

**THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION**

**NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

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**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

Trustee Dean Koshelanyk welcomed everyone to the first North District Advisory Committee meeting for the 2016/2017 school year. At the Inaugural meeting of the Board held on September 12, 2016, Trustee Dean Koshelanyk 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**

The parent representative from Stanley Knowles School volunteered to Chair the North 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 15, 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 percent of the total revenue required to balance the WSD budget. The second major source of funding is from property taxation which provided an additional 36 percent of the total revenue. The remaining two percent is revenue from other sources such as the federal government, First Nations authorities and other school divisions who use WSD resources.

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Education is service based and the majority of the annual budget, or 81 percent, goes directly to the cost of providing instruction and supports in the classroom. Another 19 percent 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 discussions on the 2017/2018 Budget.

Committee members expressed concern on the question related to assisting children with special needs and encouraged the Board to reconsider the wording. Committee members felt that the question should be reworded to create a better understanding of how important it is to assist children with special needs in light of decreased provincial funding. Committee members were informed that the survey is used as an advocacy tool that has always provided results showing the importance of all our programs and services and it is not the intent that the survey be perceived that the Board is considering cutting funds/support to Special Education. Committee members were informed that the results are compiled and utilized to guide the Board in the development of the Budget.

In response to an enquiry, Trustee Broughton informed Committee members that funding to support Indigenous Education includes Indigenous focused programs, heritage language programs and the placement of an additional elder. Committee members were informed that the province provides a major source of funding for the Aboriginal Academic Achievement program and these funds are utilized to support the Aboriginal Youth Leadership program, Indigenous education and literacy.

Committee members expressed concern on the expansion of the full day kindergarten pilot program without sufficient research on whether the program is beneficial to children. Committee members requested that funding for the full day kindergarten be utilized in other areas. Committee members were informed that members of the Board find a significant value in providing the full day kindergarten program and felt the benefits outweigh the financial costs of the program.

Committee members expressed concern on the reduction of the milk subsidy. Committee members were informed that the milk fee increased to \$0.25 this school year. The increase to the price of milk will help to offset the actual cost to the Division. Committee members were informed that the estimated savings for the Division is approximately \$300,000.

Committee members discussed the importance of maintaining programs and services such as Community Support Workers and breakfast programs.

Committee members discussed the need for increased transportation services to community access programs. Committee members were in support of a WSD sustainability conference for students and implementing a swim program if financially feasible.

Committee members discussed the importance of continuous funding for newcomers to the Division and stressed the importance that the Board continue advocating all levels of government for additional funding.

Committee members indicated parents and communities are continually fundraising for schools. Committee members were informed that the Board is undertaking an Equity Survey to be completed annually by schools to determine fees collected for supplies, field trips, and sports. Schools are also requested to identify the funds collected from fundraising events. The report will help to identify inequality of funds throughout the Division and identify schools with a greater need for additional funding.

Committee members expressed concern that property taxes are increasing. 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.

Committee members were informed that in addition to Budget presentations at District 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.winnipegssd.ca](http://www.winnipegssd.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)**

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 critical 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 the 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 MB 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](mailto:cturnbull@familydynamics.ca) or by phone at 204-947-1401.

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**6. 2016/2017 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATES**

Committee members were informed of the following schedule of the District Advisory Committees 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  
7:00 p.m.

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

French Immersion Advisory Committee  
7:00 p.m.

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

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  
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22, 2016  
Tuesday, February 21, 2017  
Tuesday, May 2, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 WSD 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](mailto: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:

- Andrew Mynarski School
- Champlain School
- École Garden Grove School
- Isaac Newton School
- École Lansdowne
- Lord Nelson School
- Meadows West School
- Robertson School

### St. John's High School

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

- Celebrating the North End. Event open to the community on November 30, 2016, 5:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at St. John's High School. A time of learning and coming together to strengthen the bonds within the community.

## **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 2016/2017 school year.

## **9.2 Our Schools Newspaper**

Committee members were informed that at a Public Relations/Communications meeting held September 26, 2016, the Committee discussed the possibility of reducing the number of copies going out to the public and schools. The Committee was informed that administration could conduct a test period by installing a link to Our Schools Newspaper which would be available on the trustee portal site at no cost to the Division.

Committee members were informed that they could visit the website below in order to subscribe to Our Schools Newspaper.

<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 North District Advisory Committee will be held Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

#### **Voting Representatives:**

Beth Mason, Andrew Mynarski School  
Danielle Kopychanski, Champlain School  
Chanda Bergson, Faraday School  
Marleen Pollok, Garden Grove School  
Isaac Newton School  
Lynn Kammerlock, École Lansdowne  
Jennifer Jimenez, Lord Nelson School  
Catherine Harder, Luxton School  
Jennifer Mitchell, Meadows West School  
Bernice Rempel, St. John's High School  
Sharon Machinski, Sisler High School  
Christine Klajncar, Stanley Knowles School  
Sheri Pimentel, Tyndall Park School

#### **Regrets:**

Inkster School  
Prairie Rose School  
Ralph Brown School  
Robertson School

#### **Trustees:**

Dean Koshelanyk  
Chris Broughton

#### **Administration:**

Fatima Mota Superintendent  
Greg Bouchard, Principal, Andrew Mynarski School  
Lisa Hasselfield, Principal, Champlain School  
Ryan Hughes, Principal, Isaac Newton School  
Susan Darazsi, Vice-Principal, Isaac Newton School  
Sandy Stevenson, Principal, Lord Nelson School  
Susan Christiuk, Principal, Ralph Brown School  
Doug Taylor, Principal, St. John's High School  
Marsha Missyabit, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School  
Joan Fransen, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School  
George Heshka, Principal, Sisler High School  
Madalynne Iannone, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School  
Joy Perrott, Vice-Principal, Stanley Knowles School  
Garth McAlpine, Vice-Principal, Tyndall Park School  
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

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

Christine Turnbull, Family Dynamics

## Andrew Mynarski VC School

### November 15 report

Andrew Mynarski has gotten off to a great start this year.

Our grade 9 Community Watch program has over 100 students volunteering at lunch and after school to assure safety for our students leaving our school.

The school Terry Fox run on September 30 raised over \$500 for Cancer research.

Our Senior Boys cross country team placed second in Winnipeg School Division competition this past September.

Andrew Mynarski's class 2020 students worked in our community garden donating produce to Winnipeg Harvest this past September.

Andrew Mynarski performance Arts students have been busy with dance, band, and choral workshops to enhance their learning.

Our annual winter band and choral concert will take place December 14 at 7:00 PM in our school gymnasium.

## North District Advisory Council Report Champlain School



November 15, 2016

- **ARTSmart project** –The Manitoba Arts Council has granted Champlain School \$10,000 to do a “Freedom Project” with artist Jamie Oliviero and friends this year. Jamie is a storyteller so in February he will work on a storytelling project with students. He will be bringing in a visual artist, drummer and fiddler and there will be a celebration and launch of an art installation in April to celebrate all of the work. Stay tuned for more of this to come.
- **Meet the Staff Parent Night** was held on September 15, 2016. There was an excellent turn out of families. 80 BINGO cards were played and approximately 240 people attended. Thanks again to the awesome soup and bannock made by Elizabeth and our parent volunteers.
- **Human Rights Week** –Champlain celebrated the third year of “Everyone has the right” with a focus on identity this year. We have had an assembly kick off, made an identity wall upstairs, and had daily student announcements and classroom activities. The focus was on personal identity, cultural identity, national identity and global identity. On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 9 students attended a Human Library at the 7 Oaks Soccer Complex hosted by the WSD.
- **Literacy Legacy** – Thanks to the “For the Love of Reading” Indigo Grant, all of the classrooms now have books for school-wide Home Reading and our library is beginning to stock its shelves with new and exciting books. This is our second year where we will get to purchase \$22,000.00 worth of books for our students and their families. As part of our celebration around literacy, the Kindergarten to Grade 3 Classrooms will be attending the MTYP production of Baobab and the grades 4 to 6 students will be seeing The Jungle Book.
- **Welcome to Nursery and Kindergarten event** – On the evening of September 21<sup>st</sup>, Champlain School held its second Welcome to Nursery and Kindergarten evening. It was a great success! Lots of families came out to hear about Champlain School and to participate in activities that will help parents support their children’s learning. Champlain Daycare were our partners in hosting the event. It was a great success plus every family went home with a bag of activities to support learning at home.



- ***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: Volleyball, Typing Club, Chess Club, Cooking Club, Dodgeball, Floor Hockey, Games Club, Dance Club and My Voice Club. Champlain have a lot of opportunities for enrichment, engagement and recreation lead by a very talented and committed staff.
- ***New playground slide*** –Thank you to the Parent Council for donating money for a new slide. It has been installed and the children having been enjoying it on the playground.
- ***Terry Fox Run*** – All students and staff spent the month of September bringing in spare change to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. On September 28<sup>th</sup> everyone participated in a Terry Fox run. \$200.00 was raised for the Terry Fox Foundation.
- ***Enrichment and Support for students*** - Seven Champlain students are participating in drama at the **Children's Museum** 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. Four students participated in an **Orff Program** on October 13th. Eight students are participating in the **Hockey Heroes** Program held every Thursday night.

École Garden Grove School  
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**School News**

- \* The Action Team is focussing on Education for Sustainable Develop (ESD) Practices. The first project is plastic bag recycling. Next they will organize Coats for Kids.
- \* In other ESD learning, all classes will research and complete an inquiry project where they will donate funds raised for various charities. These may include Siloam Mission, The Humane Society, Winnipeg Harvest, etc.
- \* Our Innovation Project **IDEAS**, which stands for Innovation Design Exploration Activity Stations, follows 21st Century Learning. Students in Grades 3-6 participate in high interest exploration, where the 4 C's are at the centre. This includes Creativity, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Communication. Students are learning about Electronic, Audio Sound Engineering, Jewellery Design, Drama, Art and Lego Design, to name a few.
- \* All students from N-2 are learning through Design Challenges, which also use the 4C's.
- \* Our Destination Imagination teams are being formed this month and this year we have just accepted the offer to host the provincial Destination Imagination Competition.
- \* Our School Wellness Program is offered to all students in Grades 1-6, with Nursery and Kindergarten students learning about Wellness in their classrooms. Our Wellness Program promotes and teaches Mindfulness as well as other important mental health practices. This will include The Wellness Wheel, Anti-bullying and Leadership.
- \* Our EYBC program is learning to use Self Regulation Strategies, with a very exciting parent component.
- \* Students are gearing up for our Winter Concert on Dec. 14th, now that our Choirs have concluded their Remembrance Day performance.
- \* Our patrols are being celebrated this month with a trip to Wheelies, a thank you breakfast and tickets to the Moose Game.
- \* In October we held a successful Walkathon. The money raised will be used for our ESD projects and our **IDEAS** projects.
- \* After the winter break, our students in French Immersion will prepare for Concours d'Art Oratoire and Festival du Voyageur.

**Parent Council**

- \* Last spring, the Parent Council concluded a very successful fundraiser and added to the play structure well as provided some new equipment for outdoor play.
- \* Parent Council is busy planning for a fun filled day of community building with a bake sale, raffles and more, to be held at our Winter Concert.
- \* A spring Calendar Fundraiser is in the works and a possibility of a community event in the spring.

