

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Tuesday, November 17, 2015

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Trustee Mike Babinsky welcomed everyone to the first North District Advisory Committee meeting for the 2015/2016 school year. At the Inaugural meeting of the Board held on September 14, 2015, Trustee Mike Babinsky was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Dean Koshelanyk was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

The parent representative from Meadows West School volunteered to Chair the North District Advisory Committee for the 2015/2016 term.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A New Business item regarding the recording of District Advisory Meetings was added to the agenda. The Committee members approved the amended Agenda of November 17, 2015.

4. 2016/2017 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

The Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide Committee members with an overview of the 2016/2017 Budget Development.

In preparation of the 2016/2017 Budget, the Board approved a process that would again enable early discussion with members of the school community and provide additional opportunities for consultation.

Committee members were informed that the Board is seeking input during the development of the Budget. In early February, after the Provincial Funding announcement, Trustees will meet with all District Advisory Committees as well as have an open meeting for residents in the Division to present the draft budget and receive feedback.

Committee members were informed that the budget was developed on the following Guiding Principles: Leading Education and Innovation; Providing High Quality Education; Employing Qualified, Caring and Competent Staff; Educating the Whole Child; Building stronger children, families and communities; Practicing Sustainable Development; Ensuring Safe Learning Environments in Schools; Managing Tax Dollars Responsibly.

Committee members were informed that 62% of the Division's revenue is from Provincial funding while 36% is from property taxation and 2% from other sources.

Committee members were informed that there was an overall expenditure increase of 3.6% in the 2015/2016 budget with a 1.4% increase in provincial funding resulting in a \$38 per year or 3.2% increase in 2015 property tax levy on the average assessed property of \$171,130 in the Winnipeg School Division.

Committee members were informed of some of the challenges facing the Board which include the unknown provincial funding level until announced by the Minister of Education in January 2016, costs required for continuation of programs and services, costs to maintain buildings, infrastructure and equipment, addressing local needs, the importance of maintaining taxing authority, property reassessment and communication.

Committee members were informed of required changes in rates or costs such as negotiated salary changes, salary scale increments, changes in benefits, employer rates for employment insurance, Canada pension plan and payroll tax, costs for supplies, paper, books, equipment, rates changes for utilities and ongoing investments required to maintain and repair school facilities.

Committee members were informed of provincial mandates that affect the Division's budget which include a class size initiative, report cards, Appropriate Educational Programming (Bill 13) Standards for Student Services, accessibility guidelines and transportation requirements.

A survey was distributed to Committee members with respect to the development of the 2016/2017 Budget Development. Committee members held a breakout session to discuss the Budget survey. The survey is also posted on the Division's website www.wsd1.org. Committee members were informed that feedback will be compiled and given to Trustees for consideration.

Some Committee members felt the survey was not well worded and results would not reflect useful feedback. Committee members felt a lot of questions were irrelevant as there are standard areas of teaching that are part of the curriculum.

Committee members discussed the importance of maintaining programs and services such as Special Education, school safety, music programs, nursery program, libraries and mental health programs.

Committee members discussed what other supports or services for students should be included in the 2016/2017 budget. Committee members discussed the need to increase classroom supports to upgrade technology, sustainability including environmentally friendly supplies, up-to-date textbooks and resources, increasing transportation to include nursery students and lunch supervision for special education students.

Committee members discussed the need for developing partnerships with government agencies with respect to Syrian refugees, Committee members also stressed the importance of transparency within the Division.

5. 2016/2017 BUDGET PROCESS AND TIMELINES

Committee members were informed that a Special Board Meeting will be held on February 22, 2016 to receive delegations on the Budget. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until February 26, 2016. All feedback will be considered by the Finance/Personnel Committee. The Board of Trustees will approve the budget at its meeting to be held March 7, 2016. The Board must finalize the budget by March 15, 2016, as required by legislation.

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6. 2015/2016 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATES

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held November 2, 2015, the Board of Trustees approved the following recommendation: That the following tentative schedule of the District Advisory Committees for the 2015/2016 school year be approved and that on a regular basis the Board of Trustees identify topics for discussion at the District Advisory Meetings.

