

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION
INNER CITY DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Wednesday, November 16, 2016

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Trustee Chris Broughton welcomed everyone to the first Inner City District Advisory Committee meeting for the 2016/17 school year. At the Inaugural meeting of the Board held on September 12, 2016, Trustee Cathy Collins was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Lisa Naylor was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

Parent representatives from both Pinkham and William Whyte volunteered to Co-Chair the Inner City District Advisory Committee for the 2016/2017 term.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A New Business Item regarding the Advisory Council on Indigenous Education was added to the agenda. The Committee members approved the amended Agenda of November 16, 2016.

4. 2017/2018 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

Chris Broughton, Chair of the Finance/Personnel Committee was in attendance to provide committee members with an overview of the 2017/2018 Draft Budget. Committee members were informed that the Board developed the Budget in support of Winnipeg School Division Strategic Plan.

Committee members were informed that the Budget was developed on the following Strategic Priorities: providing a robust and comprehensive education for students; improving learning outcomes; addressing barriers to learning; retaining and attracting valued staff; communicating and partnering with our communities; strengthening and enhancing sustainable development and managing tax dollars responsibly.

Committee members received an overview on the 2016/2017 Budget expenditures which totaled \$396 million.

Committee members reviewed the current Budget under the following categories regular instruction, student support services, community education and services, instructional and support services, administration, student transportation, operations and maintenance and fiscal and capital expenditures.

Committee members were informed that the two major sources of funding are the Province of Manitoba and the property tax levy. In the most recent budget, provincial funding provided only 62% of the total revenue required to balance the Winnipeg School Division budget. The second major source of funding is from revenue property taxation which provides an additional 36% of the total revenue. The remaining two percent is revenue from

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other sources such as the federal government, First Nations authorities and other school divisions who use Winnipeg School Division resources.

Committee members were informed that education is service based and the majority of the annual budget, or 81%, goes directly to the cost of providing instruction and supports in the classroom. Another 19% covers costs such as student transportation, building maintenance and operations, business administration and support services related to research, planning and technology.

The 2017/2018 Budget, will continue to focus on improving student success and aligning resources with student needs. The Board is committed to maintaining programs introduced during previous budgets. These include safe school initiatives, language programs, early years education and programs to ensure student success through to graduation. Committee members were informed that the provincial funding announcement is expected from mid-January to mid-February.

Committee members received a survey to facilitate discussion on the Budget and agreed to continue their discussions in small groups. Committee members discussed which programs and services were successful for families and whether there was a need to improve on other programs/services that would contribute to student success.

Committee members discussed the unique and various programs offered in the Winnipeg School Division that challenges and engages our students to improve learning outcomes such as Sistema, Biomedical Youth, Young Scientists Program, Quantum Arts and the Inner City Science Program.

Committee members provided feedback in favor of offering lunch programs in schools, after school programming, additional performing arts programs, extending milk subsidy to junior high schools, up to date technology in classrooms and transportation to all students in the Division.

Trustee Broughton informed Committee members on possible cost savings measures for transportation services including hub/shuttle services as a way to control costs and improve efficiency. As part of the 2015/2016 budget development process, administration explored the implications of 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. The Division seen a cost savings of approximately \$300,000 as a result of three schools piloting staggered start times. Trustee Broughton informed Committee members that the WSD does not have the resources available at this time to extend busing to include higher grades. Committee members were informed that administrators are reviewing options such as walking school buses, or the placement of an adult crossing guard where appropriate as a cost saving measure.

Trustee Broughton informed Committee members that the Board has invested in technology including additional learning resources, e-books and infrastructure to support technology.

Committee members indicated support and expressed appreciation on the variety of programs the Winnipeg School Division currently provides such as the nursery program, grad coaches, special education programming and supports, milk subsidy, and breakfast programs.

Committee members were informed that in addition to Budget presentations at District

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Advisory Committee meetings additional information is available on the Division's website including a Budget tool and property tax calculator. 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 information to the public and receive feedback from individuals or groups that may wish to attend. A survey is posted on the Division's website www.winnipegdsd.ca. Committee members were advised that the members of the Board are interested in receiving pre budget feedback.

5. FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS TOGETHER (F&ST) PRESENTATION

Committee members received a presentation by Christine Turnbull of Families and Schools Together. Families and Schools Together helps children thrive by building stronger, more supportive relationships at home. Built on evidence-based practices and rigorously tested, F&ST consistently produces statistically significant improvements in children's behavior, emotional well-being and academic performance while building social capital among families, schools and communities. Families and Schools Together, Inc. exists to make a difference in the midst of these challenges by empowering parents, strengthening families and creating social networks that give children the opportunity for fulfilling, productive lives.

Committee members were informed that F&ST program runs one night a week for 8 weeks, providing transportation and meals to participating families. Children, parents and youth are separated into groups for age based activities and instruction based classes. The F&ST program also has a 2 year follow up program called Fast Works where families get together once a month for activities. The F&ST program connects families with primary school administration as well as assists in helping families get connected with community based programs.

Committee members were informed that Families and Schools Together is funded by schools, the Province of Manitoba and United Way. The program is offered for all grade levels and activities have been adjusted to meet the needs of the target child's age. Families and Schools Together programs are run by trained staff, teachers, recreation coordinator, community partners and youth advocates. Each F&ST Team forms a "hub" serving eight to 10 participating F&ST Families. Several F&ST Teams can collaborate to run multiple hubs simultaneously to serve larger populations, such as an entire grade level of children and their families. For more information on the program or to have a presentation please contact Christine Turnbull at Families and Schools Together by email at cturnbull@familydynamics.ca or by phone at 204-947-1401

6. 2016/2017 DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATES

The following dates have been approved for the Inner City District Advisory Committee meetings for the 2016/2017 school year.

Central District Advisory Committee
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Thursday, February 23, 2017
Thursday, May 4, 2017

North District Advisory Committee

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

Wednesday, November 16, 2016
Thursday, February 16, 2017
Thursday, April 27, 2017

South District Advisory Committee

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7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Wednesday, February 15, 2017
Tuesday, April 25, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22, 2016
Tuesday, February 21, 2017
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

French Immersion Advisory Committee

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30, 2016
Thursday, March 2, 2017
Thursday, May 11, 2017

Student Advisory Committee

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 29, 2016
Wednesday, March 1, 2017
Tuesday, May 9, 2017

7. **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIGENOUS EDUCATION**

Committee members were informed that last year, the Policy/Program Committee approved the formation of a sub-committee, the Advisory Council on Indigenous Education. The purpose of the Advisory Council on Indigenous Education (ACIE) is to communicate and provide feedback to the Policy/Program Committee on all matters relating to the teaching, learning and cultural needs of First Nations, Metis and Inuit students in the Winnipeg School Division.

The membership includes two trustee representatives from the Policy/Program Committee, and one trustee representative from the Finance/Personnel Committee, as well as the Chair of Board of Trustees who acts as an ex-officio member of the Council. The membership also includes the Division's elders, administration, and six members of the parent/business/community representatives. At a meeting held November 7th, 2016, the Committee appointed Trustee Broughton as Chair of the ACIE, and Trustees Koshelanyk and Naylor as representatives.

Committee members were informed that the Indigenous Education Collaborative Blueprint was signed in December 2015. All educational partners in Manitoba are participating in identifying practices and models of Indigenous education across the early, middle, senior and post-secondary years.

Committee members were informed that the Winnipeg School Division has supported Indigenous Education through providing a variety of programs and services to students/families in schools.

Committee members were informed that the members of the Board of Trustees would be interested in receiving feedback on the current practices or models that your school promotes in the best interests of Indigenous students and communities in Winnipeg School Division and any suggestions on practices that you would like the Advisory Council on Indigenous Education to explore in the future. Committee members were informed that feedback could be directed to the Board Office at 1577 Wall Street East, Winnipeg, MB R3E 2S5 or by email at board@wsd1.org.

Committee members were informed that the discussion would continue at a spring District Advisory Committee meeting.

8. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Argyle Alternative High School
- Children of the Earth High School
- David Livingstone Community School
- Gordon Bell High School
- Hugh John Macdonald School
- Mulvey School
- Niji Mahkwa School
- Norquay School
- Pinkham School
- R.B. Russell High School
- Sister MacNamara School
- Wellington School

9. FOR INFORMATION

9.1 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 2016/17 school year.

9.2 Our School Newspaper

Committee members were informed about the pilot project to reduce the number of printed copies of Our Schools Newspaper and increasing access to families by creating a subscription link to the Division website.

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

9.3 Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees

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

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Inner City District Advisory Committee will be held Thursday, February 16, 2017.

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Representatives: | Administration: |
| Sharon Sky, Children of the Earth | Karin Seiler, Superintendent of Planning & System Services |
| Tammy Hobson, David Livingston School | Rob Riel, Director of Aboriginal Education & Newcomer Services |
| Mel Whitesell, Gordon Bell School | Brad Corbett, Director Enrichment & Science |
| Mary Chuol, Hugh John Macdonald | Patricia Graham, Principal, Argyle School |
| Kristi Degenhardt, Mulvey School | Nichola Batzel, Principal, Children of the Earth High School |
| Dolly Daniels, Niji Mahkwa School | Patricia Mainville, Vice-Principal, David Livingstone School |
| Charlene Meekis, Norquay School | Matthew Adkins, Vice-Principal, General Wolfe |
| Shauntel Ozuk, Pinkham School | Arlene Skull, Principal, Gordon Bell School |
| Shafi Ali, Sister MacNamara School | Samuel Jerema, Vice-Principal, Gordon Bell School |
| Dixie Halladay, Wellington School | Kathleen Palay, Vice-Principal, Gordon Bell School |
| Cathy Bird, William Whyte School | Vinh Huynh, Principal, Hugh John Macdonald School |
| | Peter Correia, Principal, Mulvey School |
| Alternate Representatives | Stacie Edgar, Vice-Principal, Mulvey School |
| Alexa Rosentieter, David Livingston School | Chris Goring, Principal, Niji Mahkwa School |
| | Joanne Sabourin, Vice-Principal, Norquay School |
| Non-Voting/Resource Members: | Jacqueline Connell, Principal, R. B. Russell High School |
| Christine Turnbull, FAST Program Coordinator | Yohanna Koncan, Vice-Principal, Wellington School |
| Niji Mahkwa School Social Worker | Dennis Perron, Principal, William Whyte School |
| Norquay School Community Support Worker | Lorraine Spence, Recording Secretary |
| Strathcona School Community Support Worker | Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary |
| Community Members | |
| | Trustees: |
| Regrets: | Cathy Collins |
| General Wolfe School | Lisa Naylor |
| John M. King School | Chris Broughton |
| King Edward School | Arlene Reid |
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Sister MacNamara School 2016
Report for Inner City Parent Advisory Committee

September:

- Meet the Teacher
- Terry Fox Run
- Sage picking at Birds Hill Park—Grades 2 and 3 participated

October

- Storytime for N/K and Preschoolers – Mondays in the Community Room
- 1,2,3, Count with Me (N/K) – Thursdays in the Community Room
- Parent Council Meeting
- Grade 5/6 Soccer tournament at Tec-Voc
- Everybody has the Right Week

November:

- Run and Read program – Thursdays 3:30-5:30
- Parent council meeting
- Remembrance Day Assembly
- Parent/Child Stained Glass Mosaic Workshop – Nov. 1 and Nov. 8
- Wiggle, Giggle and Munch – Nov. 8-Dec. 13
- Storytime for N/K and Preschoolers – Mondays in the Community Room
- 1,2,3, Count with Me (N/K) – Thursdays in the Community Room
- Student Led Conferences—Nov. 24 and Nov. 25

Upcoming Events in December:

Zumba at Lunch Grades 3-6
Winter Concert
Pottery for Parents and Children

Wellington School

Inner City Advisory Committee—September, 2016
Strengthening the Home/School Connection

September

Lunch program

Performing Arts

Lost & Found

Breakfast Program

Terry Fox Run

Meet The Staff

Picture Day

Pancake Breakfast

West Central Community Program - After-school program

Home Learning Assistant: Early school years (Mrs. H. Mohammad Lou)

Family room

After School Child Minding

Parent Council

Lending Library

Language Program: Granny's

Clothing Exchange

Hands on craft: Hand painting

Hands on craft: Beading

Parent on the move: Fitness program

Wii sports

Hands on cooking: Bannock

Guacamole dip & Hummus dip

Wellington School

Inner City Advisory Committee—October 2016
Strengthening the Home/School Connection

October

Lunch program
Performing Arts
Grade 5/6 violin
Hearing screening
MYCA Club
Eco -club

School Patrols
Immunizations
Breakfast Program
Computer Coding Club
EAL orientation for families
Wear “pink” day – Support of Breast Cancer

West Central Community Program - After-school program

Home Learning Assistant: Early school years “Arts & Music”(Mrs. H. Mohammad Lou)

Early Years -Nursery classroom:” Talk to me” workshop. Parents learned all about how talking develops in children from Lillian Wong, the speech and language pathologist.

Sports

Lunch Hour Soccer
Monday: grade 4,
Tuesday: girls- grades 5/6,
Wednesday: boys- grade 3 and
Thursday: boys- grade 5/6

Grades 3/4/5/6 – Football
Grades 5/ 6 – Volleyball

Family room

“Welcome group for newcomers” workshop
After school child minding
Halloween dance for families
Hands on craft: Assorted Halloween crafts
Volunteer orientation workshop
“West end resource center” workshop
Hands on craft: Beading
Parent on the move: Fitness program
English/Sharing circle
Koats for kids

Parent council
Lending library
Nutritious bingo
Clothing exchange
Carving pumpkins
Language program: Granny’s words

Hands on cooking: Frightening fingers & salad, Candy corn fruit dessert, Assorted Jell-O cups and Banana bread



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Vice-Principal: Tanis Westdal

Inner City District Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday November 16, 2016

R.B Russell Vocational High School

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School Report

- **Believe Dream Dare Centre** – The Believe, Dream, Dare Centre is providing group and individual tutoring to students in a variety of subjects. The BDD Centre has a full time resource teacher and classroom support. Many students have visited the BDD Centre and we are finding attendance and grades are on the rise.
- **Morning Star** – an innovative network of student and family support systems based in R.B Russell School.
- **Building Construction** – Through a partnership with Carriage House, R.B Russell had the unique opportunity of renovating a home as part of the Building Construction program. Through this partnership Carriage House is not only funding this venture but has given our students an opportunity to learn skills that can be applied in the future. Several students have expressed a desire of after graduation to return to their home and help rebuild their home communities.
- **Parent workshops**- We offer various parent workshops such as; moccasin group and mukluk making, traditional sewing, beading and yoga. Please call the school for schedule or subscribe to our newsletter. After the holiday break we will be offering our welding and metals workshop for parents. Last year we ran a very successful 7 teachings bench workshop.
- **Monthly Info Sessions** – Starting in December we will be offering monthly info sessions on topics such as housing, CFS, Addictions and Suicide. Please call the school for the dates or to subscribe to our monthly newsletter.
- **Traditional Parenting** – Starting in January we will be offering a traditional parenting workshop
- **Celebration of Learning** – Thursday November 17th from 1-6, parents and guardians are welcome to visit teachers and discuss report cards
- **Community Bike Ride and Ski Club** – Every Monday and Wednesday come with your family and enjoy a bike ride to various parts of the city. Bikes, helmets and baby trailers provided. Once the snow comes we will be skiing and visiting various locations in Winnipeg and outside of the city.
- **December 21st Feast of Generosity and community children's party** – Please join us for our Feast of Generosity and children's party. Lunch will be served at 12:00 and the children's party starts at 10:00
- **Post Secondary Week** – November 21st - 25th Students learning about the world of post – secondary.

ARGYLE ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

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Inner City District Advisory Committee Argyle School Report – November 16, 2016

Family Nights

Family nights continue to draw students and their families (includes all people significant in their life) to the school once a month for celebration and sharing. It is an opportunity for the Argyle community to gather, share a meal, create a “make and take” project and have informal conversations about school and/or division information. It is our opportunity to provide parents a voice in matters such as budget development and school planning. Dinner is prepared by staff and students with a focus on preparing healthy meals from “scratch”. Child care is provided.

October 27, 2016 – Participants created personalized lamps which highlighted a saying, quote or memory that brought joy and inspiration to their life.

November 24, 2016 – Students and parents will create a “Tile Memory” that they will give to a significant other during the holidays.

December 21, 2016 – Participants will have an opportunity to make a variety of crafts which can be used to decorate for the holidays or as gifts.

Fort Whyte Farms: The farm program at Fort Whyte exposes students to sustainable practices as they relate to food, livestock, and an urban centre. Students are encouraged to try new foods, to feed a variety of livestock (rabbits, chickens, pigs) and to have a hands on learning experience in the greenhouse.

Career Café: Career Café is an opportunity for students to meet individuals from the community and learn about their careers. Every Wednesday, students are introduced to a new speaker who talks about their personal career journey. Discussions focus on questions such as: How they became interested in their current field? What education or training was required? What does a typical day in that role look like?

Student Support Groups

- Argyle support staff continues to offer group activities that focus on social issues including coping strategies for students struggling with mental health concerns.
- In addition to gender specific group meetings (Men’s Teachings, Two Spirited Teachings and New Moon Ceremonies), students are provided opportunities to attend monthly Sweat Lodge ceremonies.

Up Coming Community Events:

- In December, Argyle will host a family/community holiday event where all are invited to enjoy a holiday meal and afternoon of fun activities.



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



Children of the Earth High School

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Children of the Earth High School

Highlights September- November 2016

The Girls' Volleyball season wrapped up on November 8th. 10 girls improved their skills while displaying great sportsmanship, teamwork and school pride during the season. The Thunderbirds were competitive and these players enjoyed their season in the Winnipeg School Division League.

Inspiration Based Music Program. Our weekly after-school program, available to all students and family, started on October 5th. Participants participate in artistic collaborations and musical expression through playing instruments, singing and song writing. Participants are encouraged to learn individually, write and jam collectively, attempt new instruments (trying all available options before settling on just one) and provide peer led instruction as students teach each other to replicate what they've learned on a particular instrument. This program is run in partnership with the Manitoba Conservatory of Music and Arts and the Winnipeg Foundation.

Journey and Succeed Program Started on October 12th. This after school program runs weekly and focuses on financial & employment literacy skills, through a partnership with Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development. Students participate in educational sessions, volunteering and training. We also partner with SEED Winnipeg and Assiniboine Credit Union to help our students obtain birth certificates, Social Insurance Numbers and open bank accounts.

AbOriginal Student Co-op started on October 11th and is offered twice a week. The student run Co-Op is a partnership with COTE, SEED (Supporting Employment and Economic Development), and the Manitoba Cooperative Association. The curriculum teaches the basics of cooperative enterprises including business and cooperative principals. Hard and soft skills necessary to run a business including, inventory management, production, accounting, marketing, cashier and customer service, teamwork, decision making, public speaking sales, money managements. Curriculum is designed through an indigenous lens to connect cooperative business principles and practices to indigenous traditional knowledge and principals. **December 4 is our art sale from 10:00-3:00 at Assiniboine Park Conservatory!**



September 14th our school had our Fall Feast, Pipe Ceremony, Sage Picking and Teaching at Birds Hill Park.

Career Trek presented at our *Baby and Me Program*, on September 27th. This program designed to provide our young parents (students) with skills and resources to support healthy early year's child development.

On September our school recognized Orange Shirt Day! Every Child Matters

COTE hosted a Family Portrait Day on Saturday October 1st in partnership with Tec Voc. Working with professional photographers and Tec Voc students we offered USB drives to families loaded with Portraits of their families. Participating schools included David Livingstone and Dufferin.

Meet the Staff was on October 4th and was well attended.

On October 21st we held a Safe Food Handlers course at the school.

November 9th Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 10-We watched the play *Shattered* put on by Sarasviti Productions. This play dealt with Mental Health- depression and anxiety. At the end audience participation allowed actors to end with a positive spin by changing the end of the stories.

The COTE GSA started up at again on November 9th. Our Gay/Straight Alliance welcomes ALL especially those who want Children of the Earth to continue to be a school environment that is inclusive, safe and accepting. This student lead group will be running a Spirit week, Anti Bully Day and other awareness days pertaining to creating an inclusive environment.

Sincerely,

Nichola Batzel
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Children of the Earth High School



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Ms P. Mainville, Vice Principal

David Livingstone Community School

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REPORT FOR INNER CITY PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE November 16, 2016

Parent Representative:
Principal
Vice-Principal

Alexa Rosentreter
Tim Cox
Pat Mainville

Our school has been a hub of activity since the start of the school year. Below is just a small snippet into the life at David Livingstone Community School.

- Meet the Teacher Bar-B-Q
- Hockey Heros – Student Hockey Program
- Parent/student/staff/community PATH (Call to Action)
- Treaty Education – Classroom Treaties
- Grade 6 Camp Nutimuk
- Vision Screening/ Hearing Screening
- Book Fair
- Can U – Continual
- Girl's Volleyball Team
- Halloween Activities and Dance
- Students to WAG – Arts program
- Rec and Read Program – after school program for students
- Career Trek – A program for students on Saturdays
- Picture Day
- Pizza Day
- Remembrance Day Assembly
- Evening Parent Gathering – Huge success with parents attending and participating.
- Evacuation Drill to Mount Carmel Clinic

This school year is well underway and has been a very busy start. We are in the midst of sharing and celebrating students learning with their Parent/Caregivers during Student-Led Conferences.

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Gordon Bell High School: Report to Inner City Advisory Council

1. We opened the year with our annual Fall Fiesta. Parents, students and teachers enjoyed a meal and being entertained by student musicians, dancers and athletes. We also had many of our vegetables from our summer Greenspace Garden Project on hand. We had a bumper crop of potatoes, carrots and tomatoes.
2. Gordon Bell enrolment is up with the Middle Years and EAL being the areas of increase. We are beginning to see an influx of immigrants from Syria and, once again, Africa.
3. Paul Martin Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Course is flourishing and students are involved with the Manitoba Mukluks Company.
4. RAD (Reading Assessments) are completed and the Middle Years teachers are planning strategies to build student strengths in the area of Comprehension Strategies and Understanding Supporting Ideas.
5. We have completed our Fire Drills, Busridership, Lockdown Drills and our Evacuation Drill is on Monday.
6. Interim Reports for Grade 7 and 8 went home in early October and reports went home to all students last week. Parent Teacher Conferences are on Thursday evening and all day Friday.
7. The Halloween Event went smoothly and all the students had fun either dancing or watching movies or playing games in the library.
8. Remembrance Day was outstanding and organized by our Grade 9 students and staff. The ceremony focused on the events at Vimy Ridge in World War1. Our school does a lot of emphasis on Peace as we have a large population of students who have escaped from countries at war.
9. The boys and girls drumming groups have begun, plus through our Attendance Project we have noon hour Sewing groups, Veggie Club, After-Hours training, Bike Repair Shop, Band Blast Tutorials, Positive Teen Parenting Support Group, Learning Centre and Indigenous Craft groups. All groups meet at noon or after school with the teachers involved.
10. Take Your Kids to Work day saw a variety of guest speakers at the school and the Grade 9 classes visited the home of our Lieutenant Governor, Janice Filmon. The students met with her and they all enjoyed a luncheon together. and Lt. Governor's House: visit for Grade 9 girls to meet and talk to Janice Filmon.

It has been a great start to our school year!

HUGH JOHN MACDONALD SCHOOL



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School Report

November 16, 2016

Our school community is now well into our learning this school year and we are in the process of preparing for our student parent teacher conference for Thursday, November 17th from 5:30 to 7:30 and Friday, November 18th a.m. and p.m. with a pause at lunch for our staff.

On behalf of our school community, we welcome to Hugh John Macdonald School's community the following practicum students Nikeesha Williams, Bradley Sparling, Alison Jonk, Alexander Braun, Anna Currie, Katie De Roo, Laura Carroll, Mona Friesen, Catherine Nguyen and Sean Fitzmaurice. Our 10 University of Winnipeg teacher candidates who have joined our school for their practicum training. Joining us as well are our four conflict mediator trainees Michael Julien, Kristin Jacobson, Julie Letkeman and Brooke Evans from Menno Simons College. As well, we have two new educational assistants Michelle Howarth and Kerry Hebert joining our LAL (Literacy Academic Language Centre.)

Many of our newly arrived staff are arriving at a time when we are finishing the first quarter of the school year. During this time, there were a number of highlights for students learning. On the literacy front, all our grade 8 and 9 students were able to participate in the Thin Air Writer's Conference through dialogues and conversations with Richard Van Camp, an Indigenous author. Our grade 9 students also received the opportunity to welcome and listen to Chief Bear from Brokenhead First Nation bring greetings and introduce Cilau Bau who shared her parents' story as a holocaust survivor. In the area of numeracy learning, all our math teachers are working hard to advance our students learning in both automaticity and conceptual understanding of math through both daily math practices and problem solving opportunities. This math is in alignment with the work being done at all our elementary sending schools. On the athletics front, we finished our cross country season with a number of students participating wholeheartedly. One of our grade 9 student consistently finished in the top 5 in her races. Volleyball season is at the midway point with grade 7 & 8 teams for both girls and boys as well as a grade 9 girls team.