Respectfully Submitted by: Marlene Pollok, North District Rep



# Isaac Newton School



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*ISAAC NEWTON - A PLACE TO BELONG; A PLACE TO SHINE*

November 15, 2016

## Isaac Newton Highlights for North District Advisory Committee

- Our Meet the Staff Night was well attended by families.
- 50 students took part in the Divisional Cross Country meet.
- True North Foundation Jets Hockey Academy has 25 Grade 9 students practicing hockey every Monday until May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Received a \$4000 grant from Manitoba Nutritional Council to have a mid-morning snack of fresh vegetables and fruit is given out three times per week to students
- Volleyball teams are involved in tournaments and league play. Basketball starts next month.
- The first C.A.P. awards were handed out to students.
- Job Yellowhead Scholarship will be handed out at December Assembly.
- The Winter Night of Arts performance and art show is in December
- Spirit Week will take place last week of December
- Our Social Justice group is working on many initiatives, including raising money for the Programs for Girls in Developing Countries. Also raised money for Winnipeg Harvest.
- 100 % of Grade 9 Students participated in Take Your Kids to Work Day.
- 35 Students are participating in WE day
- Lunch Hour Clubs have continued to support students at Lunch Time
- Students participated in "Everybody has the Right" and the Truth and Reconciliation Conference.
- Isaac Newton Staff continue to follow PBIS and RTI initiatives as well as Roots of Empathy.
- Parent Council planning Cash Calendar Fundraiser in December.
- Continue with programs from last year with our Community Support Worker which include lunch hour literacy/homework club, and Coats for Kids.





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### École Lansdowne School Report – November 2016

École Lansdowne kicked off the school year with a BBQ hosted by the Lansdowne Parent Council: hot dogs, chips, and drinks were served to approximately 300 parents, students, and staff. Parent Council committees had displays around the school, and Salon Professional Academy students volunteered their time and offered face painting, nail painting, and hair styling to attendees.

There are many new and exciting things happening at École Lansdowne this year:

Global Action Club has officially begun – they meet weekly to discuss environmental issues and assist students with recycling education.

Cross Country team, consisting of Grade 7 and 8 students, participated in three events in the city in September and one in October.

PBIS Training was held on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Terry Fox Run was held on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm with a high level of participation from our students.

Lansdowne Parent Council worked hard over the summer as they received approximately \$53,000.00 to complete Phase II of our play structure project as well as four new basketball hoops and two new courts for our students. The installation was completed in early September.

Our school purchased 10 new iPads and 6 interactive projectors for classrooms.

In early October, our Grade 5 and 6 girls and boys participated in soccer tournaments held at several locations in Winnipeg North.

Volleyball began in October for Grades 7 and 8 girls and boys with an overwhelming interest shown by all students. We now have three teams for girls and boys and they have participated in several tournaments.

Fundraising at École Lansdowne never stops! We started off with Show N Save cards and chocolates in September, which were very successful, and Peak of the Market for late October/early November. In addition, our Quebec Trip students are doing a Holiday Raffle which will help 20 families with their expenses for this trip.

Halloween saw many staff and students dress up for the day, and an assembly was held in the afternoon for all to enjoy seeing one another in costumes. We are grateful to Dr. Cormack, a local dentist, who helped us provide every student at Lansdowne with a new toothbrush.

Tri-conferences are being held Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and our annual Book Fair will be taking place during the conferences in the library.

Vince Audino, *Directeur/Principal*

Sherry Jones, *Directrice-Adjointe/Vice Principal*



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION  
INVESTING IN THE FUTURE



# LORD NELSON SCHOOL

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Principal: Mrs. S. Stevenson  
Vice Principal: Ms. J. Rogoski

November 2016

## Parent Association Highlights:

- ✓ We have a new Executive and are excited about their innovative ideas! We welcome our Co-Chairs Jen Jimenez and Jessica Kehler; Co- Vice-Chairs Krista Jones and Cathy Saladaga; Secretary Jeammy Rosales and Treasurer Maricel Vierneza.
- ✓ Friday Pizza Sales have begun. Profit each week averages about \$200.
- ✓ Our Meat Raffle (fall fundraiser) will begin on November 24<sup>th</sup> with our draws at our concert on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Parent Center Highlights:

- ✓ We offer many activities for families and students! Our families stop by for coffee, to use the phone or computer or borrow a book.
- ✓ Parent sessions offered so far this year are: Grow with Me!, Handle with Care, Building Resilience Workshop, Nutrition Bingo.
- ✓ Student sessions offered so far this year: Girls' Empowerment Club.

## School Highlights:

- ✓ Our new gym and Nursery / Kindergarten classroom grand opening took place on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Education Minister Ian Wishart, Trustees Dean Koshelanyk, Sherry Rollins and Cathy Collins attended our official opening.
- ✓ We continue to work on writing as a Regie Routman School. The focus of learning is the Reading / Writing Connection. We have a school-wide theme for writing this year which is focused on the Rights and Freedoms of All Living Things.
- ✓ We are a Lighthouse School offering many after-school activities for our students. So far this year we offered Indigenous Drumming, Chess Club, Filipino Heritage Classes, U of W SPIN Basketball, Running Club, Grade 6 Choir, Intramurals- soccer and cricket. Our children are engaged and active!

# Meadows West School North District Advisory Report

## November 2016

Focused on Learning.

- Meadows West School has had a strong start to the school year with an increase in enrollment.
- Our Junior High X-Country Running Team participated in the divisional program.
- \$600 was raised for The Terry Fox Run!
- Assessment and reporting results are a major focus of first term. Reports went home on November 15<sup>th</sup> and conferences to follow on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ***Everybody Has the Right...Human Stories*** our students were excited to participate and have shared their stories to many classrooms throughout the school.
- Junior High Volleyball is in high swing with lots of participation and skill building.
- Remembrance Day Assembly designed and hosted by the Grade 5&6 Team as part of their curriculum learning. Respectful, reflective and amazing assembly.
- Another new laptop pod assembled to assist students with their learning in the classroom.
- Winter Concerts are scheduled to take place on December 6<sup>th</sup> for our N/K and December 8<sup>th</sup> for Grades 1 to 4 in the school gym. The theme of this year's concert is "One Wish".
- Our Roots and Shoots Projects have been selected and 100% participation by students and staff. We participated in the International Day of Peace at The Forks in October 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 Intermurals.
- The Innovation Imagination Club will be starting in November for our Grade 5 & 6 students. This will be a year-long club and is generating a lot of excitement.
- Our students were given an additional 100 spring bulbs to plant to beautify our community.

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



## Robertson Elementary School

*Approximately 460 students and 80 staff members*

- Our first fundraiser of the school year was very successful. We sold over 400 boxes of chocolate bars and the school met its fundraising goal.
- Robertson School was once again selected to take part in the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Dentistry Variety Children's Dental Outreach Program. This program offers free dental work for our students.
- The grade six students organized special activities to raise money for our annual "Unicef Spirit Week". Students and staff participated daily and made a donation to UNICEF.
- The Green Club has organized a Battery Recycling Program. It will run throughout the school year and we've already sent away 2 full boxes of batteries to be recycled.
- Mr. Capizzi, Robertson's Phys-ed Teacher, began the grade 5 & 6 Intramurals. The students have participated in soccer and basketball. The Grade 5 & 6 students also attended Tyndall Park School for a mini soccer tournament.
- We have approximately 60 patrols at Robertson School. They will be visiting Wheelie's Roller Rink in November and receive a pancake breakfast in December as appreciation for their hard work.
- Parent Council's Subway Lunch in October was great! There were over 300 subs ordered. This month it will be Hot dog day. These lunch days are always a success and the kids and staff look forward to them.
- There are close to 350 students who belong to our Lunch Program. They are supervised for the hour in their classrooms while they eat and outside during recess.
- We have 60 students participating in Robertson singers this year. They did a great job performing at our Remembrance Day Assembly and they will be visiting St. Joseph's Residence in December.
- Our Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on November 17th and 18th. The Scholastic book fair takes place during these two days and the school sales last year were just over \$3100.00. Money raised goes toward the purchase of books and learning materials for all the children to enjoy.
- Our Winter Concerts will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. The support for our students from family and friends is outstanding and each classroom works very hard on their unique performances.

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