Central District Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 26, 2015
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Inner City District Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
Wednesday, April 27, 2016

North District Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 17, 2015
Thursday, February 4, 2016
Tuesday, May 10, 2016

South District Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 24, 2015
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Tuesday, April 26, 2016

French Immersion Advisory Committee

~~Wednesday, December 2, 2015~~
Thursday, February 18, 2016
Thursday, May 19, 2016

Student Advisory Committee

Wednesday, December 9, 2015
Wednesday, February 24, 2016
Thursday, May 12, 2016

7. PARENT RUN LUNCH PROGRAMS

Committee members were informed that at a Central District Advisory Committee meeting last year, Committee members discussed concerns on the operation of the parent group lunch programs as some schools have many challenges with staff retention, collection of fees, and staff training. Your Committee was informed that a forum was held on October 14, 2015, to discuss Parent-Run Lunch programs. The forum included panel presenters who shared their practices of staff training, collection of program fees and policy procedures.

Committee members held a breakout session to discuss the operation of the parent-run lunch program and provide feedback on training and whether other areas need to be addressed, such as space and what support if any is required to help with the collection of fees. Committee members indicated that standardized training for lunch program staff, obtaining discounts for volume purchasing to reduce school costs, and improving efficiencies such as accessibility to e-transfers would be useful. Committee members were informed that feedback will be compiled and given to Trustees for consideration.

Committee members also expressed concern that microwaves were no longer available for students in the lunch program. Committee members were informed that a health report prepared by Manitoba School Boards Association indicated that the use of microwaves in the classroom was a risk and hazardous to students. It was recommended that microwaves be stored outside the classroom when not in use as a safety precaution.

8. RECORDING OF DISTRICT ADVISORY MEETINGS

Committee members were informed that the recording of District Advisory Committee meetings was being added to the agenda for discussion to determine whether there was an interest from parents to livestream meetings.

Committee members expressed concern on the impact it may have on the attendance of parents at future meetings. Committee members expressed concern related to confidentiality and parent comfort and agreed that it would not be appropriate to livestream meetings.

9. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Champlain School
- Faraday School
- École Garden Grove School
- École Lansdowne
- Meadows West School
- Robertson School
- Sisler High School

St. John's High School

Committee members were informed of the following events at St. John's High School:

- Everyone Has a Right Conference – October 13th
- Empathy Game

Shaughnessy Park School

Committee members were informed of the following events at Shaughnessy Park School:
Rebranded from Stars to Timberwolves

- Meet the Teacher Night
- School Community BBQ
- School teams receive new jerseys

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10. FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC)

Committee members were reminded to contact the Board Office if they wish to become a member of the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils for the 2015/2016 school year.

10.2 Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees

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

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the North District Advisory Committee will be held Thursday, February 4, 2016.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives:

Danielle Kopychanski, Champlain School
Marivic Sofronio, Faraday School
Marleen Pollok, Garden Grove School
Linda Schatkowsky, Garden Grove School
Sam Krahn, Inkster School
Michelle McIvor, Inkster School
Lynn Kammerlock, École Lansdowne
Kim Storer, Lord Nelson School
Jennifer Mitchell, Meadows West School
Dave Heaney, Ralph Brown School
Crystal Courtland, Ralph Brown School
Ellen Hrabchak, Robertson School
Bernice Rempel, St. John's High School
Sharon Machinski, Sisler High School
Sheri Pimentel, Tyndall Park School

Regrets:

Andrew Mynarski School
Luxton School
Prairie Rose School
Shaughnessy Park School

Trustees:

Mike Babinsky
Dean Koshelanyk

Administration:

Fatima Mota Superintendent
René Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer
Christine Rhodes, Director
Kathy Ateah, Vice-Principal, Andrew Mynarski School
James Gray, Inkster School
Ryan Hughes, Principal, Isaac Newton School
Susan Christiuk, Vice-Principal, Isaac Newton School
Sherry Jones, Vice-Principal, École Lansdowne
Sandy Stevenson, Principal, Lord Nelson School
Amy Karlinsky, Vice-Principal, Lord Nelson School
Randy Routledge, Principal, Ralph Brown School
Judith Guzzi, Vice-Principal, Robertson School
Doug Taylor, Principal, St. John's High School
Cree Crowchild, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School
Joan Fransen, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School
Dennis Mogg, Principal, Shaughnessy Park School
Angela Perez, Vice-Principal, Shaughnessy Park School
George Heshka, Principal, Sisler High School
Madalynne Iannone, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Paul Krowiak, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Darryl Stevenson, Principal, Stanley Knowles School
Evelyn Siddall, Vice-Principal, Stanley Knowles School
Ruth Schappert, Vice-Principal, Stanley Knowles School
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

