

INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 10TH, 2011, AT THE DIVISION OFFICE, 192-2ND AVENUE NORTH, STONEWALL, MB.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

SANDRA WIEBE (CHAIRPERSON), DORIS HUNTER, SHARON BAKER, SASCHA EPP

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

SUPERINTENDENT ROSS METCALFE
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT CHRISTINE PENNER

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT

GAIL PETERKIN, PROGRAM SUPPORT - CURRICULUM

REGRETS

LISA WEBSTER, STUDENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:20 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:** THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND HAS SUGGESTED THAT INFORMATION ON CURRENT RESEARCH, TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CONTACT INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT PROGRAMMING BE INCLUDED IN THE BAGS FOR BABIES PACKAGES CURRENTLY BEING DISTRIBUTED TO NEWBORN BABIES IN THE INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION.
2. **ART:** THE COMMITTEE WAS PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY THAT WAS HELD FOR K – 8 INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION ART TEACHERS.
3. **SMALL SCHOOLS:** THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE PROGRAMMING OPTIONS AT ARGYLE SCHOOL. TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS AND COSTS WERE PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. A DELEGATION FROM THIS COMMITTEE WILL BE VISITING ALEXANDER SCHOOL NEXT FALL TO INVESTIGATE THEIR SMALL SCHOOL SITUATION. TO PREPARE FOR THIS VISIT A QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE DEVELOPED.

RECOMMENDATION: IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THIS COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT THE MULTI-LEVEL LEARNING PROGRAM AT ARGYLE SCHOOL BE A DIVISION WIDE PROGRAM AND STUDENTS ATTENDING WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED SCHOOL OF CHOICE. THE COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDS TO PILOT AN ALL-DAY EVERY DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM AT ARGYLE SCHOOL FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR.

4. **TECHNOLOGY:** MR. METCALFE PRESENTED INFORMATION ON THE GOVERNMENTS "MANITOBA NETWORK" INITIATIVE FOR SCHOOL DIVISION CONNECTIVITY. THE MANITOBA NETWORK IS NOT A VIABLE OPTION TO IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY FOR INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION SCHOOLS. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED CONNECTIVITY AND FIBER OPTIONS. MR. METCALFE INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT POSSIBLE PARTNERSHIPS THAT COULD BE FORGED TO INCREASE THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLATION ARE BEING INVESTIGATED.
5. **VISUAL PERFORMING ARTS** - THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED HOLDING A PERFORMING ARTS PERFORMANCE FOR MIDDLE YEAR STUDENTS AT THE QUARRY PARK HERITAGE ARTS CENTRE. BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS INCLUDE THE COST OF BUSSING, FACILITY RENTAL, AND PERFORMANCE FEES FOR TWO INITIATIVES PER YEAR. SUGGESTIONS MADE INCLUDED THEATRE, SYMPHONY, BALLET AND CONTEMPORARY DANCERS.
6. **SHOW CASE DAY** – THE COMMITTEE HAS SUGGESTED RENTING THE QUARRY PARK HERITAGE ARTS CENTRE IN STONEWALL FOR NEXT YEAR'S SHOWCASE DAY WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR PUBLIC INVITATION TO THE EVENT.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:20 P.M.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER