

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Interactive Digital Media students and staff from Sisler High School presented a documentary created by four Sisler High School students. The documentary outlined the immense talents of four students pursuing their dreams and their travel to Vancouver Film School. Their journey documented their challenges, passions and goals.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee members approved the Agenda of April 25, 2017, as distributed.

2. FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS TOGETHER (F&ST)

Committee members received a presentation by 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 or by phone at 204-947-1401.

3. FOR INFORMATION

3.1 Transportation of Pupils

Committee members were informed that the Board of Trustees passed a budget for the 2017/2018 school year which includes expenditures in the amount of \$406,594,200 for the fiscal period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. To achieve a balanced budget, the Board considered many cost savings measures, including aligning the Division's transportation policy to be consistent with the Public Schools Act and services offered by other school divisions in the City of Winnipeg.

Committee members were informed that effective September 2017, only those students who meet the distance requirements of 1.6 kilometers boundary from the school to both the residence/daycare will be eligible to receive transportation. Students who have exceptional learning needs such as social/emotional, behavioural, sensory, physical, cognitive/intellectual, communication, academic or special health-care will continue to be provided with appropriate school bus transportation. As well, students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 in a language or alternative program, and Nursery students attending one of WSD's three French immersion milieu schools or Aboriginal education school, whose residence/daycare is both 1.6 kilometers or further from the school will also continue to be provided with bus transportation.

Committee members were informed that students who do not meet the criteria noted above will no longer have an option to pay a fee for this service. Although, the Division recognizes that this will require some families to make adjustments to their daily schedules for the beginning of the 2017/2018 school year, it is important to implement these measures to ensure that all financial resources are redirected towards the classroom and programs that will enable students to be successful in their educational learning.

A Committee member expressed concern that the policy may limit access to transportation for those students enrolled in Inclusive Education programs. The Committee member also requested that transportation services be extended to include accessibility for wheelchair students to attend school planned and supervised trips as well as work education and community program access placements.

3.2 Policy IGABA – Aboriginal Education

Committee members were informed that the Advisory Council on Indigenous Education (ACIE), a sub-committee of the Policy/Program Committee, has undertaken a review of Policy IGABA – Aboriginal Education and is inviting parents to participate in an interactive feedback process to ensure that the policy reflects the learning needs of students and schools.

Committee members were informed that a Community Gathering will be held on Thursday, May 25th, 2017 at R. B. Russell, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Principals will be seeking 3-5 representatives from each school to attend the Gathering to participate and review the policy. At the same time, the invited parents may also wish to view the WSD Indigenous Gallery Walk displays of the work being created in our schools. Committee members were informed to contact their respective Principal should they be interested in participating in the event.

3.3 School Names

Committee members were informed that the Public Relations/Communications Committee discussed the naming of schools in the Division and will continue its review of school names in the fall. Committee members were encouraged to share this information with their respective school and advise the Board if consideration should be given to the renaming of their school.

3.4 District Advisory Reports and Summaries of Discussions

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held March 6, 2017, the Board of Trustees received the North District Advisory Committee Report and Summary of Discussions as information. Committee members were informed that once received by the Board, District Advisory Committee Reports and Summaries of Discussions are posted on the Division's website under the Family and Community tab.

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4. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Champlain School
- Lord Nelson School
- Robertson School
- St. John's High School
- École Stanley Knowles School

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives:

Beth Mason, Andrew Mynarski School
Danielle Kopychanski, Champlain School
Lynn Kammerlock, Ecole Lansdowne
Catherine Harder, Luxton School
Jennifer Mitchell, Meadows West School
Ellen Hrabchak, Robertson School
Bernice Rempel, St. John's High School
Sharon Machinski, Sisler High School
Christine Klajncar, Stanley Knowles School

Regrets:

Faraday School
Garden Grove School
Inkster School
Isaac Newton School
Lord Nelson School
Prairie Rose School
Ralph Brown School
Tyndall Park School

Trustees:

Mike Babinsky
Arlene Reid
Dean Koshelanyk

Administration:

Fatima Mota Superintendent
Christine Rhodes, Director
Lisa Hasselfield, Principal, Champlain School
Ken Reimer, Principal, Luxton School
Tony Marchione, Principal, Robertson School
Joan Fransen, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School
George Heshka, Principal, Sisler High School
Madalynne Iannone, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Paul Krowiak, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Chris Clarke, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Evelyn Siddall, Vice-Principal, Stanley Knowles School
Joy Perrott, Vice-Principal, Stanley Knowles School
Garth McAlpine, Vice-Principal, Tyndall Park School
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

Families and Schools Together (F&ST) representatives

North District Advisory Report Champlain School



April 25, 2017

- ***F&ST Program*** - Champlain School has 9 families participating in the F&ST program and it has been going very well! It runs from April 13th to June 1st.
- ***Community Support Worker*** – Our Community Support Worker has been working with parents in the areas of literacy and numeracy. For example, she hosted a Preschool “Story Time with Ms. Elizabeth” once a week for the months of January and February. She also holds Nutrition BINGO once a month. Parents come in for daily drop ins and one parent has been teaching the other parents how to do Indigenous Beading. Parents seek out Community Resources such as housing and food security. Parents also continue to help with school-wide snack. We greatly appreciate everything the parents do to contribute to our school community. In April, the Indigenous Support Teacher and elder Rudy Okemaw hosted two parent sessions on “Treaty Talk”. This has arisen out of parent questions around our morning announcement that we are on Treaty One territory. A third session has been requested and will be held in May.
- ***Champlain Spirit Week*** – Champlain School showed it has a lot of school spirit the last week before spring break! Fun activities were held throughout the week and included a theme-focus for each of the following days: Sports Day, Wacky Day, Dress up as a Movie Character Day, Red Carpet Day, and Pajama Day.
- ***Champlain School Clubs*** – During the month of March and April, students at Champlain School have an opportunity to participate in the following clubs: Scratch, Fiddling, Dance, Culture Club, Typing, Art, Games, Chess, Lego Club, Running Club and My Voice Club. The Hockey Heroes club finished on March. Two Hockey Heros from Champlain received awards! “MVP and Perseverance”. Students at

Champlain have a lot of opportunities for enrichment, engagement and recreation lead by a very talented and committed staff.

- ***ARTSMART Project*** – Champlain Students have had an opportunity to develop their storytelling skills for a second year with the help of storyteller Jamie Oliviero. Jamie visited classrooms in February which resulted in a story entitled “The Story of Yueliang Mist”. We now have an edited draft of a Champlain story written by every classroom. Students have completed beautiful sandpaper and crayon relief illustrations that represent each chapter. Fiddlers and drummers will be learning a song that will accompany the story. The final project will be shared with the community at our celebration in June.
- ***Roots of Empathy Program*** – Baby Alazaya has been visiting Room 207 so they can observe her and with the guidance of Andrea Klepatz and mom Aleesha, develop empathy, compassion and understanding.
- ***Rap and Hip Hop Artist Eekwol (Lindsay Knight)*** - performed for the students on March 6th in the gym.
- ***Manito Ahbee Education Day Outreach*** – 70 Champlain students will be enjoying presentations on Indigenous Astrology by Wilfred Buck and a Ceremonial teaching by David Blacksmith on May 1st.
- ***Enrichment*** – Two Champlain students participated in the Winnipeg School Division’s Quantum Arts Program and had the opportunity to go to the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. They had a celebration recital on March 16th. Four students participated in the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra Choir and eleven students are in the Winnipeg School Division Honour Choir. Their final concert will be on May 11th. We also have three students participating in the Career Trek program on weekends and three students participating in the STEAM program from April 10th to June 2nd.
- ***School-wide snack*** – Thanks to grants received through “Breakfast for Learning” and the “Child Nutrition Council”, all students receive daily fruit and vegetable snacks in the classroom. Thank you to our parent volunteers who help to prepare the daily snack for the students to pick up and distribute to their classrooms. It is a great partnership!

One Big Family



LORD NELSON SCHOOL

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April, 2017

Parent Association Highlights:

- ✓ Friday Pizza Sales continue and the profit each week averages about \$200.
- ✓ PAC Spring Fundraiser will begin on May 15th and run until May 28th. Chocolates will be sold during this time.

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. The focus of learning is the Reading/Writing connection. We have a school wide writing theme 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 have offered Indigenous Drumming, Chess Club, Filipino Heritage Classes, U of W SPIN Basketball, Running club, Math Club, Grade 6 Choir, Story to Stage and Crafters Corner. Intramurals have included, soccer, cricket and baseball will be starting soon. Our children are engaged and active!
- ✓ Our Crafter's Corner students, along with their teacher, Mrs. Glenda Medina won first place at Fashion Fest at Take Pride Winnipeg's event last Tuesday. They created an amazing dress all out of a variety of recycled materials! As well, they went to the Take Pride event as finalists and were asked to create an outfit for Mayor Brian Bowman to wear. They did that and he wore their vest at the event!
- ✓ Our school is currently being painted to match our beautiful new gym and N/K classrooms colours. It's looking great! We are also having new plumbing installed throughout the building.



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Robertson Elementary School

Approximately 460 students and 80 staff members.

- February was "I love to Read" Month and we celebrated this year with several guest readers and fun activities to encourage everyday reading.
- Our grade 5 students went to Fort Whyte: Vive le Voyageur in February. This field trip was an educational voyage to an important era in Canada's history; the Fur Trade.
- Some of our grade 4-6 students participated in the Speed Skating races at the MTS Centre in February. Mr. Sabatini and the students braved the cold and practice outdoors throughout January and February to get the kids ready to compete.
- The grade 5 & 6 school volleyball teams visited several schools for tournaments throughout the month of February.
- Mr. Capizzi, our Phys Ed Teacher, offered intramurals for the grades 4-6 students to enjoy during the cold winter and spring months throughout their lunch hours. Volleyball and Table Hockey kept them busy and engaged. The Running Club and Softball will begin their practices during the month of May.
- Parent Council held a *Pizza Lunch Day* in February. These hot lunch days are always a great success and the students and staff look forward to them.
- The Robertson School Choir performed at the Winnipeg Music Festival in March.
- Our Parent Teacher Conferences were held on March 16th and 17th. We held a book fair during these meetings in our Library, which was very successful. The students and their parents enjoy visiting the library to see the great selection we have.
- Robertson Lunch Program held their annual Milk Spirit Week the last week of March before Spring Break. Ms. Sherry runs daily challenges and gives the students the opportunity to win prizes while learning the benefits of drinking milk.
- On April 20, family and guests were left with standing room only for our evening musical performance of "Harmony High". Ms. Roche, our music and dance Teacher, along with the grade 4-6 Choir were very busy rehearsing for this production. We always have such a great turnout to support the staff and students for their hard work.



St. JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL

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In finding ways to connect with families in our School Community; we are very excited about working in partnership with FAST (Families and School Together). To date FAST has only been connected with Elementary Schools. St. John's High School will become the first high school in Canada to be involved, and as such, we are formatting the template for FAST Canada nationally. Needless to say, we are excited.

The program starts at St. John's on May 2, 2017 and will run until June 20.

Sincerely



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION
INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

ESKS COMMUNITY REPORT

- 1. ESKS had a very successful OPEN House on April 20, 2017. The OPEN HOUSE provided our feeder schools (TPCS, Garden Grove, and Prairie Rose) with an opportunity to get academic program information, provide an overview of our athletic/sports opportunities and extra-curricular clubs and committees, and a chance to meet our Junior High staff. The OPEN HOUSE was well attended.**
- 2. ESKS hosted a Cultural Proficiency Conference on Friday, April 21st. Over 350 school staff from ESKS, Champlain, Ralph Brown, Lord Nelson, Luxton, TPCS, Norquay, Shaughnessy Park & CSS – JMK took part in the conference on a common closure PD day. Kevin Lamoureux and Constable Dan Noordman were the keynote speakers and there were over 30 presenters with 25 breakout sessions in the afternoon.**
- 3. ESKS also hosted an incredible Grade 7 & 8 Band Concert on April 24. The Grade 7 Band, Grade 8 Beginner Band, and the Grade 8 Advanced Band each had an opportunity to showcase their talents. The evening culminated in a Mass Band of over 170 band members playing the song "Shine."**
- 4. ESKS Grade 7 & 8 Soccer will be starting soon. This six week league features over 250 student participants from ESKS on sixteen different teams, making it one of the biggest soccer leagues in the Winnipeg School Division.**