BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, October 13, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Administration Office

Trustees Present:	L. Ross	D. Ross
	K. Carr	C. Ekenna (By phone)
	K. Fallis	L. McConnell
	J. Murray	B. Sieklicki
Also Present:	D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer	
	J. Zilkey, Superintendent/CEO	
	S. Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services	
	M. Sawa, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and HR	
	J. McBeth, Executive Assistant	
Regrets:	S. Mozdzen	

1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

A. NO STONE LEFT ALONE
The Brandon School Division Board of Trustees was invited to attend the 13th annual No Stone Left Alone Ceremony, at the Brandon Cemetery on Friday, November 6, 2026, at 10:00 am. Trustee K. Carr, Mr. Zilkey, Ms. Gilleshammer and Ms. Sawa will be attending to represent BSD.

2. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

A. CORRESPONDENCE

- Ms. Sawa spoke to the correspondence received from Rhonda Shaw, Executive Director, Learning and Outcomes Branch; and Kassy Assié, Executive Director, Bureau de l'éducation française, regarding the draft Guidelines for Responding to Parent/Caregiver Requests for Accommodations in the Physical and Health Education Curriculum (Voluntary Pilot). Ms. Sawa answered Trustee questions for clarification.
- Ms. Gilleshammer reviewed the correspondence received from Allan Hawkins, Director, Inclusion Support Branch, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, regarding the Inclusion Support Branch Professional Learning Series 2026/2027.
- Ms. Gilleshammer spoke to the correspondence received from Allan Hawkins, Director, Inclusion Support Branch, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, regarding Sources of Strength – School-Based Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Promotion Training.
- Ms. Gilleshammer reviewed the correspondence received from Allan Hawkins, Director, Inclusion Support Branch, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood

Learning, regarding Student Services Review and Reporting. She added that BSD will be participating.

- Ms. Gilleshammer spoke to the correspondence received from Allan Hawkins, Director, Inclusion Support Branch, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, regarding a workshop focused on supporting students who are deaf and hard of hearing. She indicated this information will be shared with the schools.
- Ms. Gilleshammer reviewed the correspondence received from Rhonda Shaw, Executive Director, Learning and Outcomes Branch, regarding Special Language Credit Option information for fall examinations.
- Ms. Sawa spoke to the correspondence received from Jeffrey Kehler, Assistant Deputy Minister, System Performance and Accountability, regarding Temporary Resident Pupils. Ms. Sawa answered Trustee questions for clarification.

Respectfully submitted,

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C. Ekenna