

# THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

## CENTRAL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Wednesday, May 4, 2016

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#### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### 2. SAFE AND CARING POLICY – TRANS AND GENDER DIVERSE STUDENTS AND STAFF

Committee members received a video presentation on the Safe and Caring Policy – Trans and Gender Diverse Students and Staff. Your Committee was informed that the Winnipeg School Division strives for students to receive a high quality education in a safe, equitable and inclusive school environment. The Division is committed to providing learning opportunities, dignity, respect and equity for all. Your Committee was informed that the Safe and Caring Policy – Trans and Gender Diverse Students and Staff is intended to support all students and employees. The policy compliments existing provincial legislation, including the Public School Act and the Safe Schools Charter. In addition the policy strives to encourage the positive mental health among trans and gender creative students within the Winnipeg School Division and staff.

Your Committee was informed that the draft policy includes a comprehensive list of definitions and terms. All employees, students, volunteers and trustees are responsible for ensuring their conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning and working environment for everyone. The specific responsibilities outlined in the draft policy will ensure effective and respectful support for individual needs.

Your Committee was informed that the Winnipeg School Division Code of Conduct is a key supporting document for the policy and essentially requires everyone to respect the rights of all students and staff with regard to their gender identity and gender expression, and be aware of unacceptable behaviours, such as bullying, harassment, violence or discrimination. Your Committee was informed that the policy also includes guidelines for dealing with conflict.

Your Committee was informed that students' and staff safety is the highest priority for the Winnipeg School Division.

Your Committee was informed that there are eight guiding principles for administering the policy consistently within all schools across the Winnipeg School Division.

- Direction on how to maintain student records for Trans and Gender Diverse students;
- Communication with parents or guardians;
- The right of students and employees to be addressed by their preferred name and pronoun;
- How to minimize gender segregated sorting – whether it is educational, recreational or competitive;
- Access to all-gender washrooms and appropriate change rooms; the use of an all gender washroom is a matter of choice and not mandatory;
- Arrangements for overnight trips, excursions and camps to provide accommodations that best address the needs of the students;
- Access to activities and sports regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression;
- And school dress codes that ensure students have the right to dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity or expression.

Committee members were informed that many aspects of the Safe and Caring Policy is covered through the Division's Code of Conduct and the policy has many supports on procedures which staff can follow to effectively and consistently manage situations.

In response to an enquiry, Committee members were informed that in 2013, the Division embarked on a multi-year renovation program to provide gender inclusive washrooms in all facilities. The first phase of the program has been completed with gender inclusive washroom facilities in all high schools. The second phase will focus on junior high facilities and the final phase will address the remaining Division facilities. Committee members were informed that in the meantime, all schools in the Division are able to provide access to a washroom for students or staff who are seeking a gender inclusive facility.

Committee members expressed concern that there may be risk of excluding groups from the policy and encouraged the Division to be diligent in reviewing and updating the policy as needed.

In response to an enquiry, Committee members were informed that school policies are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure the policy is current and in line with any changes in legislation as well as feedback provided by the school community.

Committee members were informed that the video to clarify the intent of the policy as well as a survey is posted on the Division's website [www.wsd1.org](http://www.wsd1.org). The deadline to receive feedback regarding the draft policy is May 20, 2016.

### **3. FOR INFORMATION**

#### **3.1 District Advisory Reports and Summaries of Discussions**

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held March 7, 2016, the Board of Trustees received the Central District Advisory Committee Report and Summary of Discussions as information. The Summary of Discussions have been distributed to Committee members the week of March 7, 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.

### **4. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS**

#### **SCHOOL REPORTS**

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

- Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute
- Elmwood High School
- Greenway School
- Isaac Brock School
- Ecole Laura Secord School
- Sargent Park School
- Tec-Voc High School
- Wolseley School

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Cecil Rhodes School

Committee members were also informed of the following event at Cecil Rhodes School

- Healthy Mind Activities
- Garden
- Cecil Rhodes School Play at Tec-Voc (Wizard of Oz)
- Grade 9 City Volleyball champions

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Representatives:**

Ron Balilo, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate  
May Hupé, Elmwood High School  
Cara McDougall, Ecole George V School  
Liz Jackimec, Isaac Brock School  
Horacio Medeiros, Sargent Park School  
Glenda Bork, Tec Voc High School  
Marla Friesen, Wolseley School

**Alternate Representatives**

Sabrina Lusty, École George V School  
Jolene Schnerch, Isaac Brock School  
Gerald Bork, Tec Voc High School

**Regrets:**

Trustee Allan Beach  
Trustee Kevin Freedman  
Cecil Rhodes School  
Glenelm School  
Greenway School  
Kent Road School  
Lord Selkirk School  
River Elm School  
Ecole Sacre-Coeur

**Administration:**

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Rosanna Guzzi, Vice-Principal, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate  
Garth McAlpine, Vice-Principal, Elmwood High School  
Melody Woloschuk, Principal, Isaac Brock School  
Rhona Churman, Vice-Principal, Ecole Laura Secord  
Luba Krosney, Principal, Sargent Park School  
Rick Horaska, Acting Principal, Tec Voc High School  
Suzanne Mole, Principal, Wolseley School

**Trustees:**

Cathy Collins  
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# DANIEL MCINTYRE

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### Parent Advisory Report May 4, 2016

#### 1. National Award Winners

- Two DMCI students placed first in a national video competition called "It's Your Job" put on by The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS).
- This is a great honour because it is the first time a Manitoban has won this award. The girls were awarded \$2000 to share for their video. The CCOHS has also awarded the school \$2000 for a total award of \$4000.
- The two students attended the official Canada Launch of the North American Occupational Safety and Health Week held in Ottawa on Monday May 2, 2016 where they were honoured for their achievement and were personally congratulated by Minister of Labour Ms. MaryAnn Mihychuk.

#### 2. Zumba for our Grads

- Thank you to our parent council for hosting a Zumba-thon to raise funds for Grad 2016! The 2 hour event was held at the school on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to our parent volunteer Mrs. Gaburno and teacher Mrs. Ilagan for organizing the event.
- This event was such a huge success that the instructors have volunteered their time to hold a second Zumba-thon on May 27<sup>th</sup> in the gym from 5PM – 7PM

#### 3. Spring Formal

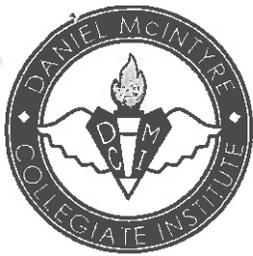
- DMCI hosted an evening Spring Formal dance on Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>. This event was very special for our students because it was the first evening dance held at DMCI in at least 10 years.
- Student council planned, organized, decorated and supervised the event which was a great success.
- Thank you to all teachers, teacher candidates and parents who volunteered and helped make this event a memorable one.

#### 4. Day Of Pink Anti-Bullying Campaign

- On April 6<sup>th</sup> DMCI held their own Day of Pink to raise Anti-Bullying awareness. EAL students set up a display in the main hallway and handed out baked goodies and anti-bullying brochures created by our EAL students. Staff and students supported the event by wearing pink all day.

#### 5. The "Write Stuff" Writer's Conference

- DMCI's English department hosted their second annual grade 11 writer's conference on Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Calvary Temple.
- The event began with keynote speaker David Robertson, bestselling graphic novelist and writer. Students then selected from a variety of workshops being facilitated by 12 presenters which included newspaper columnists, comedians, novelists and other professionals in the communication industry.
- Grade 9 students from Cecil Rhodes School and Sargent Park were also invited to the event.



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### Upcoming Events:

#### 1. Big Band Dance

- An evening showcasing the talent of our Jazz band program while swinging to the music of the 30's & 40's
- Friday May 13th in the school gym; tickets available in the office or at the door for \$10 each. All proceeds will support our band program.

#### 2. The Celebration of the Arts

- You are welcome to join us on Thursday, May 26, 2016 in the MPR from 5:15 PM – 7:00 PM to enjoy an evening of student visual art work on display, a fashion show hosted by our Home Economics Clothing department, food prepared by our Food and Nutrition students, and entertainment provided by our band and choir

\*The Art Exhibit is free

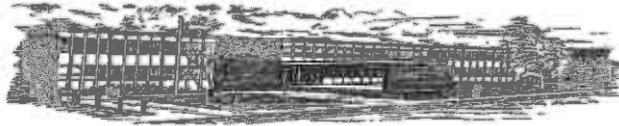
#### 3. Heritage Celebrations

- DMCI will be hosting their annual Africa Night and Philippine Night Celebrations. Ethnic food, entertainment and good company will be enjoyed by all who attend
- Africa Night May 19th 6:30 PM– 10:00 PM
- Philippine Night June 3rd evening
- Tickets can be purchased in DMCI office

#### 4. Zumba-Thon

- Grad fundraiser on May 27<sup>th</sup> in the school gym from 5 PM – 7 PM. All are welcome to participate
- Tickets are \$5 each and will be sold at the door

# Elmwood High School



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## Central District Advisory, May 4, 2016

1. One of the members of the Elmwood Wrestling team won a gold medal in the provincial wrestling tournament. They then went on to represent Elmwood and Manitoba at the National Wrestling Championships. In one of the most competitive divisions at Nationals they finished an impressive 7<sup>th</sup>, with a record of 4 wins and 2 losses.
2. On Thursday, May 5 we will be hosting a Grade 8 Band Blast. 294 students, representing 8 schools!
3. A grade 8 band student will be representing Elmwood in the Provincial Jr. Honour Band. Their performance is May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church.
4. A grade 11 student has been awarded a Wellness of the Whole award. The award, presented by the Manitoba Physical Education Teachers' Association and the Dairy Farmers of Manitoba, recognizes students who demonstrate positive attitudes and contribute to overall health and wellness of their school community.
5. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, students in grades 9-12 will be participating in Elmwood HS Day of Service. Students and staff will be volunteering at numerous organizations throughout the city.
6. Grade 8 and 9 science students will be at Fort Whyte to participate in Soil Science Day.
7. Middle Years students have registered for Clean Air Month, and will be encouraged to use active participation throughout the month of May.
8. Elmwood HS ultimate team was named the Spirit Champions at a recently held indoor tournament.
9. The JV Girls Basketball team were crowned Tier 2 champions defeating Stonewall in a thrilling comeback victory.
10. Prior to spring break the Elmwood student council ran a very successful spirit week.
11. The school band earned a 5-star performance at the Optimist Band Festival.
12. The production of Dorothy in Wonderland was a smash hit. It marked the first musical production in almost 25 years.
13. Elmwood has partnered with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers to host 'Ahead of the Game'. A mentorship program for 15-20 high school students talking about goal setting, leadership, work ethic and commitment. This takes place on Wednesdays.
14. Elmwood staff and students participated in the 30 hour famine. 35 participants raised over \$1000 for World Vision.
15. Grade 9-12 Life Skills students participated in the Special Olympics Bocce tournament, going undefeated.



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16. Two teams of students participated in the Envirothon competition at Oak Hammock Marsh.
17. Elmwood hosted another successful High 5 Recess Challenge, which saw students from EHS feeder schools participate in fun activities for an afternoon. Activities were run by Elmwood senior high leadership students.
18. A number of students participated in the WSD science fair at the Brodie Centre.
19. Congratulations to the Varsity Boys soccer team for winning the Gordon Bell Greenspace Tournament.
20. Elmwood welcomed new SRO, Constable Christina Bergen to the school recently. Elmwood would like to thank Constable Vern Novalkowski for his positive contributions to the Elmwood Community and wish him the best in his new role.
21. On May 24<sup>th</sup> Elmwood will be hosting the provincial launch of the MADD school assembly program.
22. Current sports underway are outdoor soccer, slow pitch, golf, ultimate, track and field, 10 pin bowling, and football spring camp.
23. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Elmwood will be hosting the Arctic Climate Change Youth Forum (ACCYF).



# Greenway School

School Report  
May 2016



- Teachers completed the third year of the Regie Routman Writing Residency as a “Hub School” – lead teachers will support & mentor Greenway teachers as well as host teachers from other schools in the division.
- I Love to Read month was highlighted by a visit from Winnipeg Jets’ players Drew Stafford and Mark Stuart, who read the book *The Home Team* to a grade 4 class, thanks to a winning writing entry from one of the students. Each student received an autographed copy of the book.
- All Students participated in Winter Fun Day in February
- Read-a-thon Fundraiser in February raised almost \$2500 which will support field trips and technology.
- Winnipeg Youth Football Club - 34 Students in grades 4-6 participated in Flag Football at the University of Winnipeg
- Selected students from grades 4 to 6 attended an Indoor Track Meet at University of Manitoba in March
- Little Green Thumbs Horticulture Program – Grade 3 students growing tomatoes & herbs; will be selling Basil to fundraise for field trips
- Grade 4 – 6 running club – 102 students participate in the morning runs
- Grade 1 – 3 running club – “lots” of students participate in running laps at recess
- Fit Run – June 8<sup>th</sup> – 70 students will participate
- Grade 6 Leadership Students will facilitate “Right to Play” Fridays – organizing recess games for younger students
- Buddy Bench Initiative – four benches have been donated for placement on the playground. One bench will be dedicated, in memorandum, to a kindergarten student who passed away in December. The purpose of the “Buddy Bench” is to foster friendships and encourage students to support one another. The benches will be painted in bright colours, as designated seats in the schoolyard where students can sit when they want a friend to play with. When somebody sits on the bench, it is a signal to the other kids to ask the student on the bench to play.

## Upcoming Events

- Spring Concert – May 11<sup>th</sup> – Grade 4-6 Students
- Musical “Bugz” - May 12<sup>th</sup> – Grade 1-3 Students
- Dance in the Field – May 26 – p.m. (all students participate in dances that were taught in Phys. Ed.)
- Community Pow Wow – June 3<sup>rd</sup>, p.m.
- 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of School Patrols – Time Capsule & Tree Planting – June 9<sup>th</sup>

# Isaac Brock School Parent Advisory Council Report

May, 2016

## Academics

- We had Grade 7 and 8 students attending the Inner City Science Lab at Niji Mahkwa for science enrichment.
- Grade 9 students continue to attend Aboriginal Youth Leadership Program.
- Eight teachers from Grades 3-8 and Administration continue to participate in the WSD Math Course.
- Targeted intervention provided by teachers and EAs help ensure student success for all students including our Integrated Special Education students, Special Education Centre students, English as an Additional Language students, and Learning Assistant Centre students.
- Junior High Autism Program- the sensory room is now completed and construction for the classroom is almost completed as well.
- We have junior high students continuing to attend the Everybody Has the Right summits at St. John's High School to meet Mayor Bowman's challenge to combat racism. They will create a silk banner at Luxton School and they will march in the WSD summit at the Forks.
- Two staff members have been attending Innovative Teaching and Learning Leader sessions with George Curous. The entire staff will go to a PD with George Curous on May 9<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.
- Isaac Brock School will have both the Cree and Ojibwe Bilingual Language program beginning in Kindergarten starting next September. The program will grow a year each consecutive year.
- Ojibwe and Cree Language classes for WSD staff, high school students and community members continues to be offered at PCERC on Thursday evenings.
- Let's Talk Science workshop for Grade 1/2 a.m. was on April 14
- Grade 7/8 Science field trip to U of M re: watersheds
- Grade 8 Pan Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) Assessment for ELA, Math and Science on May 2
- Grade 9 Career Symposium May 2

