



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, March 23, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Administration Office

Trustees Present: L. Ross D. Ross
C. Ekenna K. Carr
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
V. DeVlieger, Executive Secretary

1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

A. 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Mr. Zilkey reviewed the draft 2026-2027 School Year Calendar. The Committee agreed to bring forward the following recommendation as a Late Motion, to the Regular Board Meeting on March 23, 2026:

Recommendation:

That the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar be established, as proposed.

B. BRANDON PARENT COUNCIL COLLECTIVE PRESENTATION – FEBRUARY 23, 2026

At the Regular Board Meeting, February 23, 2026, Rana Wilkinson, spokesperson for the Brandon Parent Council Collective presented on the topic of Lunch Supervision. The Board referred this presentation to Committee for further discussion.

The Committee discussed the presentation and agreed to post the presentation publicly on the Division's website, along with sending the presentation to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning and local MLAs. Mr. Gustafson and Mr. Labossiere answered Trustee questions for clarification.

C. COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Mr. Zilkey reviewed the slide deck received from Kate McNeil, Assistant Director, Indigenous Excellence in Education regarding Community Schools Program Superintendent Presentation. Within this document, the province has clarified the roles

and expectations for Community Schools moving forward. Brandon School Division has four community schools: Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, George Fitton School, Betty Gibson School, and Earl Oxford School. Funding for these schools will be primarily based on a community connector position; the Division is developing responsibilities and roles for this position. Mr. Zilkey answered Trustee questions for clarification.

2. **OPERATIONS INFORMATION**

A. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Ms. Gilleshammer reviewed the correspondence received from Honourable Jamie Moses, Minister of Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation, regarding a letter to graduating students.
- Mr. Labossiere spoke to the correspondence received from Jeffrey Kehler, Assistant Deputy Minister, System Performance and Accountability, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, regarding the Campaign Financing during School Trustee Elections. Mr. Labossiere answered Trustee questions for clarification.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Ekenna