



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, September 14, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Administration Office

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

Also Present: D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer
J. Zilkey, Superintendent/CEO
M. Sawa, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and HR
S. Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services
J. McBeth, Executive Assistant

Regrets: C. Ekenna, J. Murray, B. Sieklicki

1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

A. CADET PROGRAM

During the August 24, 2026, Regular Board Meeting representatives from the Brandon Sea Cadets presented to the Board and asked the Board if the Cadets could attend in person and present in schools. The Board agreed to discuss this during the Education & Community Relations Meeting on September 14, 2026.

The Board Committee is in favour of the Cadets attending schools to present on the Sea Cadet programs, keeping in mind some students may have experienced trauma, and this could be a sensitive issue. At the direction of the Board, Senior Administration will pass along the Sea Cadet contact information to schools should they plan to host a career day or would like to arrange for the Cadets to attend their school and make a presentation.

2. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

A. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Ms. Sawa spoke to the correspondence received from Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning. She indicated that Brandon School Division will receive a financial contribution of \$100,000.00 for 2026/2027 in support of the continued delivery of the Elders and Knowledge Keepers Initiative in Schools.
- Mr. Zilkey reviewed the correspondence received from Janet Tomy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Student Achievement and Inclusion Division, regarding the ongoing webinar and information series on AI Leadership. He added that Ms. Sawa will be working on guidelines for AI for BSD.

- Ms. Sawa spoke to the correspondence received from René Dequier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Bureau de l'éducation française regarding the document, Guidelines and Tools for French in the English Program. She added that BSD will be hosting a session on Wednesday, September 16, 2026.
- Correspondence surrounding the New Mandatory In-Person Physical Education Policy – Every Body, Every Day Policy was shared with the Committee. Ms. Sawa indicated the new policy is to be in place by the 2027/2028 school year. Senior Administration answered Trustee questions for clarification.
- Ms. Gilleshammer spoke to the correspondence received from Allan Hawkins, Director, Inclusion Support Branch, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning. She stated that Brandon School Division is scheduled to be a part of the next Student Services Review and Reporting process cycle during the 2026/2027 school year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Mozdzen