As we prepare to have a good finish to our learning prior to our Winter/Christmas break, we are inviting our parents and caregivers to our community turkey feast scheduled for Wednesday, December 21st starting at lunch. Further details will be sent home in a special invitation with your child. Please set aside this time, if you are able, to join us in celebrating together as school community.

In addition, please find attached short descriptions regarding some of the learning for each of our four teams during the initial start to the school year.

Thank you.

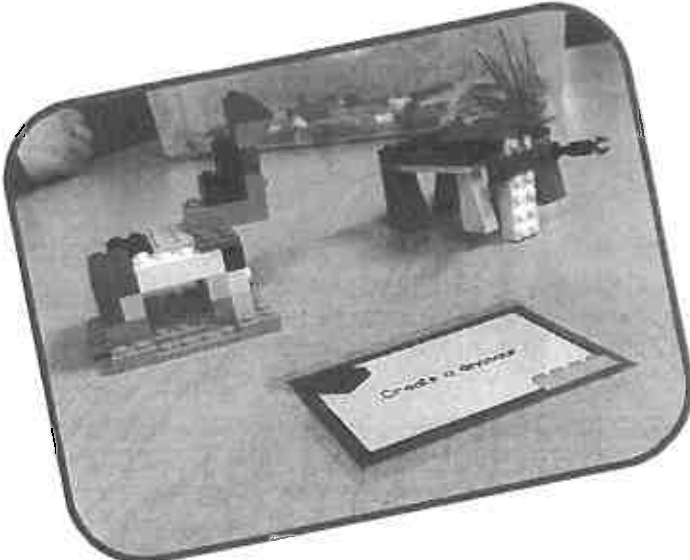
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Ainslie Loria



Team Leader - Mr. W. du Plooy
Ms. H. Schellenberg Mr. R. Helbig Ms. J. Forzley Ms. C. Buoncore

Team Wisdom has had a great start to the school year! Students and staff had an adventurous day of team building at Assiniboine Park. Room 209 recently had a guided tour of the Winnipeg Police Museum in the new police headquarters. Room 214 participated in a trip to the Millenium Library where they heard from Melanie Florence, author of "Missing Nimama". Teachers are excited about this year's great group of students and the exciting learning we'll be doing together this year!



Our students had the opportunity for collaboration and creative thinking during our Halloween LEGO Challenge before the Halloween Dance.





The school year is well on the way now and everybody has settle into the routine of school. We welcomed new students and they have now settled into the team. Ms. Obradovic's class has been learning American Sign Language and has continued with the Sprit of Empathy sessions. In Ms. Elliott's class we have been learning about electricity and atoms which has had it's challenges. Students will be building circuits to demonstrate their understanding of how electricity works and how lights work and hope to go on a school field trip . Mr. Mymin's class continue to do the the grocery shopping for the supplies which replenishes our Cafeteria. We all take turns preparing scrumptious meals for the school at very reasonable prices.



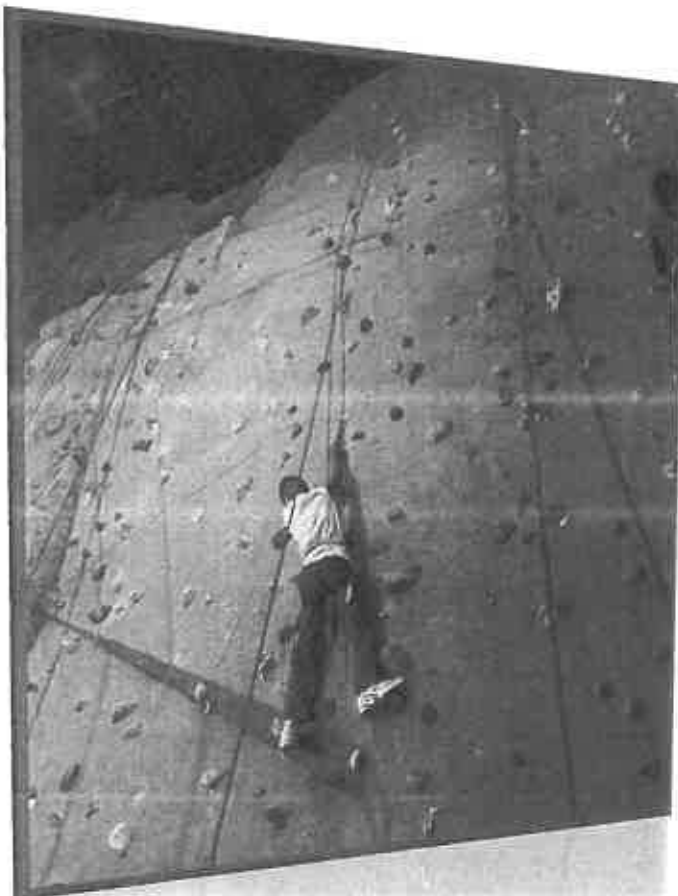


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We have had many blessings and are building on what the classes have achieved in the various academic areas previously. We have been on a few field trips which were interactive, educational and enjoyed by all. They included a corn maze at Deer Meadows Farm where students had to work in teams to locate stations and use a map to find their way out of the maze.



