

INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2010, AT THE DIVISION OFFICE, 192-2ND AVENUE NORTH, STONEWALL, MB.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

SANDRA WIEBE (CHAIRPERSON), DORIS HUNTER, SHARON BAKER

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

SUPERINTENDENT ROSS METCALFE
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT CHRISTINE PENNER

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT

GAIL PETERKIN, PROGRAM SUPPORT – CURRICULUM
LISA WEBSTER, STUDENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR

REGRETS

VALERIE WEISS

GUESTS

KURT BAUSCHKE, CO-ORDINATOR, HIGH SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
CHRISTOPHER MCCLUSKEY, ACE

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:20 A.M.

TIMED ITEMS:

1. **HIGH SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM:**
 - 1.1 MR. KURT BAUSCHKE, CO-ORDINATOR OF THIS PROGRAM INFORMED THE COMMITTEE OF HIS ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE CO-ORDINATOR. HE WILL SUPPORT THE HIGH SCHOOLS AND ASSIST COLONY SCHOOLS INTERESTED IN IMPLEMENTING AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.
 - 1.2 AS NEW INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE, HE WILL GO THROUGH THE INFORMATION AND INFORM SCHOOLS, AND WILL ASSIST THEM AS REQUIRED.
 - 1.3 FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC. CREATED TO ASSIST AND COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED. THESE WILL BE SHARED WITH THE SCHOOLS AND CAN BE USED AT THEIR DISCRETION.
2. **A.C.E NEW DIRECTION PRESENTATION:** A COPY OF THE PRESENTATION HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE TRUSTEE WORKSPACE. IT INCLUDES THE DIRECTION THE CENTRE IS MOVING IN, AS WELL AS ACTIVITIES COMPLETED/PLANNED.
 - 2.1 A.C.E. IS MOVING TOWARDS A STUDENT DIRECTED MODEL.
 - 2.2 THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO ENDORCE THEIR REQUEST TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE PROGRAM FROM A.C.E., WHICH HAS A NEGATIVE CONOTATATION, TO *THE INFINITY PROGRAM* (T.I.P.). IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT A MOTION BE PREPARED REQUESTING THIS CHANGE.

PROPOSED MOTION

THAT WE RENAME THE ALTERNATIVE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION (A.C.E.) TO *THE INFINITY PROGRAM (T.I.P.)*.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **PROGRAM SUPPORT – CURRICULUM:** (G. PETERKIN)
 - 1.1 CLARIFICATION WAS GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE LOW MARKS ACHIEVED BY STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE IN THE AREA OF APPLIED MATH (THE PROBABILITY QUESTION WAS NOT CLEAR AND STUDENTS STRUGGLED WITH DATA ANALYSIS).
2. **FRENCH REVITALIZATION GRANT:**
 - 2.1 THE GRANT APPLICATION FORMS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT.
 - 2.2 A MEETING HAS TAKEN PLACE WITH THE FRENCH TEACHERS IN THE DIVISION, AND ANOTHER MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED.
 - 2.3 THE FOCUS WILL BE ON ORALFRENCH. THE GOAL IS TO ENCOURAGE OUR STUDENTS TO CONTINUE WITH FRENCH AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL.

3. **EDUCATION SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:**
 - 3.1 THE GROUP THAT ATTENDED THE E.S.D. CONFERENCE IN HECLA THIS YEAR MET WITH THE GROUP THAT ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE TWO YEARS AGO. THESE TWO GROUPS ARE NOW CONSIDERED THE CORE GROUP.
 - 3.2 OUR DIVISION HAS SURPASSED THE PLANS PUT IN PLACE LAST YEAR.
 - 3.3 THE DIVISION IS PRESENTLY WORKING ON ENHANCING THE ESD WEBSITE AND IMPLEMENTING A STRATEGIC PLAN.
 - 3.4 A MEETING HAS BEEN SET FOR DECEMBER, INVITING ALL TEACHERS THAT EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN SITTING ON THIS COMMITTEE. DISCUSSIONS ON WHERE WE WANT TO GO IN THE FUTURE WILL TAKE PLACE.

4. **STANDARDIZED REPORT CARDS:** THE COMMITTEE WAS PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF THE ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE WINNIPEG FREE PRESS.
 - 4.1 **PROVINCIAL REPORT:** THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING FEEDBACK ON WHAT DIVISION'S ARE PRESENTLY DOING WITH REGARD TO REPORT CARDS.
 - A. WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE THE FRAMEWORK FROM THE DEPARTMENT SHORTLY.
 - B. DIVISION'S ARE REQUIRED TO WRITE AN ASSESSMENT POLICY. OUR DIVISION WILL WAIT UNTIL "BEST PRACTICES" EMERGE.
 - 4.2 **CONGRUENT DIVISION CALENDAR:** THE INTENT BY THE DEPARTMENT WAS THAT SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS BE CONGRUENT WITHIN THE DIVISION AND POSSIBLY NEIGHBOURING DIVISIONS, NOT PROVINCIALLY.

5. **PRINCIPLED COACHING PRACTICES, PEMBINA TRAILS SCHOOL DIVISION:** THIS DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THEIR WEBSITE.
 - 5.1 OUR SENIOR YEARS STAFF ARE AWARE OF THIS DOCUMENT.
 - 5.2 ALL OF THE PEOPLE COACHING SCHOOL TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE *RESPECT IN SPORT*.

6. **GROWING TRENDS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:**
 - 6.1 WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY SEVERAL SCHOOLS WILLING TO PILOT SUCH A PROGRAM SHOULD THE DIVISION BE INTERESTED IN PILOTING SUCH A PROGRAM.
 - 6.2 THE DIVISION ALREADY EMPLOYS TWO PRE-SCHOOL FACILITATORS. THE GROUP WAS INFORMED OF SOME OF THE PLANS FOR THESE FACILITATORS, WHICH INCLUDES WORKING WITH WOODREN. THEY HAVE OFFERED TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

ACTION REQUIRED:
INVITE PRE-SCHOOL FACILITATORS TO PRESENT TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 25TH, 2010, 9:15 A.M., DIVISION OFFICE.

7. **NEW INITATIVES GRANT 2011-2012:**
 - 7.1 ALL GRADES K – 6 SCHOOLS CAN APPLY.
 - 7.2 THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE GRANT IS \$28,000.00.

8. **SHOWCASE DAY:**
 - 8.1 GRADES 7 - 12 SCHOOLS WILL BE PRESENTING THIS YEAR.
 - 8.2 SHOWCASE DAY WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 7TH, 2011.

9. **OTHER:**
 - 9.1 **HIGHWAY #6 SCHOOLS PROJECT:** THE SCHOOLS ALONG HIGHWAY #6 ARE COLLABORATING ON A PROJECT WITH A RESERVE; THEY HAVE CHOSEN LAKE ST. MARTIN RESERVE. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED AS THIS PROJECT MOVES AHEAD.
 - 9.2 **ARTS INITIATIVE GRANT:**
 - A. GRADES K – FOUR SCHOOLS CAN APPLY FOR THIS GRANT. UPDATED FORMS WILL BE SENT TO SCHOOLS BY G. PETERKIN. DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS HAS BEEN SET FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2010.
 - B. NOTE: THE ART SHOW WILL BE HELD IN MAY THIS YEAR (DATES TO BE CONFIRMED).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:00 NOON.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER