

**INNER CITY DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2-2015**

To the Chair and Members  
Winnipeg Public School Board:

April 22, 2015

Your Inner City District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

**1. Structure of District Advisory Committees**

Your Committee was informed that at a meeting held November 3, 2014, the Board of Trustees adopted a motion to establish a Special Committee to Review the Existing Structure of the District Advisory Committees to improve participation and communication between the Board of Trustees, School Parent Councils and the community.

The purpose of the Special Committee is to review the existing structure of the District Advisory Committees and to improve participation and communication between the Board of Trustees, School Parent Councils and the community.

Your Committee was informed that as a result of discussions regarding the importance of parental involvement within the Winnipeg School Division, a survey has been developed to obtain feedback from parents/parent councils, District Advisory Committee members and community members to improve communication with the Board of Trustees.

Your Committee was informed that the Public Relations/Communications Committee has recommended that an area on the Division's website be developed for parent councils. This survey will also be posted on the Division's website under the newly created *Parent Council* subsection under the *Family & Community* tab.

[www.winnipegsd.ca/FAMILY%20COMMUNITY/Parent%20Council/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.winnipegsd.ca/FAMILY%20COMMUNITY/Parent%20Council/Pages/default.aspx)

Your Committee was asked to share this information with their respective parent councils and include this information and link to the survey in the upcoming May newsletter.

Your Committee was informed that feedback will be compiled and given to Trustees for consideration.

**2. Restructuring of the Winnipeg School Division**

Your Committee expressed concern on the lack of communication, consultation and transparency that was involved with the elimination of a District Superintendent in the Winnipeg School Division. Your Committee felt that with the increase in enrolment and new programs being added, support would not be available for students and families.

Your Committee was informed that the elimination of a superintendent position was incorporated as part of the approval of the 2015/2016 Budget to reduce administrative costs and lower property taxes for Division residents.

Your Committee commented that the reduction of a superintendent should have been discussed with parents due to potential issues related to the level of service being provided to parents and students. Your Committee also expressed concern with the additional positions being added to the Budget.

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Your Committee also expressed concern that the eliminated superintendent was also aboriginal and was a representative of their voice. In response to a parent representative, Trustee Naylor informed your Committee that criteria was used to identify which superintendent position would be reduced.

Your Committee was informed that most recently the Board established an Advisory Council on Aboriginal Education with the mandate to review and make recommendations on a new Aboriginal Education policy for the Division. The membership will include members of the community.

Your Committee requested that the restructuring plan be shared with Committee members, including the process and criteria used for the restructuring.

In response to a parent representative, Trustee Naylor informed your Committee that in terms of timelines, the Chief Superintendent is preparing a restructuring plan that will be presented to the Board for implementation in the new school year.

In response to an enquiry regarding the absence of trustees, Trustee Naylor indicated that at the beginning of every school year the Board reconstitutes its committees and appoints a trustee representative and an alternate to each of the Advisory Committees. Although all trustees are invited, the representative and the alternate represent the Board of Trustees. Trustee Freedman did send regrets.

Respectfully Submitted,

LISA NAYLOR  
Trustee Representative

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**IN ATTENDANCE:****Voting Representatives:**

Argyle Alternative High School  
 Jessie Howell, Children of the Earth  
 Mary Jane Napolitano, Dufferin School  
 Kathy Gaudreau, General Wolfe School  
 Mary Chuol, Hugh John Macdonald School  
 Elisheba Tait, John M. King School  
 Shayla Donnelly, King Edward School  
 Kristi Degenhardt, Mulvey School  
 Dolly Daniels, Niji Mahkwa School  
 Candace Nykiforuk, Norquay School  
 Madeline Hatch, R.B. Russell High School  
 Roxanne Ballantyne, Sister MacNamara School  
 Camilla Hoepfner, Strathcona School  
 Lee Jenks, Ecole Victoria-Albert School  
 William Whyte School

**Alternate Representatives:**

Dufferin School  
 Sister MacNamara School  
 Ecole Victoria-Albert School

**Trustees:**

Lisa Naylor

**Regrets:**

Trustee Kevin Freedman  
 David Livingstone School  
 Machray School  
 Gordon Bell High School

**Guests:**

Angel Coutu, King Edward School  
 Sheryne Phillips, King Edward School  
 Frankie Edwards, King Edward School

**Administration:**

Karin Seiler, Superintendent of Schools – Inner City  
 Brad Corbett, Director, Program Support  
 Pat Graham, Principal, Argyle Alternative High School  
 Jackie Connell, Principal, Children of the Earth High School  
 Pat Mainville, Vice-Principal, David Livingstone School  
 Wayne Wyke, Principal, Dufferin School  
 Michelle Namaka, Vice-Principal, Dufferin School  
 Gwen McLean, Principal, General Wolfe School  
 Vinh Huynh, Principal, Hugh John Macdonald School  
 Lucy Schnaider, Principal, John M. King School  
 Aaron Benarroch, Principal, King Edward School  
 Peter Correia, Principal, Mulvey School  
 Chris Goring, Principal, Niji Mahkwa School  
 Debbie Gould, Vice-Principal, Niji Mahkwa School  
 Leslie Last, Principal, Norquay School  
 Tricia Penner, Vice-Principal, Norquay School  
 Val Mowez, Principal, Pinkham School  
 Bev Wahl, R.B. Russell High School  
 Debbie Lenhardt Mair, Principal, Sister MacNamara School  
 Anastasia Sych-Yereniuk, Principal, Strathcona School  
 Lloyd Rana, Vice-Principal, Strathcona School  
 Paulette Huggins, Principal, Ecole Victoria-Albert School  
 Kathy Palay, Vice-Principal, École Victoria-Albert School  
 Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

**Non-Voting/Resource Members:**

Argyle Alternative High School, Community Support Worker  
 John M. King School – Community Support Worker  
 Mulvey School – Community Support Worker  
 Niji Mahkwa School – Community Support Worker  
 Norquay School – Community Support Worker  
 Pinkham School – Community Support Worker  
 R.B. Russell School – Community Support Worker  
 Strathcona School – Community Support Worker  
 Ecole Victoria-Albert School – Community Support Worker  
 William Whyte School – Community Support Worker