

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Tuesday, February 19, 2019

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee members approved the Agenda of February 19, 2019, as distributed.

2. 2019/2020 DRAFT BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide an overview of the 2019/2020 Draft Budget. Committee members were informed that on January 9, 2019, the Province of Manitoba announced funding for public education. The increase for all of Manitoba for 2019/2020 is 0.5% or \$6.6 million dollars. Committee members were informed that the portion of the funding allocated to the Division which is based on enrollment equals a decrease of 0.1% or \$202,963 over last year's funding.

Committee members were informed that the Division's costs increase every year due to inflation on required expenses such as Canada Pension Plan, Employment Insurance Premiums and Payroll Taxes. Committee members were informed that even with the Province's introduction of wage freezes for public sector employees, including teachers, salary increments earned by Division staff must be included in the 2019/2020 budget.

Committee members were informed that the Minister of Education encouraged school boards to limit the special requirement increase to 2.0%. Committee members were informed that special requirement is based on the school year and property taxes are based on a calendar year. The Committee was informed that a 3.0% special requirement equals a 2.9% property tax increase or \$41 on average assessed home at \$214,200. Committee members were informed that the provincial funding for education is based on several factors including student enrolment, capital costs, equalization payments and the phase out of the Tax Incentive Grant.

Committee members were informed that the Board of Trustees is requesting feedback on the following budget additions: autism clinical psychologist, day program supports for students with exceptional needs, additional Early Childhood Inclusive Needs Support, Sound Field Systems, enhanced Wi-Fi, pilot video conference course, expanding Full Day Kindergarten programs, data analytics software, technology, school grounds maintenance and Lunch Program Coordinator.

Committee members were also informed that the Division provides many programs/services for students that are not provincially funded as follows: Intercultural Support Workers, Library Technical Assistants, Computer Technicians, Adult Crossing Guards, School Resource Officers, off campus programs, Home Learning Assistants for Early School Years, Library and Support Services, therapy services, summer school, nutrition programs, nursery, arts performances, special events and programs, milk subsidy, and Attendance Officers. These programs/services cost \$11,415,173 and are areas the Board of Trustees may have to find cost savings if required.

In response to an enquiry regarding the role of the Lunch Program Coordinator, Committee members were informed that the Lunch Program Coordinator would help Parent Councils with the business matters such as payroll and audit. Committee members suggested it be a pilot project with a smaller salary level and continue the position should it prove to be beneficial.

Committee members from Shaughnessy Park School expressed concern in regards to the discontinuation of the walking school bus program. Committee members would like to see this program added to the budget. Committee members shared data supporting student safety of the walking school bus program. The data showed an 87% increase in attendance with the help of this program. Committee members were informed that the Board of Trustees will take all feedback into consideration.

Overall, Committee members supported a 2.9% property tax increase in order to maintain programs and services. There was an overall agreement that more information is needed on programs/services not funded by the Province before prioritizing cuts or additions.

Committee members agreed that should reductions be required to balance the budget, the expansion of Full Day Kindergarten sites, pilot video conferencing course, sound field system, addressing asphalt deterioration but not trees and foliage replacement, Library Technical Assistant, milk subsidies and modern day technology should be areas the Board may want to reconsider.

Committee members were informed that the Board advocates on behalf of the Division to continue discussions with the Province and seek alternatives to education funding. Committee members were encouraged to contact their MLA, Premier or Minister of Education to share their opinions of education funding.

Committee members were informed that the Budget presentation is available on the Winnipeg School Division's website along with a property tax calculator and survey.

Committee members were informed that in addition to budget presentations at District Advisory Committee meetings, information is available on the Division's website. A Public meeting will also be held on February 25, 2019 at Administration Building N^o. 1, 1577 Wall Street East at 7:00 p.m. to provide budget information to the general public and receive feedback from individuals or groups that may wish to attend as well there is a survey posted on the Division's website www.winnipegsd.org. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until March 4, 2019. All feedback will be considered by the Finance/Personnel Committee. The Board of Trustees will approve the budget at the meeting to be held March 11, 2019.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Waterford Green School

In response to an enquiry regarding the new Waterford Green School, Committee members were informed that the school is expected to open September 2020. Committee members were also informed that there will be a Community Forum in April to provide further information on the status of the school.

4. FOR INFORMATION

4.1 District Advisory Reports and Summaries of Discussions

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held December 17, 2018, the Board of Trustees received the North District Advisory Committee Report and Summary of Discussions as information. The Summary of Discussions have been distributed to Committee members the week of December 17th.

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.

www.winnipegssd.ca/Parents/Parent%20Council/Pages/Default.aspx

5. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

5.1 School Reports

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

- Champlain School
- Inkster School
- Lord Nelson School
- Meadows West School
- Prairie Rose School
- Ralph Brown School
- Robertson Elementary School
- Shaughnessy Park School

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the North District Advisory Committee will be held Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at Robertson School.

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives:

Champlain School
Faraday School
Garden Grove School
Inkster School
Lansdowne School
Lord Nelson School
Meadows West School
Ralph Brown School
Shaughnessy Park School
Sisler High School
St. John's High School
Community Member

Regrets:

Andrew Mynarski School
Isaac Newton School
Prairie Rose School
Tyndall Park School

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

Community Support Worker, Champlain School
Community Support Worker, Shaughnessy Park School
Community Members

Administration:

Fatima Mota, Superintendent of Education Services
Chris Rhodes, Director, Career Education
Paul Kochan, Chief Financial Officer & Secretary-Treasurer
Ainslie Loria, Acting Principal, Faraday School
Mohammad Rezai, Principal, Isaac Newton School
Sandra Stevenson, Principal, Lord Nelson School
Mercy Sackey, Vice-Principal, Lord Nelson School
Roger Le Grand, Principal, Meadows West School
Gabrielle Katchanoski, Vice-Principal, Meadows West School
Ken Romaniuk, Principal, Prairie Rose School
Rosanna Guzzi, Principal, Ralph Brown School
Tony Marchione, Principal, Robertson School
Nadia DeLuca, Acting Vice-Principal, Robertson School
Pat Graham, Principal, Shaughnessy Park School
Angela Perez, Vice-Principal, Shaughnessy Park School
Georgia Wells, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School
George Heshka, Principal, Sisler High School
Madalynne Iannone, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Gisele Mospanchuk, Principal, Tyndall Park School
Thérèse Deleurme, Recording Secretary

Trustees:

Trustee Betty Edel
Trustee Linda Schatkowsky
Trustee Mark Wasyliv

North District Advisory Report Champlain School - Where "Everyone Counts"

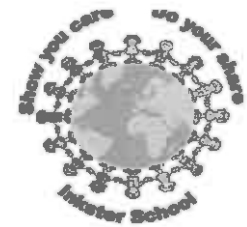


February 19, 2019

- This year in our Parent Space we have monthly "pre school parties" where parents and preschoolers get together to enjoy nursery rhymes, songs and books. During "Wellness Wednesdays", we have a fun time getting to know each other in addition to doing activities that help us to stay well balanced, physically, and mentally. We have also had "Behaviour Chats ". This was a good time for us to compare discipline techniques and the role of positive parenting. We have also had adult "Culture Club" where together we explored the 13 moons on the turtle and had discussions around the "Eighth Fire" video series. We have started adult art classes, journaling and sewing a Star Blanket. Our SRO has done a presentation on Internet Safety plus the Residential Tenancies Branch had someone present on issues related to home rental.
- ***Champlain School Celebrates I Love to Read Month-*** Throughout the month of February, many fun activities and events are held to celebrate literacy. We had guest readers such as Alex Plante (who helped with our kick-off assembly), MLA Nahanni Fontaine, Lauren Price from the Manitoba Opera, SRO Constable Foltz and graphic novelist Jason Doyle. On February 21st, Piggy and Gerald's birthday is being honoured with a Family Literacy evening from 5:00-6:30 in the school gym. Families are invited to join in the literacy-based festivities that help to celebrate some of Champlain students' favourite book characters. Later in the month we will be inviting parents and guardians to come to school for a Family Reads day. Throughout the month other fun days are held such as read a t-shirt, teacher swap, decorate a door art project and Drop and Read to the Harry Potter theme song. At Champlain, We Love To Read!!!

