

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Tuesday, May 10, 2016

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee members approved the Agenda of May 10, 2016, as distributed.

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. Committee members were 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. Committee members were 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.

Committee members were 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.

Committee members were 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. Committee members were informed that the policy also includes guidelines for dealing with conflict.

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

Committee members were 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.

In response to an enquiry on availability and accommodations of field trip locations, Committee members were informed that schools will be required to engage in discussions with field trip locations to ensure student needs are met during the field trip. Committee members were also informed that it has become legislation that all organizations work toward ensuring maximum accessibility.

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 suggested in addition to parents and guardians, the policy should include caregivers as well.

In response to an enquiry, Committee members were informed that all Winnipeg School Division policies are being reviewed and where appropriate will be updated with the new language and definitions of the Safe and Caring Policy. Committee members were also informed that in order to simplify policy management, policies have specific topics addressed so that multiple policies do not require revisions when a change occurs. Consideration is being taken to implement hyperlinks within policies that would direct you to other relevant policies. Committee members were also informed that all policies are located on our Division website under the Board of Trustees tab (www.winnipegdsd.ca).

Committee members were informed that Professional Development on anti-homophobia has been offered to staff for many years and additional training will be provided. Committee members were informed that professional development needs are constantly being reviewed by Directors, Superintendents along with the Human Resources Department.

Committee members were informed that many aspects of the Safe and Caring Policy is covered through the Division's Code of Conduct which includes guidelines for staff, students as well as parents/guardians/caregivers.

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. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the draft policy is May 20, 2016.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Accessibility

The parent representative from Sisler High School indicated that in consideration of the Accessibility Legislation requirements specifically for wheelchairs that the Division consider purchasing games that can easily be played indoors and outdoors by students with mobility constrictions. The parent representative brought samples of the games where the expense would be minimal.

3.2 Livestreaming

The parent representative from Sisler High School informed Committee members that she had noted technical difficulties related to the livestreaming of Board meetings. It was also suggested that trustees review the delegation process to better accommodate presenters.

4. FOR INFORMATION

4.1 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 North 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.

5. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Champlain School
- Isaac Newton School
- Lord Nelson School
- Luxton School
- Robertson School
- Shaughnessy Park School
- Ecole Stanley Knowles School

Sisler High School

- Committee members were also informed of the following event at Sisler High School
- Charles Bazilewich, Sisler Teacher in Ottawa to receive Teacher Excellence Award from Prime Minister Trudeau
 - Cyber Security – 1st place win
 - Student going to Phoenix, Arizona representing Sisler in the Global Science Fair
 - 2 students going to Montreal to compete in Canada Wide Science Fair
 - Student placed 1st in 100 meter dash in the Dakota Relays and broke existing record.
 - 32 students wrote the University of Manitoba calculus exam. All received an A+

St. John's High School

- Committee members were also informed of the following event at St. John's High School
- May 18th – All day Aboriginal Conference of Knowledge and Celebration
 - Parent Council organizing "Celebrating the North End" showcasing resources in the north end. Invited partner schools to join. Event planned for 2016-2017 school year.

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives:

Danielle Kopychanski, Champlain School
Marleen Pollok, Garden Grove School
Lynn Kammerlock, Ecole Lansdowne
Kim Storer, Lord Nelson School
Catherine Harder, Luxton School
Dave Heaney, Ralph Brown School
Ellen Hrabchak, Robertson School
Bernice Rempel, St. John's High School
Sharon Machinski, Sisler High School

Regrets:

Faraday School
Inkster School
Prairie Rose School
Tyndall Park School

Trustees:

Mike Babinsky
Dean Koshelanyk

Administration:

Fatima Mota Superintendent
Chris Rhodes, Director of Career Education
Greg Bouchard, Principal, Andrew Mynarski School
Kathy Ateah, Vice-Principal, Andrew Mynarski School
Lisa Hasselfield, Principal, Champlain School
Susan Christiuk, Vice-Principal, Isaac Newton School
Sherry Jones, Vice-Principal, Ecole Lansdowne
Julye Rogoski, Vice-Principal, Lord Nelson School
Ken Reimer, Principal, Luxton School
Randy Routledge, Principal, Ralph Brown School
Judith Guzzi, Vice-Principal, Robertson School
Doug Taylor, Principal, St. John's High School
Cree Crowchild, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School
Joan Franssen, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School
Dennis Mogg, Principal, Shaughnessy Park School
George Heshka, Principal, Sisler High School
Madalynne Iannone, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Paul Krowiak, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Evelyn Siddall, Vice-Principal, Stanley Knowles School
Ruth Schappert, Vice-Principal, Stanley Knowles School
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

Kim Robson, Community Support Worker – Shaughnessy Park School
Lorrie Guilbault, Community Support Worker – Shaughnessy Park School & Tyndall Park School
Community Members

North District Advisory Council Report Champlain School



May 10, 2016

- **April was ESD Month** – Champlain Staff and students celebrated Education for Sustainable Development in the month of April with a special assembly, school yard clean up and Community Potluck. At the pot luck, community members contributed a vast range of delicious dishes and everyone shared a meal together. Even the Cooking club students made a delicious soup to share. After the meal, parents and children were creative at the “Imagination Stations” set up for art exploration activities such as making tee shirts into carry bags and birdfeeders out of re-useable items. With the nicer weather, our school gardens are being planted including using the new planters at the front of the school made from recycled plastic bags.
- **May is Math Month** – We love math at Champlain and we are celebrating with fun activities such as daily problems of the day and weekly math challenges. Students are estimating how many jelly beans are in jars, and competing to see which class can do the most jumping jacks, to name a few. On May 19th there will be a family math night in the gym based on a Champlain School version of a “Jumanji” game. Centres will include fun activities like one cup cooking, probability games, making pattern sashes, numeracy games and measurement riddles.
- **Healthy Minds Week** – Champlain staff and students practiced mindfulness with daily visualisations including a school-wide meditation in the gym during an assembly. On Friday, May 6th, all students coloured Mandala pictures and listened to meditative music followed by a school-wide Smartie mindfulness activity. The Mind up curriculum is used in all classrooms throughout the year.
- **Cultural Proficiency** – On April 22nd, Champlain staff along with 4 other schools were inspired by Kevin Lamoureux’s talk on Cultural Diversity and in particular, Treaty education. Breakout sessions were held in the afternoon covering a wide range of topics leading to greater Cultural Proficiency for all.
- **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. Classroom libraries are offering more fiction and non-fiction options and a group of students helped to

shop for book prizes for I Love to Read Month. As part of our celebration around literacy, the Kindergarten to Grade 3 Classrooms all read the book “Peg and the Yeti” by Kenneth Opal and illustrated by Barbara Reid then went to see the play based on the book at MTYP on November 12th. Grades 4-6 students went to MTYP to see “Robin Hood” on April 8th.

- ***Artist in the School*** – On February 5th, teachers worked with local storytellers Jamie Oliviero and Marc Kuly followed by two weeks of Jamie working with students to help them develop stories based on the learning they were “exploring” in the classrooms. This culminated with a “Storytelling” assembly on February 19th in the gym.
- ***Opportunities Program*** – This program targets grade 5 and 6 students with the intent of providing them with a variety of activities and experiences that develop team work skills, empathy, social justice awareness and a stronger connection to Indigenous teachings. Some of these activities include volunteering at a local Seniors Home, learning about traditional Indigenous teachings and team work skill building led by our School Resource Officer.
- ***Champlain School Clubs*** – Students at Champlain School have an opportunity to participate in a variety of clubs. The following clubs are offered to students: Culture Club, Knitting Club, Fiddle Club, Ukulele Club, Scratch Club, Volleyball, Flag Football, Typing Club, Chess Club, Cooking Club, Dodgeball, Floor Hockey, Games Club, Primary and Intermediate Dance Club, Musical Theatre and My Voice Club. The end of the Hockey Heroes program was celebrated by going to see a Manitoba Moose game in March. Students attending Champlain have a lot of opportunities for enrichment, engagement and recreation lead by a very talented and committed staff.
- ***Enrichment and Support for students*** - Three Champlain students are participating in the STEAM program at Pinkham School. Three students also participated in ballet through the **Quantum Program** and four students participated in art classes at the **Winnipeg Art Gallery** every Saturday morning. Three students will soon be graduating from the **Career Trek** program. One student participated in Saturday morning drama classes at the **Prairie Theatre Exchange**. Two students attend **Horse Therapy** through Urban Stables. Every week they learn how to groom and care for a horse plus develop social skills such as team work and communication while learning to ride a horse.





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



May 10, 2016

Isaac Newton Highlights for North District Advisory Committee

- True North Foundation Jets Hockey Academy has 25 Grade 8 students practicing hockey every Monday until May 17th with an opportunity to attend Camp Manitou.
- Free veggie lunch on Wednesdays (fresh vegetables and fruit) from Child Nutrition Grant made by students.
- Our Basketball & Volleyball teams are involved in tournaments and league play. We finished our Grade 6 Volleyball Camp at the end of April. Softball, soccer, and fishing have started. Students will be participating in a fishing club soon.
- Our Indoor track team attended meets at the University of Manitoba.
- February was "I Love to Read" month at Isaac, with activities and contests for reading.
- Grade 9 students are involved in the Medical Careers Exploration program at the Pan Am Clinic.
- Ebony Delaronde and Sololmon Stevenson were the recipients of the Job Yellowhead Scholarship.
- The Winter Night of Arts performance and art show was well attended. Family Night of the Arts is on June 9th at 6:30 pm. Our Band attended Band Blast last week at Elmwood.
- Spirit Week was a huge success with many contests and activities to highlight school spirit.
- As part of ESD, our Social Justice group is working on many initiatives, including raising money for the Humane Society, Programs for Girls in Developing Countries and organizing a "Day of Pink". Our students are maintaining and planting a kitchen garden at school/home in partnership with the horticulture program at RB Russell.
- Our ongoing commitment to taking students on outdoor education experiences continues with field trips to Birds Hill Park and Fort Whyte.
- Our Grade 9 students have started visiting schools in anticipation of moving onto Grade 10.
- Students participated in a song writing workshop with musicians from the Folk Festival.
- Grade 6 students from catchment area schools have visited Isaac Newton and are currently handing in applications.
- Career Day is happening on June 3rd for Grade 8 students at Isaac Newton.
- Follow us on Instagram or twitter #IsaacnewtonWSD or check out our current update website at <https://www.winnipegwsd.ca/schools/isaacnewton/Pages/default.aspx> for recent newsletters and events.





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North District Advisory Report - May 2016

Parent Association Highlights:

- ✓ Friday Pizza Sales are going well. Profit each week continues to average about \$150.
- ✓ One of our parents shared an insightful "Photo Voice" presentation about Leadership Opportunities and Barriers for parents at Lord Nelson which she created as a project for the Parent Centre's "Leadership for Newcomer's" course. It gave us a better understanding of how to help parents get involved in Parent Association.
- ✓ Meat Raffle in June with proceeds going to technology for our new gym.

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: Leadership Training for Newcomers, Positive Discipline, Cooking Club, Language Development Workshop, Digital Citizenship, Self-Esteem, Healthy Relationships, Nutrition Bingo, Fiddle Club, Valentine's Day Party, Spin Soccer, Family Book Club, I Love to Read Family Challenge, Grow with Me, Tots 'n Training, Babysitting Course.
- ✓ Student sessions offered so far this year: Girls' Empowerment Club

School Highlights:

- ✓ Our new gym and Nursery / Kindergarten classroom construction is on schedule! Grand opening will be in September 2016.
- ✓ Our Open House / Community BBQ will take place on June 16th with lots of fun and food. Stop by for a visit between 5:30-7:30 pm.
- ✓ Bring Your Family to Lunch Day will take place at noon on May 27th. Students, families and staff enjoy eating a picnic style lunch together outside and then share some fun in a staff vs student softball game.
- ✓ Grade 5 and 6 students will attend Camp Arnes on June 8-10, 2016 for a reduced rate of \$60. Thanks to our PAC's support!