DEER MEADOW FARMS



At the Assiniboine Park we enjoyed hot dogs and other goodies and just have a great day building school spirit. We went swimming at Cindy Klassen Recreation Centre and our last trip was to the climbing wall at our centrally located youth centre.

Team Courage Lighter Corner

Team Leader - Mr. V. Tran

Ms. Rondeau Mr. G. Henson Ms. Fallorin Ms. Flamand Ms. Muswagon

It has been 2 months since the first day of this school year began. Team Courage students are settling down productively to the routines and expectations of school.

On Oct. 14 our team went to Assiniboine Park with other teams for the day as a school building activity. Students participated in playing soccer, baseball, and nature walk. On Nov. 1st our team went to MB Museum Science Gallery to explore the science activities the Museum offers. A good time was had by everyone.



We would like to welcome 4 teacher candidates: Ms. Claire Rodger, Ms. Nikeesha Williams, Ms. Catherine Nguyen and Mr. Sean Fitzmaurice to our team from the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba . We trust that the experience you have at Hugh John will be pleasant and educational one.



Humility

Team Leader - Mr. Kousonsavath

Mr. Villegas

Ms. Martim

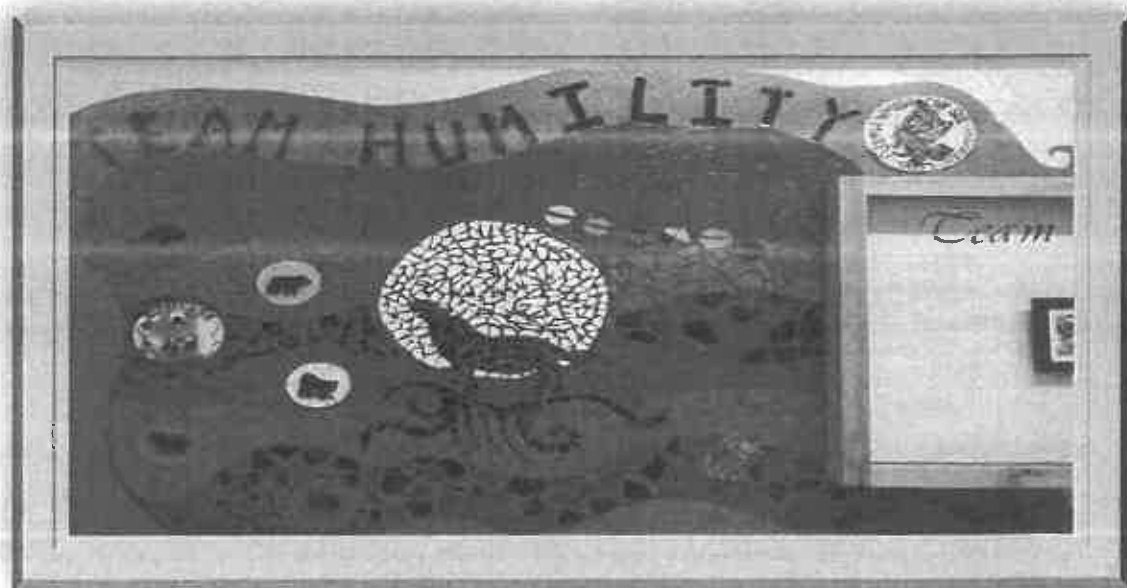
Ms. Mackenzie

Ms. Donachuk

The first term for Team Humility has started off very well for the 2016/17 School year. It was great to see the families who were able to come out for our Meet the Staff night. We want to welcome Ms. Martim, Ms. Mackenzie and Jessie to our team. To help develop our team spirit, we ran a gym riot and had a school excursion to Assiniboine Park. We are looking forward to working and growing with the students of Team Humility this year.

“True humility is staying teachable, regardless of how much you already know.”

- Unknown



Mulvey School Community Report September – November 2016

Here are some highlights at Mulvey School from September – November 2016

Meet The Staff Evening! Wednesday, September 21, 2016 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

The Mulvey Parent Council raised money in September/October 2016 by selling the Show & Save Card and Coupon Book. Total of 200 books sold. The Parent Council also sold New Bothwell Cheese. All the funds raised are put directly back into school related activities, and programming, such as field trips, extra curricular clubs, new play structure and playground enhancements and grade six year end celebration, nutrition programs and initiatives.

Healthy Treat Day on September 30th The entire School went Bowling to Academy Lanes

Omands Creek, Living Prairie Museum and Assiniboine Forest, Manitoba Museum Field Trips by multi- classrooms

Career Trek Orientation for 3 Mulvey Students in October, now attending weekly on Saturdays

Parent Nutrition Bingo in November, and Parent Sewing Club.

Skating Club, Private music lessons, choir, dance and two soccer teams began in October.

26 students are receiving private music lessons from Volunteers

Intermediate Team participated in the CancerCare Walk to the Forks

Partner with Balmoral Hall in Walk for the Cure, Cancer Awareness/Fundraising

Mulvey Students raised \$350.00 for Terry Fox Run

Youth to Youth with Balmoral Hall and Mulvey Grades 5 & 6 students began in October

Picture Day and Picture Retake Day

Leadership Sport and Recess Leader students trained in Recess games

Patrol Training and Roller Skating

We day at the MTS Centre – Student Leadership Team will attend, 25 in total.