### Sports/Athletics/Clubs

- A Green Team has formed at Isaac Brock School. They have met with Recycle Everywhere and have ordered recycling bins for outside and inside. They organized an assembly to teach students and staff about our new bins and how to use them properly.
- JH Art Club (Day 6)
- Grade 3/4 Origami Club (Day 2)
- Grade 5 Swimming (Thursdays from April 7 to May 26)
- JH Badminton (Mondays and Wednesdays after school)
- Grades 4-6 Fit Run practices (Wednesday and Friday mornings)
- Grade 7/8 Band at Band Festival April 12
- Grade 8/9 Band at Band Festival April 14
- Grade 2-6 Cheerleading Club (Tuesday and Thursday mornings)
- Grade 4 Dodgeball Intramurals
- JH Badminton Tournament April 20 at Grant Park High School
- JH Badminton Tournament April 28 at Elmwood High School
- Echo day 1,3,5 at noon
- Grade 7-9 Basketball Relays
- Track and Field 2000m at Grant Park May 24 at 4:00 p.m.
- JH Track Meet at University of Manitoba all day May 26 and May 30
- Grade 4-6 Fit Run at Assiniboine Park on June 8

### Music/Band/Choir

- Grade 7/8 Band were at Band Festival April 12
- Grade 8/9 Band were at Band Festival April 14
- Grade 8/9 Band will be at Band Blast May 5
- Spring Concert (Sweet Sounds- a combination Art Gallery/Musical Concert) will be on May 19
- Talent Show will be on a date TBD

## École Laura Secord School School Report, May 4, 2016

Our Primary classes recently delighted parents and family with their musical talents at the Spring Concerts. In order to accommodate as many family members as possible we held two concerts per night for two nights.

Staying with music, we are delighted to host the honour Choir practices on Tuesday evenings. We look forward to their concert on Friday, May 13.

Parent Advisory Council arranged a Family Movie night on Thursday April 21. The event was extremely well attended, children and parents in pyjamas and sleeping bags filled the gym. PAC has also been busy fundraising for the *Our Backyard* project which will transform the current playground into a nature based play area when the gym construction has been completed. We are hopeful that construction will begin soon. A fundraising social has been arranged at The Good Will on Portage Ave. on May 26.

We are very proud of our Patrol squad, they earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Central District! Way to go boys and girls! Street Patrol Training is almost completed, the new squad of patrols will take on their duties in a week or two.

May 25, 26, 27 our grade 6 students, and their teachers, will be going to Camp Cedarwood. Everyone is looking forward to the experience.

Our school continues their involvement and journey with the Regie Routman Residency. As a staff we have been examining our literacy beliefs and working to ensure our practice and classrooms reflect the beliefs. Teachers are greatly enjoying the cross grade discussions regarding student learning that are taking place at our PD sessions. We will continue our learning by visiting each other's classrooms and classrooms at other schools participating in the Residency.

We are involved in the early stages of a School Travel Planning initiative. Teachers are gathering data this week to identify how children travel to and from school. It will expand to gathering data regarding the traffic in the area and eventually make recommendations for improving safety and accessibility for all.

We always appreciate all the help and support from our wonderful volunteers. We are looking forward to celebrating them and saying a special *Thank you* on June 2, 2016. It will be a lovely afternoon!

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhona Churman



## Sargent Park School Central District Advisory Report

May 4, 2016

Current Enrolment: 877 students in grades N – 9

### Academic Endeavours:

√ Two of our students earned a gold medal at the Skills Manitoba competition at Red River College in the area of 2D animation. They will go on to represent Manitoba in the National Skills Competition in Moncton, New Brunswick. They were the youngest and only grade 9 team to ever win this competition.

√ On April 13<sup>th</sup>, our students participated in Day of Pink, a National Anti-Bullying initiative. Students and staff discussed how we can all support this initiative. Many students at the school supported this by wearing pink on that day.

√ Junior high students also supported "Free the Children" by taking part in a global fundraising and awareness campaign called "Vow of Silence". This campaign challenged the students to go SILENT to raise awareness and funds for the 1 billion children around the world who do not have the right to free speech and are being oppressed. On that day, the participating students chose not to talk for the entire school day.

√ On April 4<sup>th</sup>, our grade four students prepare and presented awesome Heritage Fair projects to their families relating to Canada's and Manitoba's history. A number of them will be presenting their outstanding projects at the University of Winnipeg on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

√ Earth week also took place in April and our students participated in many activities that thought them how they can make a difference to their planet. This initiative included daily announcements about environmental themes such as alternative energy sources and conservation, water conservation, plastic water bottles and battery recycling.

√ Our student Peace Group took on the challenge of collecting batteries for the Call2Recycle organization. Not only does the collection prevent batteries from entering the landfill, the heavy metals they contain are recycled. To date we have collected 70 kg of batteries.

√ We will be presenting our Musical 'Beauty and the Beast Jr.' on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 And 6:30 p.m. the performers have been working feverishly to prepare for this event.

√ On May 24<sup>th</sup>, our students will be hosting a 'Celebration of the Arts'. The celebration will focus on the performing and visual arts. Performing that evening will be the Junior High Band, Grade 6 and 7-9 Choirs, and the Grade 6 Dance Club. We will also have a gallery that will feature work from our visual arts, graphic arts, photograph and our clothing and design work.

### ESD Initiatives:

√ Our school took part in *Bag Up Manitoba* and collected many plastic bags, to help keep these bags out of our landfills.

√ Our outdoor classroom is about to be construction. We have a multiphase plan that will include areas for students to experiment with nature and learn about their natural environment. The area will be built in four phases: Phase 1: teaching/sharing area for group meetings; Phase 2: Presenting/Working Area; Phase 3: Reflective Area for small group work; Phase 4 Grassy Play area.

√ We have taken on many initiative throughout the year to raise money to support those in need. We have raised money to support Winnipeg Harvest, Terry Fox Foundation, Siloam Mission, Ronald McDonald House and the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

Sports:

√ Sargent Park students had a very successful year in all our sports with many first place teams both at the Division level and the City level.

Parent Teacher Association:

√ The Sargent Park Parent Council held their Peak of the Market Fundraiser pre-selling vegetables, supporting local farmers in Manitoba. This healthy fundraiser was a success, and provided an opportunity for supporters to buy something that they use every day.

√ Hotdog lunches have occurred throughout the school year.

√ The Association is working closely with the school to pursue funds to support our school endeavors.

**Once a Flame, Always a Flame**



Tec-Voc High School held its annual **Open House** on Thursday, March 3. It was a very dynamic evening with many interested parents and students in attendance. Students from partner schools visited Tec during the week to get a feel for the place and assist them in making their high school decision. Students and staff visited a variety of schools during February to spread the Hornets message. The reception to our visits to feeder schools, tours and Open House was very positive. Initial indications are that many students and parents are choosing Tec-Voc as their high school. The 2015-2016 applications process is in full swing. Current students are completing their applications online.

Tec-Voc basketball teams had a great season and enjoyed the playoff run. The Varsity Girls dominated their games to capture the Winnipeg West Tier Two championship. The Junior Varsity girls had a great season ending with a victory in the bronze metal game after a close loss in the semi-final game. The Varsity Boys dramatically lost their quarter-final game. Today, March 19 the varsity boys had a great game at the lunch hour against a team from Winnipeg Police Service. Many fans in the stands for all teams.

The annual ski and snowboard trip to Assessippi was unique in that everyone escaped without a broken bone and enjoyed t-shirt skiing in the mild weather.

Tec-Voc celebrated the Festival de Voyageur on Thursday, February 19 during the noon hour on the school grounds and in the HornetDome. Activities include an Ice Carving demonstration, Slooshing, a Voyageur Photo Booth, Music and Entertainment and of course food.