- **Home Reading Challenge** – All students from grades 1 – 6 have been challenged to read 100 books, or chapters, outside of school hours. Each time students read 10 books, or chapters, they will receive a small prize. Any student who reads 100 books, or chapters, will receive a shirt celebrating that they have met the challenge. “I Read Books. What’s Your Super Power?” Our parent room is supporting this initiative by charting books read with parents in the parent room and drawing for monthly prizes.
- **Chapters/Indigo for the Love of Reading Project** – Last year we finished spending the \$70,000 awarded to us through the Chapters/Indigo grant. We now have home reading across the school, a well stocked library and fantastic classroom library collections. With the last of the remaining funds, we are sending our grade one to six classrooms to MTYP to experience live theatre for the fourth year.
- **Read to Me Program** – This is the second year that Champlain School has joined a group of schools who are participating in the Read to Me Project. This is a classroom based reading program that has demonstrated amazing results in helping grade one children learn to read. It was started as an extension of the Talk to Me Program and partners teachers, support staff, Educational Assistants and Reading Clinicians in a research-based reading intervention that happens daily in the grade one and grade one/two classroom. Last year we had more students show growth in reading than in previous years. We look forward to another year of growth and progress.
- **Champlain Clubs** – Throughout the year we have up to 20 clubs running for students to participate in. These clubs are run by teachers and teacher candidates who have a passion for learning and want to build stronger relationships with students. Currently we have an Ojibway Craft Club, Science Club, Knitting Club, Intramural Clubs (gd. 1-2 & 3-4), Basketball Club, Games Club, Lego Club, Home Reading Club, Floor Hockey Club, Drumming Club, Leadership Club and Hockey Heros Program. We also have six students in Quantum doing Winnipeg Art Gallery, Prairie Theatre Exchange and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.





INKSTER SCHOOL NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY REPORT

February 19, 2019

Current Enrolment: 261 students

Grades: Nursery – Grade 6

Programs: Autism Program/Adaptive Skills Program

Academic

- Academic focus is on literacy and numeracy supported through our Professional Learning Communities
- Students took part in the STEAM Enrichment program with the coordinator coming out to the school and working on challenges with a Grade 5/6 class.
- School has held an inservice focused on Mathematics which included Modelling and Communicating Mathematical Thinking and the work of Peter Liljedahl and Vertical Non-Permanent Surfaces

Activities

- The violin program in partnership with the Manitoba Conservatory of Music and the Music Equals Program is well on it's way; the students performed at our Winter Concerts.
- Games Club; intramurals; MYRCA Book Club are active
- Prairie Theatre Exchange performed Munschtopia! at the school for all of our students.
- Grade 3/4 students attended the Manitoba Museum and participated in their programming
- Library rejuvenation project – 12 teachers participated in an evening to review the books available in the library and remove books that no longer are relevant or meet the current standards
- Grade 5/6 students participated in the Volleyball tournament at Robertson School

Events

- Held successful Winter concerts are scheduled for December 18th and 19th – students were involved in the planning and preparation of their performances
- "I Love to Read Month" – has had a successful start with a Bookworm Challenge; Drop Everything and Read; Secret Reader; Design a Bookmark for Valentine Day; Teacher Read Aloud Swap; Opening and Finale Assembly
- "Spelling Bee" competition is being held in February

