

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

CENTRAL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Thursday, November 29, 2018

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Trustee Cindy Murdoch welcomed everyone to the first Central District Advisory Committee meeting for the 2018/2019 school year. At the Inaugural meeting of the Board held on November 5, 2018, Trustee Cindy Murdoch was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Lisa Naylor was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

As there were six voting representatives in attendance and seven were required to form a quorum, the parent representatives agreed to proceed with an informal meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 PROVINCIAL 2019 PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATION

Committee members were provided with a copy of Manitoba News Release dated October 1, 2018 regarding the 2019 Pre-Budget Consultations. Manitobans are invited to provide feedback to the Minister of Finance on an online survey which includes questions on the following topics:

- Reduce the number of school divisions
- Reduce senior management positions in school divisions
- Reduce the number of unionized education bargaining units
- Control the rate of overall education spending growth
- Ensure value for money in education spending

Committee members were provided with a WSD fact sheet to assist parents in completing the Provincial Survey. Committee members were informed of the effects the Province's proposals would have on education.

Committee members were provided with contact information to voice concerns on the 2019 Provincial Budget proposals.

3.2 WSD 2019/2020 BUDGET CONSULTATION

Committee members received an overview on the Budget Consultation for the 2018/2019 school year.

Committee members were informed that the Board is committed to obtaining feedback from school communities, parent councils, residents and staff groups for the 2018/2019 school budget. The District Advisory meetings will provide parent representatives with an opportunity to share feedback, ideas and questions with the trustees in their local area.

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Committee members received a survey to facilitate discussions on the 2019/2020 Budget which identified 3 main topics for feedback on programs, mental health and property taxes.

Committee members discussed the importance of programs and services such as Breakfast Club, Flex Learning Program, Reading Programs, Hearing Loss, Mobile Vision Clinic, bilingual, choir, performing arts, music, sports, nutrition, nurseries, Guidance and Clinical Counsellors and School Resource Officers.

Committee members discussed the need for additional funding for programs and services such as clinical support services, counsellors, health budget, support to teachers and educational assistants.

Committee members discussed the provincially suggested 2% property tax limit. Committee members agreed it would be acceptable to increase property tax over 2% depending on several factors such as how much of an increase and what programs/services would be supported. Committee members also raised concerns regarding the increasing cost of inflation.

Committee members were informed that it is anticipated that the Provincial funding announcement will be made in late January/early February. Once the announcement is received, the Finance/Personnel Committee of the Board will prepare final recommendations for approval by the Board of Trustees. Budget information will be distributed to all schools, parent councils, student councils, advisory committees, employee groups and others on request, and posted on Division's website.

Committee members were informed that District Advisory Committee meetings will be scheduled in February to provide an opportunity for dialogue and discussion about the draft budget. A Public Meeting regarding the draft budget will be held on February 25, 2019. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until March 4, 2019. All feedback will be considered by Finance/Personnel Committee. The Board of Trustees will approve the budget at its meeting to be held March 11, 2019. The Board must finalize the budget by March 15, 2019, as required by legislation.

3.3 MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF PARENT COUNCILS (MAPC)

Committee members were reminded to contact the Board and Community Services Office if they wish to become a member of the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils for the 2018/2019 school year.

3.4 2018/2019 DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATES

Committee members were informed of the following schedule of the District Advisory Committees for the 2018/2019 school year:

Central District Advisory Committee
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 29, 2018
Wednesday, February 20, 2019
Thursday, April 25, 2019

Inner City District Advisory Committee
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 28, 2018
Wednesday, February 13, 2019
Wednesday, April 17, 2019

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2018/2019 DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATES *(continued)*

North District Advisory Committee
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 27, 2018
Tuesday, February 19, 2019
Tuesday, April 30, 2019

South District Advisory Committee
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 5, 2018
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
Tuesday, April 23, 2019

French Immersion Advisory Committee
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 6, 2018
Thursday, February 21, 2019
Thursday, May 2, 2019

Student Advisory Committee
4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4, 2018
Wednesday, February 20, 2019
Wednesday, May 1, 2019

4. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

SCHOOL REPORTS

Parent representatives from the following schools provided a written report on school activities (attached):

- Cecil Rhodes School
- Daniel McIntyre Collegiate
- Isaac Brock School
- Sargent Park School
- Wolseley School

5. FOR INFORMATION

5.1 District Advisory Reports and Summaries of Discussions

Committee members were advised that the Summary of Discussions of Advisory Committees are distributed to Committee members once received by the Board of Trustees as information at a Board meeting.

