

**THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION**

**SOUTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Wednesday, December 5, 2018**

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**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

Trustee Mark Wasyliw welcomed everyone to the first South District Advisory Committee meeting for the 2018/2019 school year. At the Inaugural meeting of the Board held on November 5, 2018, Trustee Jamie Dumont was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Mark Wasyliw was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

**2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR**

The parent representative from Grant Park High School volunteered to Chair the South District Advisory Committee for the 2018/2019 school year.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Committee members approved the Agenda of November 27, 2018, as distributed.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 PROVINCIAL 2019 PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATION**

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

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

Committee members were provided with a WSD fact sheet to assist parents in completing the Provincial Survey. Committee members commented on the impact amalgamation of school boards would have on programs and services for students.

Committee members were informed WSD continues to operate as one of the leanest administration teams in the Province, while providing direction, support and service to the largest school division. WSD administrative costs equal 2.7% of total spending, below the 3.0% mandated limit for all large urban school divisions in the province.

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

#### **4.2 WSD 2019/2020 BUDGET CONSULTATION**

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

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

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

Committee members discussed programs which have most impacted their schools/children. Committee members discussed the French/language programs, importance of Nursery Program, sports, technology, languages and the arts. Committee members discussed that any programs that are well supported and resourced with teachers contribute to the flourishing of students.

Committee members were in support of exploring additional support for mental health and social emotional needs.

Committee members discussed the provincially suggested 2% property tax limit, however specific recommendations were not provided as feedback.

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

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

#### **4.3 MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF PARENT COUNCILS (MAPC)**

Naomi Kruse, Executive Director of MAPC was in attendance to provide an overview on the role and services provided by MAPC. Parents were encouraged to register as a member for the 2018/2019 school year.

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

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**4.4 2018/2019 DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATES**

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

Central District Advisory Committee  
7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

North District Advisory Committee  
7:00 p.m.

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

South District Advisory Committee  
7:00 p.m.

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

French Immersion Advisory Committee  
7:00 p.m.

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

Student Advisory Committee  
4:00 p.m.

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

**5. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS**

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Sir William Osler School

**6. FOR INFORMATION**

**6.1 District Advisory Reports and Summaries of Discussions**

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

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

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

## **6.2 Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees**

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

## **7. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next South District Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

#### **Voting Representatives:**

Collège Churchill  
Earl Grey School  
Gladstone School  
Grant Park High School  
Grosvenor School  
École secondaire Kelvin High School  
École LaVerendrye  
École River Heights School  
École Riverview School  
École Robert H. Smith School

#### **Administration:**

Celia Caetano-Gomes, Superintendent of Education Services  
Julie Millar, Director of Student Services  
Andrea Powell, Principal, Robert H. Smith School  
Maria Silva, Principal, Kelvin High School  
Wade Gregg, Principal, Queenston School  
Jude Guzzi, Vice-Principal, Riverview School  
Thérèse Deleurme, Recording Secretary

#### **Non-Voting/Resource Members:**

Naomi Kruse, Executive Director, MAPC

#### **Trustees:**

Trustee Jamie Dumont  
Trustee Mark Wasyliw  
Trustee Chris Broughton

#### **Regrets:**

Carpathia School  
Harrow School  
Montrose School  
Queenston School

**French Immersion Advisory School Report**  
**École Sir William Osler**  
**December 6, 2018**

**École Sir William Osler Priorities include:**

1. Students will develop a greater depth of understanding related to the strategies and processes in reading and writing in order to independently engage in independent and innovative learning.
  2. Students will develop a greater depth of understanding related to the strategies and processes in numeracy and mental math in order to independently engage in independent and innovative learning.
  3. Students will develop an increased awareness of the seven scientific processes skills (classifying, observing, measuring, inferring, predicting, communicating, experimenting) in order to apply them to the learning of new knowledge in scientific studies and other related content curriculum.
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- Continue to grow as a school. Currently N-4 with 110 students. Adding a grade each year.
  - The little school with a big heart!
  - Terry Fox Run- raised over \$1500 for the Terry Fox Foundation.
  - Book Fair was a huge success surpassing our goal of \$2000.
  - Classroom review meetings are taking place.
  - Elementary Assessment was completed on time and teachers are analyzing their data to program for second term.
  - Hosted a very memorable Remembrance Day ceremony with our military families in attendance.
  - Tri-conferences had over 95% attendance.
  - Winter Bazaar- Promoting sustainability and develop real world math skills, funds towards playground enhancement.
  - Winter Concert- Fafounet et la tempête de neige. PAC doing a bake sale before hand. All proceeds are going to the playground enhancement fund.