



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

September 21-22, 2010

Trustees: Ballantyne, Calvert, Imrie, Kemp, Montgomery, Mosiondz, Pearson, Spiess

EDU-TUBE PROJECT UNVEILED

The Board participated in the unveiling of Edu-Tube, a web-based tool supporting students in Mathematics. The pilot project was announced by Education Minister Allan and Pembina Trails Superintendent Reiss. During their meeting, the Board viewed the announcement via video-conference with Oak Park High School. Information on this project will be posted on the Division web site.

APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE - BLACK RIVER FIRST NATION

The Board approved continued discussions with Black River First Nation which will result in an Education Agreement between the Division and the First Nation.

SCHOOL TOURS

The Board ratified a number of school tour requests from Frontier Collegiate Institute (2), Minegoziibe Anishinabe (4), Falcon Beach (1) and a Cranberry Portage Elementary request for blanket approval sports activities.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

The Board approved the external review of the Winnipeg Office Human Resources Department. The review will be managed by Deloitte, the Division's auditing firm, with a final report to the Board at a future meeting.

AREA 4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Board approved revisions to the Area 4 Advisory Committee Constitution and Terms of Reference. It was noted that the F.C.I. representative of the Area 4 Advisory Committee is ineligible to run as a trustee for Area 4 as this representative.

RESERVE FUND APPROVED

The Board approved the creation of a Reserve Fund, based upon requirements of The Public Schools Act. This reserve fund will assist in the completion of the Frontier Collegiate Institute Hangar Project.

SCHOOL DIVISION SOFTWARE (SDS) PRESENTATION

The Board received a report on the SDS Human Resources component of this program. Reports on this topic will continue in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board received reports from the Finance Committee and Support Staff Liaison Committee. Based upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board approved increased rates for Division leased vehicles for Superintendents.

SUPPORT FOR BRANDON UNIVERSITY PROPOSAL

The Board approved support for a proposal from Brandon University titled "VOICE for Children and Youth". The goal of this five-year project is to carry out community-based participatory action research with First Nations, Metis, Inuit and northern communities to improve educational achievement of children and youth. The Community-University Research Alliance Project, through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada is expected to begin in April 2011.

DIVISION OFFICE OPEN HOUSE

The Board will host an open house of its corporate office in Winnipeg (30 Speers Road) on Wednesday, October 13, 2010. Invitations will be forwarded to all Division partners.

FRONTIER MOSAKAHIKEN SCHOOL GRAND OPENING

The Board and staff prepared for their trip to Moose Lake for the grand opening of the Frontier Mosakahiken School in Moose Lake.

The next meeting of the Board takes place in the boardroom of the Winnipeg office on Thursday, October 14 and Friday, October 15, 2010.

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