The Committee was also informed that once received by the Board, District Advisory Committee Reports and Summaries of Discussions are posted on the Division's website under the Family and Community tab.

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/About%20WSD/NEWS/OurSchools/Pages/SubscribeToOurSchools.aspx>

5.2 Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees

The parent representatives received a copy of the Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees for information.

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6. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Central District Advisory Committee will be held Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives:

Cecil Rhodes School
Daniel McIntyre Collegiate
Elmwood High School
Isaac Brock School
Kent Road School
Wolseley School

Trustees:

Trustee Cindy Murdoch
Trustee Lisa Naylor
Trustee Linda Schatkowsky

Administration:

Celia Caetano-Gomes, Superintendent of Education Services
Julie Smerchanski, Director of Assessment & Instructional Support
Anne Pereira, Principal, Cecil Rhodes School
Tanis Wesdal, Vice-Principal, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate
Meghan Davidson, Vice-Principal, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate
Chris Goring, Principal, Isaac Brock School
Brian Rogowsky, Vice-Principal, Isaac Brock School
Melody Woloschuk, Principal, Sargent Park High School
Garth McAlpine, Vice-Principal, Sargent Park School
Trevor MacVicar, Vice-Principal, Sargent Park School
Susanne Mole, Principal, Wolseley School

Regrets:

Clifton School
École George V School
Glenelm School
Greenway School
River Elm School
Sargent Park School



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November 2018

Cecil Rhodes School is a Nursery – Grade 9 school located in the Weston area. We have a population of over 600 students. We support many exciting academic and extracurricular programs for our students.

Volleyball season is winding up. We had 6 teams in grade 7-9 with teacher and parent volunteer coaches. Basketball season will be starting soon and our teams will start their practices next week.

Many clubs and activities happen for children at all grade levels. We have a gymnastics club, scrabble club, math club, chess club, craft club, friendship bracelet club, and running club, just to name a few. These take place before and after school, as well as during the noon hour.

We have a breakfast program that is attended by 80 - 90 children each day. Leadership students help in the program, serving warm and healthy food to our children.

The CRS Parent council runs a lunch program for the elementary students. We have approximately 90 student stay for lunch on a daily basis.

Our parents volunteer in the school in a variety of ways. We have a snack program where parents prepare healthy snacks for students mid morning. Parents help out in classrooms, on field trips and on the parent committee. We are organizing a fundraiser to coincide with our winter concerts.

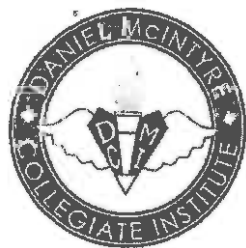
This year we will be have three winter concerts. Nursery and kindergarten students will be performing at 5:30 on Tuesday December 18, with our grade 6-9 band, guitar and performing arts students following at 6:30. Wednesday night our grade 1-5 students will be presenting "A Very Merry Musicale" for our families.

At Cecil Rhodes School, every child is encouraged to Be a Learner, Be Respectful and Be Safe. All of the wonderful ways that our teachers, families and students work together, help to promote a positive and productive learning environment.

~The Cecil Rhodes School Parent Council~



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Parent Advisory School Report (September – November 2018)

1. Staff PD:

- September 17th, 2018
 - Trauma Affected Youth
 - Staff participated in a full-day presentation on the effects of trauma on student brain development and its implications for teaching.
 - Mobile Vision Clinic
 - Staff attended a brief presentation on the Mobile Vision Clinic program in preparation for the clinic at the school.
- October 19th, 2018
 - MTS PD Day
 - Staff took part in a variety of professional development opportunities throughout the city.
- November 16th
 - Rainbow Resource Centre.
 - Staff attended a presentation on transgender students and gender identity.

2. Community Events Hosted at School:

- Council for Indigenous Education – MTS PD day
- Metro Winnipeg Transition Forum
 - Informing students and parents of transition services that support students graduating from special education programs
 - DMCI students from our SEC volunteered throughout the day
- Pursue your Passion – Cannabis awareness through the government of Canada.
 - A variety of students from grades 9-12 participated in activities designed to promote healthy lifestyle choices other than smoking marijuana.

3. Clubs/Youth Groups:

a) Student Council

- September 5th - Volunteered their time welcoming new students to the building, assisting in finding their classes, etc.
- September 5th - Hosted an orientation event in the quad where new students had opportunities to mingle and sign up for clubs and student groups.
- September 28th - Organized and ran a school-wide pep rally, introducing the student body to a variety of sports teams and extracurricular opportunities.
- October 25th – 31st - Organized a School-wide Halloween Spirit week, culminating with a dance in the gym.





