THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS - Wednesday, February 15, 2017

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee members approved the Agenda of February 15, 2017, as distributed.

2. 2017/2018 DRAFT BUDGET PRESENTATION

Committee members were provided with an overview of the 2017/2018 Draft Budget. Committee members were informed that Provincial funding for the Winnipeg School Division for 2017/2018 increased by \$2.6 million, or 1.4%, over the 2016/2017 Budget.

Committee members were informed that 2017/2018 provincial funding provides 62% of total revenue while 36% comes from property taxation and 2% from other sources. The total revenue from the Province is projected to be \$245,622,498.

Committee members were informed that the Board develops the budget based on the Winnipeg School Division's Strategic Plan. The plan includes providing robust and comprehensive education, equitable access, diverse opportunity and a supportive learning environment for all students. It includes retaining, attracting and developing valued staff, addressing barriers to learning, enhancing sustainable development initiatives and developing communications and partnerships with the community.

Committee members reviewed the expenditures required in the draft budget for the 2017/2018 school year. Committee members were informed that 81% of the draft budget goes directly to the cost of providing instruction and supports in the classroom. The other 19% covers costs such as student transportation, building maintenance and operations, business administration and support services related to research, planning and technology. Other mandatory expenses are Canada Pension Plan costs, Employment Insurance premiums, payroll tax and the cost of supplies, materials, books and equipment.

Committee members were informed that in order to achieve a balanced budget, the Board of Trustees have proposed three options for a school levy tax increase: A 3% increase would be equal to an annual increase of \$40 on the average assessed value of a home in the Winnipeg School Division; A 3.9% increase equals to a \$52 increase on an average assessed value of a home and a 4.5% increase equals to a \$60 increase on an average assessed valued home.

Committee members were informed that the Education Property Tax Credit is currently \$700 per owner occupied home. Seniors are eligible for an additional credit and renters are also eligible for a credit through their income tax, however, this credit is under review by the current government.

Committee members were informed that in order to achieve a 3% special levy tax, programs/services such as Adult Crossing Guards, the Nursery Program, Library Technical Assistants, changes to the Transportation Policy and mileage expense payments would have to be significantly reduced to achieve savings.

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Committee and Community members expressed concern on the proposed reduction to the Nursery program. Committee members expressed concern that the Board continues to expand the full day kindergarten program while considering reductions to the Nursery program. Committee members were informed that members of the Board find a significant value in providing the full day kindergarten program.

Committee members were informed that administration is reviewing possible models that would determine how the Nursery Program would operate and which schools would continue to offer the program, giving consideration to socioeconomic needs.

Committee members urged the Board to encourage the Province to support special needs students under the health care system, as there becomes a gap in supports once the student graduates.

The Committee was informed that the members of the Board recently met with the Minister of Education to discuss the reliance on school boards to provide various health related services.

In response to an enquiry from a Community member, the Superintendent of Education Services informed Committee members that segregated schools for students who have special needs has not been the practice of the school divisions for many years. The Division practices a more inclusive philosophy to education.

Committee and Community members expressed concern on the proposed reductions to Adult Crossing Guards as well as School Resource Officers. Committee members expressed the importance these roles play in the safety of students. Committee members were informed that the Board reached out to Manitoba Public Insurance to partner with the Division on the Crossing Guards program, however, MPI does not provide financial support for this type of program. Committee members were informed that the Board continues to advocate to all levels of government for additional funding.

A Committee member indicated that they would like to see the CAP testing eliminated as it requires too much resources, both time and money.

Community members expressed concern that property taxes are increasing and urged the Board to review programs that are not mandated by the Province. Committee members were informed that the Division faces further challenges as downtown growth is promoted while businesses receive a break in property taxes resulting in less money collected through property taxation for the WSD.

A Community member discussed a model that would have pensioners with a disability removed from paying education taxes. Committee members discussed that the method of funding should be based on ability to pay as opposed to being a homeowner. Committee members were informed that the Board proposed a method of taxation through income to the previous government but has yet to receive an update. Committee members were informed that approximately 30% of homeowners in the Winnipeg School Division have children attending a Division school. Committee members were informed that discussions will continue with the current Minister of Education.

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In response to an enquiry, Committee and Community members were informed that administration is currently developing an International Program as an additional revenue source. Committee members were informed that it is imperative that recruitment is successful and that after initial costs, it is projected that revenues will be seen within two to three years.