Community Support Worker – Champlain School
Lorrie Guilbault, Community Support Worker – Shaughnessy Park
Community Members

North District Advisory Council Report Champlain School



November 17, 2015

- **Human Rights Week** – Champlain School celebrated Human Rights Week with a special assembly on October 14th. The school watched the WSD “Everyone Has a Right” video then the “My Voice” students described some of the activities that we would be doing at our school including making a Human Rights wall upstairs that all students could write their thoughts and ideas on, having daily student announcements and a variety of classroom activities. The rights of inclusion, diversity and equity, anti-bullying, social justice and aboriginal education were some of the topics covered. The My Voice students also participated in the second annual peace walk at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Plus six Champlain students participated in the “I Care About Human Rights” film festival where they learned about human rights and how to put together a short film on this topic.
- **Literacy Legacy** – Thanks to the “For the Love of Reading” Indigo Grant, all of the classrooms now have books for school-wide Home Reading and our library is beginning to stock its shelves with new and exciting books. As part of our celebration around literacy, the Kindergarten to Grade 3 Classrooms all read the book “Peg and the Yeti” by Kenneth Opal and illustrated by Barbara Reid then went to see the play based on the book at MTYP on November 12th. In the New Year, we will have an artist in the school working with the classes on storytelling plus our grades 4-6 students will be going to MTYP.
- **Welcome to Nursery and Kindergarten event** – On the evening of September 23rd, Champlain School held its first Welcome to Nursery and Kindergarten evening. It was a great success! Lots of families came out to hear about Champlain School and to participate in activities that will help parents support their children’s learning. It was a great success plus every family went home with a bag of activities to support learning at home.
- **The Grey Cup Festival Flag Football Program** – Champlain school was selected to participate in a flag football program where players from the Manitoba Bisons, Winnipeg Rifles and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers came to Champlain once a week to teach grade 5 and 6 students about flag football. Through this program students had the opportunity to attend a Winnipeg Blue Bombers game and will be participating in the Grey Cup Festival Family Fun Zone event at the

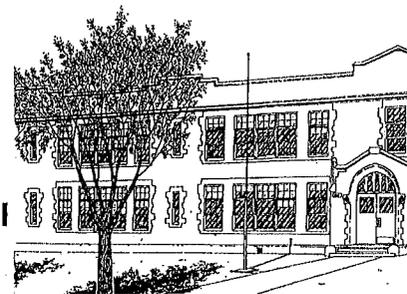
University of Winnipeg on November 26th. The “Jump Start” Program provided the equipment for this program which the school will get to keep in order to continue with flag football in the future.

- ***Opportunities Program*** – This program targets grade 5 and 6 students with the intent of providing them with a variety of activities and experiences that develop team work skills, empathy, social justice awareness and a stronger connection to Indigenous teachings. Some of these activities include volunteering at a local Seniors Home, learning about traditional Indigenous teachings and team work skill building led by our School Resource Officer.
- ***Champlain School Clubs*** – Students at Champlain School have an opportunity to participate in a variety of clubs. So far this year the following clubs are being offered to students: Culture Club, Knitting Club, Volleyball, Flag Football, Typing Club, Chess Club, Cooking Club, Dodgeball, Floor Hockey, Games Club, Dance Club and My Voice Club. We also continue to have Hockey Heroes where 8 Students 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Champlain have a lot of opportunities for enrichment, engagement and recreation lead by a very talented and committed staff.
- ***Terry Fox Run*** – All students and staff spent the month of September bringing in spare change to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. On September 23rd everyone participated in a Terry Fox run. \$335.00 was raised for the Terry Fox Foundation.
- ***Enrichment and Support for students*** - Two Champlain students are participating in ballet through the **Quantum Program** and five students are participating in art classes at the **Winnipeg Art Gallery** every Saturday morning. We also have three students participating in the **Career Trek** program on weekends. One student is participating in Saturday morning drama classes at the **Prairie Theatre Exchange**. Two students attend **Horse Therapy** through Urban Stables. Every week they learn how to groom and care for a horse plus develop social skills such as team work and communication while learning to ride a horse.



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Faraday School North District Report-Tuesday, November 17th, 2015

Our Meet the Staff Event to kick off the year was a success where we offered free hotdog, chips and water to our students and their families. Approx. 320 hotdogs were served.

Peak of the Market fundraiser raised \$1,200 for the school and donated over 50 bundles of veggies to Winnipeg Harvest.

