

INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2011, AT THE DIVISION OFFICE, 192-2ND AVENUE NORTH, STONEWALL, MB.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 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
WARREN NICKERSON, PROGRAM SUPPORT - CURRICULUM

REGRETS

LISA WEBSTER, STUDENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR

GUESTS

CINDY CAMERON
MARGARET WARD

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:15 A.M.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. STRATEGIC PLAN – CHRIS PENNER PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE THE STEPS TAKEN TO ACCUMULATE THE DATA USED TO CREATE THE 2011-2014 STRATEGIC PLAN. FOLLOWING SOME FINAL REVISIONS, THE PLAN WILL BE GOING TO PRINT AND WILL THEN BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL STAFF. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN WILL BE EXAMINED AT THE DIVISIONAL PLANNING DAY ON APRIL 26TH, 2011. DR. DAWN WALLIN WILL AGAIN BE FACILITATING THE DIVISIONAL PLANNING DAY.
 - A. TECHNOLOGY

POWER SCHOOL- THIS PILOT PROGRAM IS GOING WELL AT SCI AND STONY MOUNTAIN. A POWER SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING REGULARLY IN PREPARATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM IN ALL SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2012. TRAINING SESSIONS WILL BE SCHEDULED EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.

ADMINISTRATORS TECH PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY (PLC) - 17 ADMINISTRATORS HAVE INDICATED AN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING.
 - B. ASSESSMENT

THE COMMITTEE WAS INFORMED THAT IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY MORE DIFFICULT TO SCHEDULE PD FOR TEACHERS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CURRENT STRUCTURE OF ADMIN/PD DAYS. THE STRUCTURE OF THE TEN ADMIN DAYS IN EACH SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT ADMIN COUNCIL MEETING.
 - C. INCLUSION

PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE BY CINDY CAMERON OF BALMORAL SCHOOL AND MARGARET WARD OF STONEWALL COLLEGIATE REGARDING HOW INCLUSION IS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THEIR SCHOOLS.
2. THE COMMITTEE WAS INFORMED THAT THERE ARE NO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS REGISTERED THIS YEAR. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED OPTIONS FOR FUTURE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.
3. FRENCH IMMERSION – THE COMMITTEE WAS INFORMED THAT THIS YEAR, 52% OF R. W. BOBBY BEND'S ENTRY LEVEL STUDENTS REGISTERED IN THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM. THERE WILL BE A FRENCH IMMERSION PARENT EVENING AT R.W. BOBBY BEND SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 25TH, 2011. IT WAS RECOMMENDED TO THE COMMITTEE THAT DURING THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR A DECISION BE MADE REGARDING A POSSIBLE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL.

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4. PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT (PISA)-THE COMMITTEE WAS PROVIDED A PISA 2009 REPORT ON STUDENT PERFORMANCE IN READING, MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE IN WHICH CANADIAN STUDENTS PLACED SIXTH AMONG THOSE COUNTRIES TESTED.
5. PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING – THE COMMITTEE WAS INFORMED THAT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INTERLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY, 30 ISD BABY BAGS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED SINCE JULY. THE PRE SCHOOL FACILITATORS WILL BE OFFERING FIVE NEW PRE SCHOOL PROGRAMS THIS YEAR - FUN WITH NUTRITION, WANDERING TALES, STORY TIME TRAVELER, WE BE JAMMIN AND A FUN FAMILIES UNITE NIGHT.
6. BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS: THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED CURRENTLY OFFERED DIVISION SPONSORED PROGRAMS AND A POSSIBLE DIVISIONAL PROGRAM FOR PERFORMING ARTS. THE COMMITTEE WAS PROVIDED RATIONALE TO JUSTIFY AN INCREASE IN TIME FOR THE PRE SCHOOL FACILITATORS
7. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED SMALL SCHOOLS, AND STAFFING FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION, FRENCH AND ART. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE SCHEDULING A TOUR OF ALEXANDER SCHOOL TO INVESTIGATE THEIR SMALL SCHOOL PROGRAMMING.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:10 P.M.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER