

BPSD/BPTA Liaison Committee Meeting

April 18, 2017

Present: Garth Hunter, John McNeily, Richard Manns, Lavern Biehn, Jason Young, Krista Reynolds, Shannon Bayes, Dale Swanton, Michelle McMillan, Mike Adams, Gary Salmon, Heather Brister

1. **Call to Order** – 5:33 pm - chaired by Dale Swanton
2. **Approval of agenda**
3. **Approval of Minutes** from February 25, 2014.
4. **Business arising from minutes**

-Dale spoke about the topic of Resiliency. Information will be forwarded on to the divisional guidance team for review.

-Jason gave a technology update. The portable device plan is now in its 3rd year. The division is entering phase 2 of purchasing pods for elementary classrooms. The Bring Your Own Device cycle is underway, with equity support, in high schools.

5. **Topic 1: Study Manitoba**

- Michelle gave information regarding the students who attended Carberry Collegiate through the Study Manitoba program. The number of students from Study Manitoba that are in one grade was a focus of discussion. Concerns and questions from the teachers were expressed. Gary spoke about the resource support that was required. Dale gave information about the Study Manitoba students who attended NACI. School based supports and in some cases community based supports are needed to support Study Manitoba students. BPTA asked for clarification re: credit acquisition, teacher expectations/requirements.

- Jason gave a history of Study Manitoba. This is the 8th year that BPSD is involved in the program. There have been 51 students hosted in our division. The board financially invested in the program. It has seen no money returned to this date. The board appreciates the strain this may have on teachers and they have spoken with the director of the program. The board has asked that they send only 2 students per grade to CC. They have also explained that NACI does not have room to take students at this time. Jason also indicated BPSD

continues to work towards Study Manitoba providing clarity around expectations of credit acquisition to our schools.

Topic 2: Divisional Speech and Language Pathologist (SLP) Position

- Dale and Heather gave information about current case load numbers and concerns about services were discussed. Some of the concerns included the social and psychological affects, as well as academic difficulties students may experience, when timely SLP service is not provided.

Topic 3: Private Vehicle Use Mileage

- BPTA was looking for information re: how the rate was set, why it is different than other rates within the school division, and who sets the rate.

- Jason explained the rate is set by the board (Policy EGC). Last year, 129 trips with private vehicles were taken across the division for a total of 35,606 km.

- Discussion focus was many times bigger vehicles, that are not as energy efficient as a small car, are used to transport a number of students.

- Jason shared information regarding cost per km to use a mid-size vehicle as reported by CAA.

6. Adjournment – 6:15 pm