Parent Advisory Council

- Inkster Parent Advisory Council/Inkster School – Trustee Edel came to the February meeting and shared information and gathered feedback about the budget.
- PAC is planning a fundraiser to support students going to Camp Manitou



LORD NELSON SCHOOL

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Principal: Mrs. S. Stevenson

Vice Principal: Mrs. M. Sackey

February 2019

Parent Association Highlights:

- ✓ Friday Pizza and Hot Dog Sales continue and the profit each week averages about \$200.
- ✓ PAC Spring Fundraiser will begin on March 6th and run until March 21st. Chocolates will be sold during this time.
- ✓ PAC is fundraising toward an all inclusive and accessible playground addition.

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, Tots N' Training, Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program, and a Language Development Workshop.
- ✓ Student session offered so far this year are Girls' Empowerment Group, SPIN Volleyball and SPIN Basketball.

School Highlights:

- ✓ We continue to work on writing as a Regie Routman School. Our focus of learning is the Reading/Writing connection. We have a school wide writing and sharing theme this year which is focused on Truth and Reconciliation. So far, students have learned and shared in an assembly their knowledge about Residential Schools, Languages and Indigenous Leaders in Sport.
- ✓ Students write for many real purposes which are engaging and help our students to become the best writers they can be! So far this year our writing has gained us the chance to have the Blue Bombers do a whole school assembly on Bullying and three members of the Winnipeg Jets visit our classroom. I love to Read Month has brought many special guest readers into Lord Nelson such as Cindy Lamoureux, MLA, Deputy Mayor Marcus Chambers, Trustee Jennifer Chen, Officer Ryan Wolinski, Take Pride Winnipeg, Mandy Shew from Hot 103 and Winnipeg Jet players – Laine, Ehlers, Niku. We read many new books and found 1800+ new words and definitions which had many staff pried in the face as a celebration!
- ✓ We are a Lighthouse School offering MANY after school activities for our students! So far this year we have offered Indigenous Culture, Chess Club, Filipino Heritage Classes, U of W SPIN Basketball, Running and Reading Club, Math Club, Grade 5/6 Choir, Lego, Dance, Destination Imagination, Empowerment, Home Economics, Coding, Recorder, Science, Can U and Crafters Corner. Intramurals have included soccer, pinball, cricket and speed skating. Our children are engaged and active!
- ✓ Our 4th ANNUAL HEALTHAPALOOZA IS COMING SOON! This is our student conference with a Healthy Minds focus. In the past, our students have learned to sew, cook, do yoga, practice mindfulness, color, learn about pets, dance, paper quilling, film acting, Claymation, taekwondo, making soap and so much more! This year's Healthapalooza will take place on April 25th as a kick-off to Healthy Minds Week.



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Meadows West School North District Advisory Report

February 2019

Focused on Learning.

- Our Track and Field Program is up and running for our Grades 5-8 students
- Junior High Basketball is in high gear with lots of participation and skill building.
- "We Love to Read" had events like "Word of the Day", Caught You Reading" and Book Draws. Lots of excitement and fun.
- Our Roots and Shoots Projects have been selected and 100% participation by students and staff.
- Noon hour clubs are in full swing. Clubs keep our students active and engaged. from card making, Science Fair Club, Hand bells and Intramurals.
- The Innovation Imagination Club has been a great success for our Grade 5 & 6 students.
- Our students have been inside for inside recess and it is getting a little long. Hoping spring hurry ups and gets here soon.
- We are having an Inquiry Session with the Portable Planetarium and indigenous storytelling.
- Our Indigenous Club Members are creating with a "real" soapstone carver their own sculptures. The students are engaged and their animals are simply amazing.
- Our Slime Workshop was a great success with over 550 people in attendance.



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



North District Advisory Committee February 2019 Report

Prairie Rose School continues to enjoy a busy and productive second and third term of school. The academic achievements will be shared at Student Led Conferences in March and students continue to focus on their learning goals for this last block of school.