In response to an enquiry, Committee and Community members were informed of possible cost saving alternatives to Division transportation such as congregated/community stops. This approach would require students to walk to a local school or designated community bus stop to be picked-up by the bus that would transport them to the school they attend. Committee members were also informed that the Board is exploring the possibility of a walking school bus program as well as reducing special circumstances for families that use transportation on a fee for service basis.

Committee and Community members expressed concern on reductions to front line staff and encouraged the Board to review administration reductions. Committee members were informed that the Division's administration cost is at 2.7%, which is well below the provincial mandate of 3.5%. The Committee was also informed that the Board also made a difficult decision of eliminating one superintendent in 2015.

Committee members were informed that the Budget presentation is available on the Winnipeg School Division's website along with a Budget simulator, property tax calculator and survey.

Committee members were informed that in addition to budget presentations at District Advisory Committee meetings, information is available on the Division's website. A Public meeting will also be held on February 27, 2017 at Administration Building No. 1, 1577 Wall Street East at 7:00 p.m. to provide budget information to the general public and receive feedback from individuals or groups that may wish to attend as well there is a survey posted on the Division's website www.winnipegsd.org. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until March 6, 2017. 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 13, 2017.

3. FOR INFORMATION

3.1 District Advisory Reports and Summaries of Discussions

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held December 5, 2016, the Board of Trustees received the North District Advisory Committee Report and Summary of Discussions as information. The Summary of Discussions have been distributed to Committee members the week of December 5, 2016. Committee members were informed that once reviewed by the Board, District Advisory Committee Reports and Summaries of Discussions are posted on the Division's website under the Family and Community tab.

3.2 School's Parent Council Website

Committee members were informed to notify their school administrator, should their Parent Councils wish to create a parent council web page within their school's website.

Committee members were informed that Information that may be shared on the page may include Parent Council meeting dates, meeting minutes, events, fundraising and other pertinent information related to parent council activities. Committee members were reminded that a Parent Council tab has been created on the Division's website that provides information on areas of interest such as District Advisory Committee Dates, Advisory Reports and Summaries of Discussions, information on Manitoba Association of Parent Councils as well as information the Board of Trustees may want to share will Parent Councils.

https://www.winnipegsd.ca/Parents/Parent%20Council/Pages/default.aspx

Committee members were informed that if any assistance was required on the creation of a school's Parent Council web page, to contact the Board Office at 204-789-0469 for information.

4. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Champlain School
- École Garden Grove School
- École Luxton School
- Meadows West School
- Prairie Rose School
- St. John's High School
- Sisler High School
- École Stanley Knowles School

5. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the North District Advisory Committee will be held Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives:

Beth Mason, Andrew Mynarksi School Danielle Kopychanski, Champlain School Marleen Pollok, Garden Grove School Isaac Newton School Catherine Harder, Luxton School Jennifer Mitchell, Meadows West School Lindsay Panchuk, Ralph Brown School Bernice Rempel, St. John's High School Sharon Machinski, Sisler High School Stanley Knowles School

Regrets:

Faraday School Inkster School Ecole Lansdowne Lord Nelson School Prairie Rose School Robertson School Tyndall Park School

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Andrea Redsky, Principal, Faraday School
Ryan Hughes, Principal, Isaac Newton School
Ken Reimer, Principal, Luxton School
Marsha Missyabit, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School
Madalynne Iannone, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Paul Krowiak, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Chris Clarke, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Darryl Stevenson, Principal, Stanley Knowles School
Evelyn Siddall, Vice-Principal, Stanley Knowles School
Joy Perrott, Vice-Principal, Stanley Knowles School
Gisele Mospanchuk, Principal, Tyndall Park School
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