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b) **DMCI Leadership**

- 74 DMCI students volunteered at WE DAY as student ambassadors.
- Participate in the West Central Community Program where students go to Greenway, John M. King and Wellington to act as mentors to younger students.
- 25 students attend Winnipeg Harvest on a weekly basis.
- Students attended Siloam Mission to assist in the kitchen and donation center.
- 40 student ambassadors volunteered during the MTS PD Day EAL Conference.
- Ongoing partnerships with the Daniel McIntyre St. Matthews Community Association (DMSMCA). Students supported and volunteered at the Thanksgiving event in October.
- Many students volunteer and are actively involved in our Athletic programs (scorekeeping, admissions attendants for athletic games, running canteens etc.).
- 8 students volunteer on a weekly basis at the Wild Strawberries Daycare.

c) **McIntyre Anglers Ice Fishing Program**

- This is the second year that students have the opportunity to participate in the ice fishing program.
- The program will take students out four times throughout the winter to fish in a variety of locations across the province.
- Participating students will receive a pair of donated new winter boots.

d) **ASL Club**

- This is the fourth year that we are offering ASL (American Sign Language) instruction to DMCI students.
- ASL club is offered twice weekly during the noon hour.
- There are currently 20 students actively participating in the club learning ASL (These students have begun to engage in conversations with our students who are deaf/hard of hearing).

f) **Mindful Mondays**

- 10 students involved in weekly lunch hour mindfulness sessions.
- Strategies are explored to support stress management/anxiety related to school.

4. **Athletics**

- JV girls volleyball hosted a tournament on September 14, 2017.
- JV/V boys volleyball hosted a tournament on September 27th, 28th and 29th, 2017.
- JV boys played in the WSD championship match.
- DMCI football team won the WHSFL Division 2 Bramwell Championship.
- DMCI's cross-country running team had several strong finishes (top 2 in community





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- JV/V Basketball tryouts are underway.
- DMCI's Badminton club is practicing weekly with 55 students in attendance.
- A pep rally was held at the end of September to recognize all of our athletes and teams for this term.

6. Academic Programs

a) Science Department

- Medical Professions Program
- Throughout the year our medical program students have a variety of opportunities to visit professional work sites in the medical field. The first field trip was to the Health Science's Centre on October 15th, with 40 grade 10 students in attendance

b) English Language Arts

- Star Reading Assessment
- Grade 9 – 11 English Students completed a Star Reading assessment which provided teachers with the grade equivalency or Lexile # for each student. This serves to support differentiation of student work.
- Positive feedback from staff and parents in terms of student growth in reading comprehension with this program.

c) Math

- Continuation of the Indigenous Math Cohort created to support student achievement.
- Math Help is provided by teachers on a daily basis in a variety of locations around the school including the library and several classrooms.

D) EAL

- EAL student ambassadors organized and facilitated an orientation for all newcomer students to DMCI welcoming them to the school and supporting them in their transition during the first few weeks of school.
- Implementation of an EAL work experience credit to be offered in second semester.
- Partnership with the NEEDS center to find work placements for students and develop programming with our teachers.
- Partnership with the NEEDS centre, Tuesday and Wednesdays, helping newcomers navigate the education/legal/healthcare systems as needed, Arabic and Somali interpreters available to parents.
- EAL Mentorship program with Wellington School twice a week.

E) Performing Arts



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- September 28th - DMCI's finest Dance Troupe performed at the beginning of the year pep rally
- October 11th -12th - Students participated in a Chamber Choir Retreat
- October 26th-27th - Students participated in a Vocal Jazz Retreat
- November 9th – DMCI's choir and concert band performed at the Remembrance Day Service on November 9th
- Students participated with high adjudication praise at Choral Fest November 13th-17th.



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Central District Meeting Isaac Brock Parent Council Report

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Literacy

- Programming is underway and assessments are ongoing (EAP)
- Targeted Tier 1 and 2 instruction (Reading Groups and Words Their Way) from Grade 1-6 are underway
- WSD Support Team (1xTeam Lead, 2xSupport Teachers) are currently working with Isaac Brock staff until winter break with a focus on writing
- EYST (Early Years Support teacher) is currently working with three primary classrooms with a focus on early years literacy

Numeracy

- Elementary students have been assessed using WSD Math Pathway and curriculum and programming is underway
- Jump Math is being used in Junior High