Our school is very busy with extracurricular events as well. They include the Winnipeg Music Festival where our Choirs will perform. Our students are having a very successful season in Track and Field and competed in two Track Meets. Students continue to enjoy a wide range of activities that include cross country skiing, hand ball and volleyball.

We just started our Reading Club that is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch time where 25 students spend their lunch hour reading and talking about the books they just read. Thank you to the staff for volunteering their time to make this possible.

We will have students participating in the Division and Regional Science Fair this year.

We are currently running our I Love To Read activities and this year's theme is Kindness and Respect for All. We have been very lucky to have Authour Shannon Dee read her book called Faith has Freckles and Walter has Wheels and also Story Teller Jamie Oliviero work with all of ths students sharing and creating stories. Our Student Leadership Group is currently making Beaded Key Chains to be sold during the I Love to Read week activities. Funds raised will be donated to a Rural Development Projects in India as a Me to We initiative.

Our enrolment continues to grow and we currently have just over 300 students at Prairie Rose School and we are enjoying the added space provided by the 2 Portable Classrooms that opened in September.





Parent Council Report February 19, 2019

1. *February is I Love to Read Month! A kick off assembly was held in the gym on February 14th. Students will be participating in special events throughout the month and we are looking forward to a visit from Her Honourable Janice Filmon, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba who will be reading to our students on February 19th. On Friday February 22nd we will have a school wide "Book-nic" in the gym at 2:30 PM. Families are invited to join students and staff for a family picnic and share some wonderful stories!*
2. *We have decided to continue our daily guided mindful practice into the month of February. Feedback from students, staff and visitors to the school has been overwhelmingly positive. Our goal is to teach all students strategies that help to calm their mind and calm their body when they are feeling anxious or off task. We invite Ralph Brown Community parents/caregivers to join us every day from 12:55 pm to 1:10 pm.*
3. *Students from Ralph Brown participated in the 2-day Game On! event held at Sisler High School on January 31 & February 1st. We had two teams participate among 42 teams. Congratulations to team Angel, Joramae & Menal, and to team Dylan, Connor and Charles. There were 26 awards handed out and their incredible work earned them two awards; one for each team! Thank you to their teacher Mr. Laroche for providing students from room 104 the opportunity to compete and for providing them the innovative educational environment where they are able to learn the techniques and skills required for 21st century learning!*
4. *The staff PD held on Friday February 1st continued to reinforce our commitment to Reconciliation through Education and Action. On this day we addressed building community and how our roles as educators/parents/community partners can strengthen the gaps that create barriers to learning. The panel of presenters included members of the Bear Clan, CEDA and Ralph Brown Recreation Centre. We would like to especially thank Mr. Nathan Wild and Mrs. Crystal Courtland-Wild for their presentation. We are impressed at the incredible resources the recreation centre has to offer and we hope to develop a strong partnership moving forward!*
5. *The Open House was held on Tuesday February 13th. The program included displays and activity centres in the gymnasium. Registrations for 2019-2020 are now being taken. Anyone interested in registering for the K-8 Ukrainian Bilingual Program is asked to contact the office for more information.*
6. *The students of Ralph Brown will be kicking off a Kernels popcorn fundraiser this month to support our technology needs and grade 5/6 camp which takes place in May. Order forms have already been sent home.*
7. *Parent Council holds a hot lunch fundraiser every last Tuesday of the month. The fundraisers from the months of December and January were used to help support the grades 5 and 6 camp this year. PAC has also contributed an additional \$1200 to reduce the overall cost to families.*

8. *The calendar fundraiser PAC held in December helped support technology upgrades for student laptops in the school. 22 laptops in total will be upgraded to optimal performance and 6 battery chargers will be purchased.*

9. *Ralph Brown currently has 60 patrols who regularly rotate shifts to ensure that our intersections are always safe for students to cross. The PAC has contributed to this success by providing funds to promote the incentive program. Funds were used to purchase patrol T-shirts.*