Community Members

North District Advisory Council Report Champlain School



February 15, 2017

- Artist in the School Storytelling is a foundation for writing and Champlain Students will have an opportunity to develop their storytelling skills for a second year with the help of storyteller Jamie Oliviero. Jamie is visiting classrooms in February which will result in a "Freedom Project" that includes a school-based story, a visual art installation, and a musical performance with drums and fiddlers performing. This will culminate with an official unveiling of the final project the week of March 24th.
- 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 shelves are stocked with new and exciting books. Classroom libraries are offering more fiction and non-fiction options and a group of students helped to shop for classroom books based on a shopping list their peers developed for them. As part of our celebration around literacy, the Grades 4-6 students went to see the MTYP performance of "The Jungle Book" on December 22nd. Grade one to Grade 3 Classrooms will be going to see "Baobab" at MTYP on March 23rd.
- Community Support Worker Our Community Support Worker has been working with parents in the areas of literacy and numeracy. For example, she is hosting a Preschool "Story Time with Ms. Elizabeth" once a week for the months of January and February. She also holds Nutrition BINGO once a month. Parents come in for daily drop ins and one parent has been teaching the other parents how to do Indigenous Beading. Parents seek out Community Resources such as housing and food security. Parents also continue to help with school-wide snack. We greatly appreciate everything the parents do to contribute to our school community. In December, the Public Health Nurse talked to parents about preschool programs in the community. In April, the Indigenous Support Teacher will be hosting a couple of parent sessions on "Treaty Talk". This has arisen out of parent questions.
- 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: Fiddling Club, Video Games Club, Scratch Club, Culture Club, Volleyball, Typing Club, Chess Club, Cooking Club, Dodgeball, Floor Hockey, Games Club, Home Reading Club, Primary and Intermediate

Dance Club and My Voice Club. We also continue to have Hockey Heroes where 8 Students get to play hockey from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. every Thursday. At Champlain students have a lot of opportunities for enrichment, engagement and recreation lead by a very talented and committed staff.

- 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 and three students who participated in an ORFF program. Seven
 students attended Drama at the Children's Museum.
- Gift Sale Champlain staff and community donated gifts that were sold for 25 cents each on December 10th and December 11th. Parents helped to wrap selected gifts and students took home presents for family members. The spirit of giving is alive and well at Champlain!
- Winter Concert In December, Champlain students performed a wonderful evening of song and dance to the theme of "Wishes". The venue was packed with family members and supporters and was a great success!
- Breakfast with Santa Santa joined Champlain students for a pancake breakfast on Wednesday, December 21st. After breakfast, students got to visit with Santa and were given a candy cane and a holiday pencil to take home.







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North District Advisory February 15, 2017

There are great things happening at École Garden Grove School. Here are just some of the highlights.

- MYRCA book club has over 50 students signed up to read and review the MYRCA collection.
- The Destination Imagination team is getting ready for the Provincials, which are being held at Garden Grove in March.
- The Skating Club has over 80 students registered. A good number of those students will compete at the Skating Races at the MTS Centre.
- Our choirs are all practicing and will participate in the annual Winnipeg Music Festival.
- Grade Six students went to Camp Assiniboine on Feb. 9th and 10th. They had a great time!
- Many of our students are going to the Festival du Voyageur this year. We are having Festival Week next week at school. It's sure to be a blast.
- Our Grade 5 and 6 Volleyball teams are just finishing up their tournaments.
- Our IDEAS initiative has been very successful. Students are in round 4. They have learned about photography, sewing, escape room type challenges, Lego challenges, drama, fitness, cooking...and the list goes on. In each session, students are using communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking. Our Tell Them From Me data indicates that students are loving it!
- Our Kindergarten students had their vision screened.
- Our Grade 4 students had immunizations.
- Patrols had a great time at Wheelies and are going to the Moose Game.
- Some of our Grade 5 and 6 students are going to the WSD STEAM lab, while others are in the Saturday Morning Art Classes.
- Another group just went to the Everybody Has The Right day, learning about Human Rights
- Our English Grade 1 and 2 students went to the Childrens' Museum
- We've implemented a new Resource Model to support all of our learners.

Coming up in March...

- Report Cards will go home.
- Grade 1 and 2 Intramurals
- · Concours d'art oratoire for our French Immersion students will take place throughout March
- Our Grade 3/4 and 4/5 English students are going to the Human Rights Museum.

There is a great learning climate at École Garden Grove School. Thanks to the many staff and community volunteers.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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Luxton - February 2017 North District Advisory Council Report

It's hard to believe that almost 100 school days have already gone by this year. Here are a few highlights at Luxton:

Yes I Can! Awards – Congratulations to four Luxton staff and a student who will receive recognition from the Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children (MCEC) "Yes I Can!" awards (to be held in February):

Outstanding Teacher of the Year "Winner" - Robert Schulz

Outstanding Educational Assistant of the Year "Winner" - Cindy Charlton

Outstanding Academics for a student - grade 6 student

Outstanding Educator of the Year Finalist - Winn Braun

Certificate of Recognition - Carolyn Lotz

Luxton and WSD High School Connections - This month, 5 high schools have invited elementary students (including those in our LAC and FASD programs) at Luxton to visit and participate in secondary opportunities. Of note:

- 1. Sisler invited all of our grade 6 students to participate in their "Game On" technology workshop/ competition (please note, in March they have also invited some of our students to meet a Disney, Oscar-winning animator)
- 2. St. John's invited two classes to see the Anne Frank House exhibit from Amsterdam.
- 3. Gordon Bell invited our grade 6 students to tour their school and see their creative programming (an annual event here at Luxton).
- 4. Children of the Earth invited 20-25 of our students to experience their medical program for a morning with their teachers and students.
- 5. Tec Voc invited two of our grade 1/2/3 classes to create a woodworking project with students from their Building Construction program.