Annual Terry Fox run students were able to raise \$225.15 to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Our Family Room held a fall clothing sale where each item was .25 cents each.

Vickar Group sponsored the whole school for a FREE hot dog Lunch.

Our Family Room has been hosting several events such as Craft days, Nutrition Bingo, Information Sessions, and upcoming bake swap and a Santa Rama sale for all the children.

Our Choir performed at Canadian German Society Manor for a Remembrance Day Service.

Our Social Justice Group currently has 33 students from Grade 4-6. They have collected canned and dry goods for hampers and attended WE DAY at the MTS Centre.

Currently have 40 active Patrols with in the school.

Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Awards (MYRCA) Book Club has started for our Grade 6 students.

Grades 4.5.6 Holiday Craft Day will showcase students work at our upcoming Winter Concert.

School will be welcoming a special event where students will be partaking in a Pancake Breakfast with Santa.



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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

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Fall Update

All classes involved with the Mind-up curriculum – Counsellor and classroom teachers collaborating to instruct and support children. Students learning self-regulation techniques, calming and focusing strategies

PLC – Professional Learning Communities - Weekly meeting time for all classroom teachers to meet with their grade groups to discuss student learning, challenges and supports

Elementary Fall assessment almost completed and Tri-conferences on Nov. 19

Fall Walk-a-thon successful – raised over \$6000.00

Raised money for Unicef and Terry Fox

Outdoor Ed program very well established for all classes in grades 1 – 6. Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing coming up once we have some snow!

Intramurals: Ultimate football and Zumba coming up

Grade 5/6 leadership program is thriving. Grade 5/6 students are involved in:

- Assisting Early Years students with recess games
- Kindergarten and Grade 1 bus students
- Library helpers
- Special activities (Remembrance Day, Walk-a-thon)
- Green bins
- Nursery snack
- Outdoor garbage clean up

Choirs and Orff club in full swing. They participated in our beautiful Remembrance Day assembly.

Ms. Byman – North District Literacy Support Teacher – Working with our grades 3/4

Math Cohort - program for grades 5 & 6 teachers

Monthly Patrol Pancake Breakfasts and recent trip to Wheelies

Nursery to grade 4 classes preparing for our Winter Concert on Dec. 3

School is being painted – Beautiful fresh new look!



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- October 1st - the school participated in the Terry Fox run in the afternoon and we had the entire school participate in this event (Sherry - if you could put the number of participants if applicable)
- October 6 - Grade 7-8 Field Trip to the Zoo
- October 7 - Grade 7-8 Field Trip to Woodsworth Park
- October 8 - Play Structure Ribbon Cutting Ceremony wherein the school had an assembly and there were a few guests including Mike Pagtakghan, Mike Babinsky and a representative from the Winnipeg Foundation. With the combined efforts of the school, grant writers and community, this play structure was funded in just over a year at a cost of approximately \$113,000.00.
- October 14 - WSO - came to the school and performed the "Bach to School" performance for some of our students.
- October 21 - Anti-Bullying School Assembly
- October 29 - Divisional Choir for Grade 5 students (all day)
- October 30 - Halloween Assembly in the afternoon - many students dressed up and had fun. For some who did not have costumes, they were able to get one from the "treasure trunk" in the office and participate.
- November 3 - Volleyball Tournament Developmental Girls
- November 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly and Volleyball Tournament Developmental Boys
- November 24 - Block Parent presentations to all classrooms (10-15 minute presentation) to increase knowledge and participation of families in this Canada-wide program
- November 30 - Citizenship Court Ceremony - approximately 40 participants will receive their Canadian Citizenship
- December events - Holiday Concerts for Nursery/Kindergarten and Grades 1-3 and a Holiday Hop
 - N/K Winter concert – 9:15 a.m. and 1:15 a.m. on Dec. 9th

Vince Audino, *Directeur/Principal*

Sherry Jones, *Directrice-Adjointe/Vice Principal*



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- Action Group, an extra-curricular ESD initiative was busy this fall. A list of activities are as follows:
 - The Action Group meets weekly at lunch under the direction of 3 teachers (M. Sarbit, Mme Threadkell and Mme Sebastyanko).
 - Halloween "We Scare Hunger" food drive for Winnipeg Harvest. We collected one and a half large bins full of non-perishable food for this local food bank.
 - In October, the Education Coordinator from Recycle Everywhere came to give a presentation for our Action Group and interested staff. We learned about process and talked about how we can increase our level of recycling at Lansdowne.
 - Always welcoming new members, we proudly presented the Action Group students to the school at our Halloween Assembly.