Inclusion:

a) Indigenous Perspectives

- Our bilingual language programs (Ojibwe and Cree) went to Bird's Hill to pick sage for smudging in the Lodge Room
- Both programs had a fall feast
- Continue to infuse the 7 teachings in our daily practices

b) Education for Sustainable Development

- The Green Team began their initiatives: composting, Bag It Forward (October) and presented to all classrooms individually
- Junior High Land Based Learning class visited Assiniboine Park to learn about the upcoming Diversity Garden
- Select Grade 9 students attended a Career Fair organized by former WSD Trustee Cathy Collins
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c) Addressing Barriers to Learning

- STEM has begun to extend the learning of three students in grade 6 (every Wednesday at Niji Makwa School)
- Isaac Brock did PBIS Common Area Training
- Select JH students attended the Inner City Science Lab for
- Staff trained in SAFETalk; a training to assist students with suicidal ideation
- Select Grade 9 students attended the Youth Bio Lab at St. Boniface Hospital

Extra-curricular/Other

- Walkathon- was held on September 29th. We raised approx. \$7500 which will be divided up among the classrooms to support learning. (e.g. fieldtrips) Many wore Orange T-Shirts to recognize the harm residential schools caused and to express that Everybody Matters.
- Welcome to Kindergarten was held Oct. 10
- Bus Ridership was on October 11
- Junior High Cross Country
- Junior High Boys and Girls Volleyball
- Junior High Open Gym is underway
- Grade 5/6 Soccer
- October 17- Picture Day
- October 19- SAGE- No School
- October 31- Halloween/JH Dance
- November 9- Remembrance Day Service (10:50 am)
- November 14- Report Cards go home
- November 15 (evening) and 16 (morning and afternoon)- Parent Teacher Conferences

Looking Ahead:

- Dec. 6- Tec Voc Holiday Party
- Dec. 17-21 Spirit Week
- Dec. 20- Christmas Concert
- Dec. 20- Farm to School pick-up



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Central District Advisory Committee Report

November 29, 2018

School Culture

The entire school population (approximately 800 students and staff) came together on Sept. 6th to celebrate the start of a new school year and share what makes Sargent Park so special. The importance of this day was to celebrate us coming together as a school community.

All students participated in a writing activity on what they like best about our school and why that matters to them. These were shared with their teachers and administration. Staff also wrote about what they value at Sargent Park and their hopes for this school year and these were posted and shared with the school community. Knowing what each other values set the tone for school goal setting with students, staff and parents as a new administrative team.

Meet the Staff Night on Sept. 13th provided the opportunity for Sargent Park families to meet with staff and receive an overview of their child's academic programming for the year.

Indigenous Youth Leadership Group students led our school Orange Shirt Day assembly as part of our Calls to Action. They are also participating in WSD activities to continue to build their leadership capacity.



On Oct. 10th Sargent Park students and staff came together as a family to enjoy a humble bowl of soup around a "Table for 800". Gr. 8 and 9 leadership students, together with staff spent hours together cutting and cooking vegetables and preparing over 10 slow cookers of homemade soup. Students and staff shared what they were grateful for with one another in addition to smiles, laughter and conversation at the Sargent Park Family dinner table. The leftover soup was delivered to Siloam Mission to feed another 200. Donations of non-perishable food items were collected to the tune of 170 kilograms and donated to Winnipeg Harvest.



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The school took part in the Terry Fox run raising over \$400 to be donated to the cause.

The GSA Group is up and running with several students attending on a weekly basis.

Sargent Park opens its doors to the community with a variety of outside groups hosting programs within the school during and after school hours, with a positive impact on students and families.

Academics

We continue to excel in academics and staff and students work hard each and every day.

3 Gr. 6 students attended the WSD STEM LEARNING LAB participating in an experiential learning program focusing on excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Education (STEM) located in Niji Mahkwa School. They also had the opportunity to visit the school's Inner City Science Centre and access the high end, state of the art science resources located on site.

Our mathematics classrooms are writing on the walls. Non-permanent vertical surfaces are assisting in the teaching and learning of mathematics at Sargent Park.

Fall assessments were administered to help guide teaching and learning and establish school-wide literacy and numeracy goals.



Report Cards provided the opportunity for student celebrations and reflection and the setting of goals for the next term. Our upcoming Student/ Parent/Teacher Conferences will provide the opportunity to continue the celebration and goal setting.

Our Practical Arts team continues to offer opportunities for career exploration, such as Engineering for Girls, Young Women's Conference and Skills Manitoba.



Athletics

Sargent Park students had a very successful year in Cross Country with over 150 students taking part in the program that brought home banners in the Winnipeg School Division Cross Country Championship.

Volleyball season is coming to a close. We hosted and took part in many tournaments. Our Jr. High Girls brought home the WSD championship banner and our Jr. High Boys the finalist banner. Both teams will be competing in the provincials this weekend while our Sr. High Girls and Boys compete in the Divisional championships.

