BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, October 26, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Administration Office

Trustees Present:	L. Ross	D. Ross
	K. Carr	K. Fallis
	L. McConnell	S. Mozdzen
	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: C. Ekenna

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1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

A. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS - BRANDON COMMUNITY YOUTH WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Ms. Gilleshammer provided highlights from the Brandon Community Youth Wellness Committee meeting held, October 20, 2026. The minutes were provided to the Committee for their information. Mr. Zilkey answered Trustee questions for clarification.

B. ENROLMENT UPDATE

Mr. Labossiere provided an enrolment update for 2026-2027. He indicated the Division is currently down 51 students (-0.5%) from last year and 185 (-1.8%) students down from the 2026-2027 enrolment budget. He indicated these enrolment figures are preliminary and will be finalized after November 30, 2026. He added that the total excludes 90 students coded as “300”. These students are registered but did not attend by the first Wednesday of October and are expected to attend by November 30, 2026. Last year the Division had 101 students coded as “300”, and 27 of those students attended by November 30, 2025. He stated there were an additional 37 new students last year that attended after the count deadline and prior to end of November.

Mr. Labossiere stated that over the past 5 years, the Division’s enrolment increased by 991 students (11.0%); over the past 10 years, it increased by 1,298 students (14.9%). He added that lower enrolment numbers in 2026-2027 will have an impact on the upcoming budget.

Mr. Labossiere answered Trustee questions for clarification.

2. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

A. CORRESPONDENCE

- Ms. Gilleshammer reviewed the correspondence received from Heather Thomson, Acting Director, Education Administration Services, acknowledging receipt of the annual report on the out-of-province Brandon Wheat Kings players.
- Ms. Sawa spoke to the correspondence received from Janet Tomy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Student Achievement and Inclusion Division, regarding the ongoing webinar and information series on AI leadership. She stated she participated in the most recent webinar. Mr. Zilkey answered Trustee questions for clarification.
- Mr. Sawa indicated that The Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning Newsletter – Fall 2026 is available at the following link: Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning-— Fall 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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K. Carr