Kuamini and Bake Sale – Students from Luxton's Leadership Team (Kuamini) organized a fundraising bake sale to combat child labour.

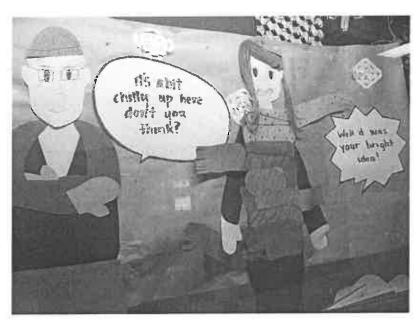
February and I Love To Read! Luxton celebrates I Love To Read! This month. Members from the Manitoba Moose, and members of the community all participated in our celebration of reading.



Meadows West School North District Advisory Report February, 2017

Focused on Learning.

- Our Track and Field Program is coming on strong at the U of M.
- Junior High Basketball is in high gear with lots of participation and skill building.
- Our "Smile" initiative was a huge success. All students and staff received a school t-shirt. We belong as learners and proud Meadows West Wildcats.
- Our Roots and Shoots Projects have been selected and 100% participation by students and staff. We will be participating in the Free Air Event at Assiniboine Park in June on behalf of the Jane Goodall Foundation.
- Many noon hour clubs are keeping our students active and engaged from card making, Science Fair Club, Hand bells and Intramurals.
- The Innovation Imagination Club has been a great success for our Grade 5 & 6 students.
- Our students were given a reading challenge by the principal and vice principal to read harder. Each student was given a ring of coupons naming specific kinds of books that student must read in the month of February. If 100% of the rings are empty by Feb. 28 the Admin Team will spend the morning outside in the freezing cold. How well can Mr. Le Grand type with his mittens on? The Admin Team have been trying to get the students to stop reading without much success... Even a letter from Mr. Le Grand's doctor didn't help him.



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



North District Advisory Committee February 2017 Report

Prairie Rose School continues to enjoy a busy and productive second and third term of school. The academic achievements will be shared at Student Led Conferences in March and students continue to focus on their learning goals for this last block of school.

Our school is very busy with extracurricular events as well. They include the Winnipeg Music Festival where our Choirs will perform. Our students are having a very successful season in Track and Field and competed in two Track Meets at the U of M. Students continue to enjoy a wide range of activities that include hand ball and volleyball.

We just started our Reading Club that is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch time where 30 students spend their lunch hour reading and talking about the books they just read. Thank you to the staff for volunteering their time to make this possible.

We will have students participating in the Division and Regional Science Fair and Heritage Fair.

Our Student Leadership Group is currently making Beaded Bookmarks to be sold during the I Love to Read week activities. Funds raised will be donated to a Clean Water Project in Sierra Leone.

The school has just started their spring fundraiser to raise money for school activities and new technology. The Parent Teacher Advisory has also begun fundraising for an upgrade to our play structure and are planning our second annual Garage Sale and Activity Day for early June. Last year we had a great response and rented tables to local vendors and had a community BBQ and Bouncy Houses for the students to enjoy!







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It is with great pleasure that we inform you that for the past month; St. John's High School has hosted the Anne Frank Exhibit from the Netherlands. Today, February 15; marked the last day of the Exhibit in the Winnipeg School Division. As we were the only school hosting the program in the Winnipeg School Division, we have had 1025 students visit including 6 elementary classrooms, parents, alumni of the school, trustees and media.

Needless to say, although the story is 72 years old; recounting the horrible story of the Holocaust and Nazi Germany; the story has many connections including women rights and Indigenous, Inuit and Metis injustices.

Truly, the 16 students at St. John's who were trained as facilitators were able to lead our youth in an understanding of discrimination, inclusiveness, diversity, empathy and social injustices.

