee questions.

2. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

A. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Ms. Gilleshammer reviewed the correspondence received from Allison Potter, Executive Director, Continuous Improvement Branch; and Kassy Assié, Executive Director, Bureau de l'éducation française, regarding the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) 2026. The administration of PIRLS in Manitoba has been mandated by Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning. She indicated the focus is on Grade 4 and the following BSD schools have been randomly selected: Maryland Park School, Meadows School, Linden Lanes School, Betty Gibson School, École New Era School, Earl Oxford School, George Fitton School, École Harrison.
- Mr. Zilkey spoke to the correspondence received from Jackie Connell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Indigenous Excellence in Education Division regarding, Indigenous Academic Achievement Grant (IAA).
- Mr. Zilkey reviewed the correspondence received from Jackie Connell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Indigenous Excellence in Education Division regarding, Evaluation of Universal School Nutrition Program. He indicated the survey has been given to Principals.

- Mr. Zilkey spoke to the correspondence received from Jackie Connell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Indigenous Excellence in Education Division regarding, Building Student Success with Indigenous Parents (BSSIP) Pilot – Indigenous Family Literacy. He indicated BSD is not a part of the pilot, however provided information.
- Mr. Labossiere reviewed the correspondence received from Jeffrey Kehler, Assistant Deputy Minister, System Performance and Accountability, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning regarding, Updated Information on Swan Lake First Nation's School Divisions under Bill 16 and answered Trustee questions.
- Ms. Gilleshammer spoke to the correspondence received from Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, and Honourable Matt Wiebe, Minister of Justice and Attorney General regarding, One Manitoba Youth Summit. She indicated the Summit will take place on February 27, 2026, and answered Trustee questions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Ekenna