- Divisional Human Rights Initiative - "We All Have the Right"
 - Grade 3 art project
 - Grade 7/8 students attended kick off at St. John's and have come back to school to share, will report back at another gathering in January.

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Meadows West School North District Advisory Report

November 17, 2015

Focused on Learning.

- Meadows West Parent Association had a successful Hot Dog Day. They are as popular as ever. Volunteers and staff are so giving of their time!
- Our X-Country Running Team members are the divisional champs for 2015. Way to go Wildcats!!!
- Assessment and reporting results are a major focus of first term. Reports went home on November 17th and conferences to follow on November 19th and 20th.
- ***Everybody Has the Right...***kick off workshop with whole student body resulted in some amazing insight by older students who participated in some role play, discussion groups and the development of some action plans for our Global Initiative Group.
- Junior High Volleyball is in high swing with lots of participation and skill building.
- Remembrance Day Assembly designed and hosted by the Grade 5&6 Team as part of their curriculum learning. Respectful, reflective and amazing assembly.
- Three new laptop pods are being assembled to assist students with their learning in the classroom.
- Winter Concerts are scheduled to take place on December 15, 16 & 17 in the school gym. The theme of this year's concert is "celebrate".
- Our local initiative group is spearheading a toy drive and food collection for Winnipeg Harvest.
- The Meadows West Clean Machine Team is our recycling team who does weekly collections. The new blue containers (Recycling Everywhere) will be introduced to the children and used in the spring outside.
- Our students were given 100 spring bulbs to plant to beautify our community. We anxiously await their appearance in the spring.

Meadows West School is focused on learning. We learn. We do our best. We treat each other with respect. We are Meadows West!



Robertson Elementary School

Approximately 460 students and 80 staff members.

- Our first fundraiser of the school year was very successful! We sold over 600 Show and Save Books and the school raised \$6330.00.
- Robertson School was once again selected to take part in the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Dentistry Variety Children's Dental Outreach Program. This program offers free dental work for our students.
- The grade six students organized special activities to raise money for our annual "Unicef Spirit Week". Students and staff participated daily and made a donation to UNICEF.
- Mr. Capizzi, Robertson's new Phys-ed Teacher, began the grade 5 & 6 Intramurals. The students have participated in soccer and basketball. The Grade 5 & 6 students also attended Tyndall Park School for a mini soccer tournament.
- Parent Council's Subway Lunch in October was great! There were over 300 subs ordered. This month it will be Pizza Hotline. These lunch days are always a success and the kids and staff look forward to them.
- There are 150 students in Choir this year with Ms. Roche, Robertson's new Music Teacher. They did a great job at our Remembrance Day Assembly.
- Our grade six classroom Rm 105 collected plastic bags for the Take Pride Winnipeg Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge. They collected over 3000!
- Our Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on November 19th and 20th. The Scholastic book fair takes place during these two days and the school sales last year were just over \$3100.00. Money raised goes toward the purchase of books and learning materials for all the children at Robertson to enjoy.
- Our Winter Concerts will be held on December 16th & 17th. The support for our students from family and friends is outstanding and each classroom works very hard on their unique performances.

These are just a few of the exciting things going on in the school so far this year. We are very thankful for all the hard work put forth by the students, parents and staff of Robertson School.

REPORT

1. Sisler won the championship in football for the Junior Varsity Division.
2. Sisler won the boys varsity volleyball championship.
3. The Shakespeare in the Ruins Theatre Group presented Romeo and Juliet.
4. Last month, Vancouver Film School sent four staff to Sisler to present a one day workshop on topics ranging from game development to animation. They are scheduled to return in December for a series of workshops over 5 days.
Vancouver Film School chose to work with Sisler due to the high level of our Information Technology Program. Sisler is the only school in Canada that the Vancouver School has chosen to work with. Sisler will be integrating certain elements of the curricula reflected in this cooperative venture with Shaughnessy Park.
5. Of the 34 Sisler students who wrote the University of Manitoba 1st year Calculus exam, 22 wrote a perfect paper. The class average was 99.34%.
6. Two students were selected to give speeches at WE Day with one of them being chosen for the Governor General's Caring Award.

Sisler High School

IN round 1 of the Cyber Security Challenge, put on by National Air Force Association USA, Sisler students finished in first place, competing against over 3000 schools from across Canada and mainly the USA.

There are 3 more rounds to go.