10. *The next PAC fundraiser to support technology takes place in March. We will be taking Kovbasa (Ukrainian Sausage) orders during the month of March. Feel free to contact the school if you are interested in supporting our fundraiser.*



Robertson Elementary School

Approximately 450 students and 80 staff members

- 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 attended *WE Day* festivities at the Bell MTS Place in October.
- Mr. Capizzi, Robertson's Phys-Ed Teacher, began the grade 5 & 6 Intramurals. The students have participated in soccer, basketball and volleyball. Robertson School hosted a Volleyball Tournament on February 15th.
- We have approximately 60 patrols at Robertson School. So far this school year they've had a hotdog lunch, pancake breakfast and will be having a movie & treat day on February 22nd in appreciation for their hard work! Mr. Sabatini also treats them to hot chocolate on the many super cold days.
- Parent Council's Subway Lunch and Pizza Lunch were great! 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 an excellent job performing at our Remembrance Day Service and visiting St. Joseph's Residence in December.
- Our Winter Concerts were held on December 19th and 20th, 2018. The support for our students from family and friends is outstanding and each classroom works very hard on their unique performances.
- Our grade 5 students attended the Project 11 Summit at Bell MTS Centre in January. They represented Robertson School with respect and pride.
- Everybody Has the Right Committee went to the Human Rights Museum in January.
- "I love to Read" is in full force here at Robertson. We have several guest readers daily and different activities for the students to get excited about reading. Our goal is to read to 4500 friends and family members!
- Grade 5 students will be attending *Vive le Voyageur* at the Fort Whyte Centre on February 21st.
- Winter Fun Days are scheduled for the last week of February.
- Our Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on March 14th & 15th this year. The Scholastic book fair takes place during these two days and the school sales are usually just over \$3000.00. Money raised goes toward the purchase of books for the library.
- Robertson School students participated in the Everybody has the Right symposium and have started an initiative to develop a Sensory Path in the school.

We are very thankful for all the hard work put forth by the students, parents and staff of Robertson School.

Shaughnessy Park Community School Report

February 19, 2019

Shaughnessy Park School Pow Wow Club started in January 2019, there is approximat 40 students participating.

Parent Council Initiatives

All fundraising done by Parent Council will go towards Shaughnessy Park School play structure.

Hot lunch fundraiser

Bath Bomb Making

Edible craft sale

Earing & Beaded Craft Sale

Rose & Flower Making Valentines sale

Parenting Programs

Traditional Parenting Program 5 week program once a week for the Months of Nov & Dec

Wiggles, Giggles & Munch 7 week program once a week for the Months of Jan & Feb

Handle with Care 4 week program once a week for the Month of Feb

New Directions "Making Sense of Teens" 6 week program once a week for the Months of April & May

Parent & Community Workshops & Orientations

Volunteer Orientation & Accessibility Video

Job works educational assistant

Youth Stabilization Unit

Canadian Centre for Child Protection

Canada Learning Bonds

Family & Community Fun Night

Pictures with Santa once a year 5:00-7:30

Monday Nights, Yoga 5:30-6:30

Tuesday Nights, 5:30-6:30 Zumba for Families & Community on going Start in Sept-June

Wednesday Nights, 3:30-5:30 Family Drumming Nights Month of February

Thursday Nights, Self Defence -TBA

Family Room Monthly Day Program

Landyard Making - Month of Sept

Tipi Making – Month of Oct

Bath Bomb Making – Month of Nov

Edible Craft Making – Month of Dec

Rose & Flower Making – Month of Feb

Girls Traditional Skirt making – Month of Mar

Girls Pow Wow Club Outfit Making – TBA Month of Apr.

Boys Pow Wow Club Outfit Making –TBA Month of May

Parent Training Opportunities

Safe Talk Awareness

Babysitters Course for Facilitators

Food Handlers Training

CPR Training