



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

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## Notes from the October 24, 2011 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Todd Birkhan, BDO Dunwoody LLP provided the audit report on the 2010/2011 Audit.

The Board received school reports from Alexander School and École New Era School.

The Board amended Procedures 4046 – “French Immersion”.

The Board rescinded Policy and Procedures 4048 – “Use of Certified Service Dogs in Brandon School Division” and replaced same with Policy and Procedures 4048 – “Use of Certified Service Dogs”.

The Board approved the amendment to the Scholarship Agreement between The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Brandon and the Brandon School Division, to change the name of the scholarship to “The Scottish Rite Masons of Brandon/The H.L. Crawford Brandon Collegiate War Memorial Scholarship” and to extend the scholarship for a further five (5) years.

Trustee Murray was appointed to serve as a member of the Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee replacing Trustee Kruck; Facilities and Transportation Committee replacing Trustee Sefton; and to the Personnel Committee as alternate effective October 25, 2011.

Trustee Sefton was appointed to serve on the Policy Review Committee as the alternate effective October 25, 2011.

The Board extended the lease of school property for O’Kelly School, DND Shilo with the Government of Canada, Minister of National Defence to November 30, 2011 with occupancy to continue on the same terms and conditions; subject to the approval of the Public Schools Finance Board.

The Board approved the over-expenditure for additional school bus transportation of students from the North End Community Centre area for the remainder of the 2011/2012 school year in the approximate amount of \$25,000

The proposed Board of Trustees Goal Regarding Equity of Inclusion and protection of Human Rights for Individual Differences was approved as follows:

- To review current Board Policy 1001 – “Foundations and Statements; to include an emphasis on the human rights of all students to learn and work in school environments that respect, honour, protect, celebrate individual differences and that provide equitable learning opportunities in inclusive settings; and
- To conduct a review of all corresponding Board Policies and Procedures (together with historical and current practices) related to the human rights of all students; and that such a review advise of the changes required to reflect the Board’s commitment to the human rights of all students; and
- That such revision and review be conducted in accordance with Board Policy/Procedures 1021 – “Consultation”.

The motion to discontinue the practice requiring a Grade 12 minimum educational requirement for all support staff positions effective January 1, 2012 was defeated.

The Board approved the Auditor Letters regarding the audit engagement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 between the Division and BDO Dunwoody LLP, Chartered Accountants.

The Board also approved and accepted the Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements for the twelve month fiscal period ended June 30, 2011.

The Board authorized additional staffing requested by Senior Administration to address enrollment growth and appropriate educational programming needs for the 2011-2012 school year as follows:

- 3.0 FTE teacher for New Era School (English Program) to provide an additional 2/3 multi-age class, 4/5 multi-age class, and a Grade 7/8 class.
- 0.5 FTE teacher for Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School to facilitate additional supports for EAL students.
- 7.0 FTE in support staffing to respond to essential, ongoing student needs and to support EAL programming

at an estimated cost of \$334,400 to be funded from the 2011/2012 increase in the Provincial Enrollment Change grant of \$166,200 and the English as an Additional Language grant of \$159,800.

The Board accepted the five (5) year proposal from Manitoba NetSet Ltd. in the amount of \$95,372 plus applicable taxes for the service and maintenance of High Speed Connectivity to Alexander School subject to the finalization of a satisfactory wireless solutions agreement.

The Board accepted the low tender of Norwin Roofing Ltd. in the amount of \$674,700.00 (plus R.S.T. for mechanical and electrical in the amount of \$9,877.00) to replace the roof at Vincent Massey High School.

**The next regular Board meeting is Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the J.L. Milne Boardroom.**

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