Gr. 6-9 students welcomed two time Canadian female soccer Olympic Bronze medalist Desiree Scott to Sargent Park. She shared her journey to the podium and powerful message on commitment, determination and setting goals. Students had the opportunity to ask her questions, see her medals and take a class photo with this inspirational Winnipeg-born and raised world athlete.

On November 28th Sargent Park hosted a number of elementary schools to participate in a volleyball tournament. All teams participating demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship!



Arts

The Gr. 9 Choir performed at ChoralFest on Nov. 29th, where they received constructive feedback on their performances by the adjudicators. This feedback will help them continue to grow throughout the year.

We continue to offer the performing arts, dance, band, music, guitar and art options for our students.

Various classes and grades throughout the school are participating in a story telling and writing initiative 'We Walk Each Other Home' working with Jamie Oliveira and Mirae Young to develop global citizenship through the exploration of responsibility.

Winter Concerts are scheduled for December 18th (N-5) and 19th (6-9) at 6:30 p.m.



Mental Health Literacy

Students at all grade levels participate in a variety of mental health initiatives and programs, like Mindful Moments to promote a positive mental health. The Winnipeg Free Press featured an article on mental health initiatives across the WSD highlighting Sargent Park students, classrooms, and staff initiatives in this area.

The Speak Up Program focuses on reducing the stigma of mental illness and the importance of looking after our mental health and seeking appropriate supports within and outside of the school as needed. Our Gr. 7 – 9 students are participating in this program and ongoing conversations to promote mental health literacy.

Sargent Park families and neighboring community schools were invited to an evening of learning about mental health literacy.

Staff participated in safeTALK Suicide Alertness training to help better equip staff in having conversations with individuals in need of support.

Parent Teacher Association

Sargent Park Parent Teacher Association is a flourishing group that provides valuable support and feedback for our school. For 6 consecutive weeks they ran a canteen for our home volleyball tournaments on Saturdays in partnership with our student leadership group. They raised over \$500 to support our sports programming.

Other

Mobile Vision Care Clinic is underway at Sargent Park until Dec. 6th. Families have the opportunity to register their children for free vision testing through comprehensive eye examinations right at the school.

Our School Resource Officer, Constable Stadnyk, provided a presentation for the Gr. 8 students on safe and appropriate use of the Internet and Social Media.

Grade 9 students took part in Take Our Kids to Work Day on November 14th. This provided our students with the opportunity to see what their parents/guardians do on a daily basis, and a chance for career exploration.

Our Outdoor Classroom was well utilized for a variety of learning activities during the fall.

Our elementary students' Be the Change group collected over 1,100 plastic bags during the months of September and October. Next they will be collecting non-perishable food items for Winnipeg Harvest at our Winter Concerts.



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November 2018

Wolseley School is a Nursery to grade 6 school with 202 students. We have the Regular and Alternative Programs, as well as the Adaptive Skills Program. All of our classes are multi-age classes.

We have a busy and energetic Parent Advisory Council at Wolseley School. We are involved in supporting the school through many projects and initiatives:

Our Second Annual Costume Exchange was a student initiative- upwards of 60 costumes were donated with students who needed costumes choosing one from our selection. Remaining costumes were donated to the Wellington School Family Room. We also took part in the We Scare Hunger Campaign and donated almost 75lbs of food to Winnipeg Harvest.



Our amazing STEAM program is in its third year. All classes work with the STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math) teacher each week. They have worked on several design challenges this term, working collaboratively with classmates to create bridges, weight bearing structures and board games. Our Grade 4/5/6 students have also started a Destination Imagination Club at lunch. Our "Imagination Station" MakerSpace is open each lunch hour for students to create everything from knitted scarves to movies and robotics.

This year parent Council is undertaking two fundraisers. The first was the Farm to School sale and the second will be the Glenlea plant sale in the spring.

On December 14th, the Parent Council will host Wolseley School's winter event- the Snow "Ball". The gym will be alive with music and dancing, there will be cookies and hot chocolate, tobogganing on the hill and holiday design challenges in the library.



Thursday mornings are extra busy at Wolseley School with Playgroup open from 9:00—11:30 am. You will find parents and their preschool children either in the gym or library where they have fun with toys, crafts and great friends. Snacks are provided for the children and coffee and tea for the parents and caregivers. All are welcome. It is a great place to hang out and connect with others from your community!

We have a great school and we will continue to celebrate our successes, while supporting our children to be caring citizens, both locally and globally.