Our students echoed a sentiment taught to us by Senator Murray Sinclair (commenting on Residential Schools); that "education got us into this mess but education can fix it!"

The Anne Frank Exhibit at St. John's teaches us that "education" is the key and we are proud of the role that we played in advancing these principles. Our students learned that "all actions have an effect" and we all need to be vigilant in advancing inclusiveness.

"Celebrating the North End" on November 30th, 2016 was a success. It was a collaborative project between the Parent Council groups of St. John's, Champlain, Luxton, Ralph Brown and Machray schools. Thirty resources from the community were in attendance to share what they have to offer. There were six cultural performances from various school and community members that showcased music and dance. City Councilor Eadie, Superintendent Fatima Mota and a number of Trustees were in attendance for the event. Many of the resources and participants commented that it was a worthwhile event and something that they would like to see happen again.

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Subject: FW: game on media release

The attached flyer encapsulates the details of the event on February 2 and 3. Over 20 Wpg School Division schools participated and approximately 160 students were involved. Sisler was motivated by the division's intent to disseminate information technology skills. Our journey started with five computers and five cameras some eight years ago and has now culminated into a ten member department, four hundred computers and approximately one thousand students enrolled in various facets of the program. This program and its related success can be duplicated elsewhere.

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News Release/Media Invite Sisler High School hosts GAME ON February 2 and 3

January 30, 2017 (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg School Division's Sisler High School Interactive Digital Media program (IDM) is hosting Grade 6-12 students from across the division for a two-day conference and celebration of game/app design and coding.

The Game On: G3 conference, which takes place Feb. 2-3 at Sisler, will have students learning from industry experts, showcasing their own game and app designs. This is the third Game On event held at the school.

Grades 6-9 students will take instructional workshops before entering a team-based Game On Jam Competition to build their own games and apps. Grade 10-12 students will have instructional workshops, as well as a "Showcase and Play" event where students demo their ongoing projects in a gallery walk environment.

Guest instructors will include industry experts from the Vancouver Film School, Project Whitecard, Electric Monk Media, Mid-Ocean School of Media, Kindoma and more.

"This is an opportunity for students to learn something hands on, like sound design, coding, creating characters and designing assets," said Sisler IDM teacher Bernard Alibudbud, who oversees the game design component of the program. "We're also hoping they'll see some of the potential careers in this field. There's a need for artists, coders, promotions, all of these jobs and roles that students can eventually do."

Sisler's ongoing partnership with the Vancouver Film School is giving students who are pursuing a career in game design a potential destination following high school.

"Industry people are coming in and seeing that our students have their heads wrapped around where they are going in the future. The questions they are asking are levels ahead," said Jonathan Dyck-Lyons, who teaches film with Sisler IDM.

Steven Erickson, who teaches app development and computer science with Sister IDM, said students need to get in as much time as possible building "habits of mind" when it comes to coding.

"They need that practice to develop habits of mind on how to approach a problem, break it down into its parts and identifying the smaller goals that eventually make up a large project," he said. "When you give students a project, where they have to accomplish a goal without a lot of described steps along the way, it's very challenging. They get better at it with time...but the only way to get better at it is by doing it."

The Thursday schedule is attached.

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School Report for North District Advisory Council Meeting on February 15, 2017

Some highlights from Ecole Stanley Knowles:

•	Love To Read Month	- Special Guests included Lt. Governor of Manitoba, The Honourable
		Janice C. Filmon; Winnipeg Blue Bomber, Maurice Leggett; and
		Intercultural Support Worker, Malou Josue
•	Bike Wrench Program	- organized by Luke Barr, JH Guidance Counsellor where 6 students
		attend for 6 weeks and build their own bikes in the program
•	Athletic Program Highlights	- Basketball Tournaments; Indoor Track Season competing at the
		University of Manitoba; Grades 4 – 6 Skating Program; Grade 5 & 6
		Volleyball; JH Ski Trip at Assessippi on February 23
•	Science Fair	- Grade 7 & 8 on February 10; Grade 4 – 6 on February 23 with 100 %
		Participation
•	Family Cooking Program	- organized with Malou Josue, Intercultural Support Worker and NorWest
		Community Access Program for five weeks – second session
•	Technology	- Many classrooms advancing their use and knowledge of Seesaw and
		Google Classrooms as a way of sharing student work and assignments
		with families
•	Winter Concerts	- 3 nights for N to Grade 3 families, as well as a special performance by
		the Gr 7 & 8 Choir; excellent turnout for all 3 concerts