The school will be closed for professional development on April 22 and May 9.

Graduating students will have their annual assembly on April 26.

Teacher candidates from the University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg and Red River College will be in the school developing their practice over the next several months.

Many Tec-Voc students participated in the Waterloo Mathematics contest on February 24 with some outstanding results.

The first semester at Tec-Voc High School for the 2015-2016 school year ended on January 29. The second set of report cards was distributed to students on February 24. Parent conferences took place on March 17. The application process for 2015-2016 was a part of these conferences.

Nutrition week took place March 15-17 and focused on information and practice of healthy eating for Tec-Voc students and staff. Good eating, prizes and fun were had by all.

The second Tec-Voc Career Day of this school year will take place on Wednesday, March 23. There was a virtual science fair type activity based on career study for S2 students. Grade 12 students participated in a half-day activity focused on career education on March 21.

A group of students are planning to accompany Mr. Anderson on the trip to England and France over the spring break. A trip to the Vimy beaches is being planned for Spring Break 2017. In addition we have students travelling to Europe for a baking tour and Moncton for Skills Canada in June.

Tec-Voc students were involved in the 2016 Manitoba Robot Games that took place in the HornetDome on Saturday, March 19. All students involved won medals.

The Skills Canada Manitoba competition will take place April 14. A team of 52 Tec-Voc students will participate with gold medalists heading to Moncton in June.

The third and final Hornets hockey game of the year will take place on Friday, March 11. The students seek revenge over the teachers.

Tec Voc intramurals was not short of excitement over the last few weeks as hard hitting dodgeball action filled the Hornet Dome. The Phys. Ed. Department is excited about starting floor hockey and 3-on-3 basketball after spring break and once again filling up the Hornet Dome with positive, intramural energy.

The raffle in support of Skills Canada participation is ongoing until April 15.

Hornet pride will rule the week of March 21 as we prepare for Spring Break with Spirit Week. Each day has a different theme for dressing up. As well there are activities in the school each day over the lunch hour. The week ends with a Gym Blast in the HornetDome on Thursday.

Two Life Bus loads of Hornets headed to Canadian Blood Services on March 23 to donate the gift of life.

Stingers Credit Union has a membership drive in place between now and April 15<sup>th</sup>. All Stingers credit union accounts come with free banking for life and full access to any credit union in Manitoba. New members will be entered into a draw for some amazing prizes. All Stinger's credit union accounts are held with Assiniboine credit union and are guaranteed by the province of Manitoba.

On April 13, Tec-Voc students will wear pink shirts to practice kindness, and to symbolize that they do not tolerate bullying. Later that week students will be involved in the Day of Silence and Earth Day. These activities are sponsored by Tec-Voc

# Wolseley School Parent Council



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May 2016



Wolseley School is a Nursery to grade 6 school with 164 students. We have the Regular and Alternative Programs, as well as the Adaptive Skills Program. All of our classes are multi-age classes.

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



This spring has been a busy time at Wolseley. The Parent Council is working hard to complete the final phase of our Peace Garden Project with the installation logs and stumps as well as shrubs and native plants. A new committee recently formed to facilitate the transformation of the back yard as well.



We have many clubs for students of all ages at Wolseley: Knitting, Board Game, Running, Circus, Skipping, and Recorder Clubs, to name a few. These clubs are supported with funds from parent council and with parent volunteers.

Our main fundraiser this year is Pizza Lunch. Funds from Pizza Lunch go towards the Grade 6 Farewell activities and the Peace Garden. We also have two school wide fundraisers each year- the Peak of the Market Vegetable sale in October and the Plant Sale in the spring.

The Parent Council also supports the Playgroup that meets once a week in the Library. Parents and caregivers can drop in with their children who are not yet school age. It is a great way to meet other families in the neighbourhood and help children become familiar with their school.

The Wolseley School Parent Council

*"Together We are Better"*