Halloween Dance with Grades 1-6 students

Halloween visit to Misericordia Hospital to show costumes to residents – 42 students in all

Fountas and Pinell Learning lunch, Writing PD for Staff

Assessment, Technology and MTS PD days

Constable Jones on Personal Safety and Internet Safety / Bully Proofing

Reading Club Kickoff and Program - RazKids

Welcome to New Staff Potluck

5 Students Participated at Orff Day

5 Apple Tress Planted at Mulvey

12 students taken to a Book Launch at MTC Theatre with Raina

Report Cards and Parent Teacher Student Conferences – Term 1

Students, parents, staff attending the Remembrance Day Assembly, 12 veterans invited



Community Report

Niji Mahkwa School

November, 2016

The first few months of school have quickly passed. It is a very busy time as the teachers prepare for report card time again. In September, the students participated in Sage Picking and Tipi Teachings out on the land. All students from Nursery to grade eight spent the day at Birds Hill. The morning was spent on teachings and sage picking. The afternoon involved fun activities for the students.

During the month of September, parents volunteered to assist in our eye screening program for Nursery to Grade eight. Biindigen Feast was held on September 29, 2016. Again, the turnout of parents and grandparents was phenomenal.

Niji Mahkwa School is participating in the following: Inner City Soccer League, Quantum Program, Career Trek, Middle Years Basketball and Volleyball, coats for kids, and the Winnipeg Harvest Program. We continue to partnership with the Elders of the Kekinan Seniors' Home and the Aboriginal Seniors' Resource Centre. The students enjoy the monthly Sharing Circles with the Elders. The Inner City Science Lab is as busy as ever again this year.

The Parent Council has hosted a card making session and several star blanket making sessions for the parents during September and October. A number of parents participated.

Our whole school dinner for the students will be held on December 16, 2016 and Breakfast with Santa on December 21, 2015. Parent Council will hold their potluck get together on December 06, 2016.

School Events:

- **“MEET THE STAFF”:** Students led their families to their homerooms and all of the different common areas, where they were collecting beads. Once every color of the Rainbow was collected they completed a key chain to celebrate “Kindness”. The theme for this event was “Striving for great height and learning in harmony.” Hot dogs, fruit and juice were served. Door Prizes were held at the end of the evening.
- **Norquay School’s Annual Terry Fox Run,** the theme for this year’s run was ‘Perseverance’. How each one of can achieve success in every day challenge.
- **“Family Fun Night”** The intent of Numeracy Night is to engage families in different math themed (fall) activities and were differentiated for all students’ abilities. 2 baskets full of games and educational prizes were given to 2 families. Families were served Taco’s in a Bag.
- **Hearing and Screening** has been completed

Family Room Programs:

- Offer resources such as pamphlets, flyers, access to the Internet, lists of internet sites that may provide further supports (employability, education and training), and resume support to our school families and visitors.
- Daily coffee/tea, colored printer, computer, newspaper, phone and bulletin boards, sewing machine
- The Family Room is open from 8:15 AM. Thru to 4:00 PM daily.
- **“Little Red Sprit” (Aboriginal Head Start Program)** is a community based Early Childhood Education Program. The program provides Culture & Language, Social Supports, crafts and parental involvement. Snacks are provided.
- **“No Body’s Perfect”** Parenting program is designed to strengthen positive parenting. The program a safe place to meet others. Childcare and snacks are provided.
- **“All The Right Type’** Parents have access to a Computer Program to improve typing skills. Norquay School provides access to a washer and dryer for school families to do laundry.
- **Koats for Kids** are accessed through the Family Room.
- **Eye Examinations** are arranged though the Family Room, Community Support Worker.
- **The Smile Program** provides free dental assessments. These assessments are done in the Family Room. Community Support Workers supports with bringing their students to appointments.
- A sewing machine is available to families and community members. Community Support Worker is able to assist if needed. October’s Parent Gathering Meeting focus was Fire Prevention with Rick Stephanchew N.F.P.A Public Education Officer was our guest speaker.
- **November’s Parent Gathering Meeting** focus was resources that SEED provides. Millie Acuna, Manager Asset Building Programs, was our guest speaker.

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WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

Report for Inner City District Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

September/October/November

- Family Fun/Parent Council Evenings in September and October focusing on the 7 Teachings
- Started a Walking School Bus this fall, supporting families with morning and after-school transportation to and from school.
- Little Red Spirit Mobile Classroom every Tuesday morning.
- Mindful Minutes Recess Alternative.
- Monthly Parent Nutrition Bingo.
- Sewing Club for Parents.
- Community Pottery Club.
- Soccer/Social Justice/Volleyball/Gardening clubs have all started.
- October Thanksgiving Turkey Breakfast.
- University of Manitoba Dental Outreach Program - Dental Screening.
- R.R.C.C. Health Fair for Grades 1/2/3.
- Two Grade 4 students organized a fundraiser for Siloam Mission.
- September - November monthly average attendance over 90% each month.
- Free performance by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.