- ✓ We continue to have many School Clubs – Indigenous Drumming, Grade 6 Drama Club, Chess Club, Metis Fiddle Club, Filipino Heritage Classes, Handbell Club, U of W SPIN Basketball, volleyball, soccer, run club and ball hockey; Grade 4-6 Boys Choir, Grade 5 / 6 Music, Yoga Club, Writing, Speed skating; Intramurals- Volleyball, handball, soccer, basketball, and softball for both primary and intermediate classes at recesses, noon and after school. Our children are engaged and active!
- ✓ We are happy to announce that Lord Nelson is now a “Lighthouse” funded school. Lighthouse is a program that is run through Manitoba Youth and Opportunities which supports our after school learning programs and is funded through the provincial government. 😊
- ✓ We will have a NEW Before and After School Program in our “old gym” beginning in September. We will begin taking registrations soon!
- ✓ Our 1st Healthapalooza will take place on Friday, June 3rd. Healthapalooza is a Mental Wellness day just for our students that will examine healthy lifestyle practices to deal with everyday living as an important part of developing mental-emotional health. We want students to be proactive in their mental health to sustain their wellness and enjoy life; by taking care of their physical health, diet, maintaining regular exercise, and interests in hobbies. There will be a variety of sessions that students can sign up for which will be run by Lord Nelson staff and members of the community. Some of the sessions will include chess, crafts, yoga, making playdoh or stained glass, caring for pets, dance, fitness and many more!



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LUXTON SCHOOL NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY REPORT - May 10, 2016

Sister High school Partnership

Luxton grade 4-6 students have had the privilege to work with Sisler High School in the technology department. Thank you Dr. Heshka and Sisler staff and students for the following opportunities:

On Thursday, February 4 am every grade 4, 5, and 6 student at Luxton went on a field trip to Sisler High and participated in several technology workshops. They learned about School Game Design, Animation, Film Making, Graphic Design, and Cyber Security.

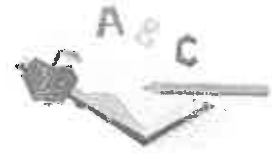
On Monday, February 22 and Tuesday, February-23, a guest animator conducted 2D animation workshops for our grades 4, 5, and 6 students.

In March, 85 of our students watched a live elbow surgery from Winnipeg's Pan Am Clinic via videoconferencing. Several of our students asked questions to the surgeon as he was operating.

In April, 21 of our grades 4, 5, and 6 students travelled to Sisler High School for an industry presentation by the Vancouver Film School.

Pay it forward lunch

Luxton School was recently the recipient of a pay it forward lunch from Robert H Smith School. Our grades 1-6 kids enjoyed a piece of pizza, chocolate milk and a donut while our N-K kids enjoyed chocolate milk and a donut. Thank you so much for this kind treat. We are planning a pay it forward event very soon.



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.
- Some of our grade 4-6 students participated in the Speed Skating races at the MTS Centre on February 25th. Mr. Sabatini and the students braved the cold and ran outdoor practices throughout January and February to get the kids ready to compete.
- The grade five students visited Fort Whyte on February 17th for some outdoor fun!
- Winter Activity Day was held on February 26th for grades 1 - 3 at the school and on April 25th at Harborview for grades 4 - 6. Nursery and Kindergarten classrooms were on April 23rd. The weather was fantastic for all.
- The grade 5 & 6 school volleyball teams visited several schools for tournaments throughout the month of February.
- Mr. Capizzi, our Physical Education Teacher, offered intramurals for the grades 4-6 students to enjoy during their lunch hour during the cold winter and spring months. Volleyball and Table Hockey kept them busy and engaged. The Running Club has begun their practices for the month of May and the students are enjoying the outdoors for this activity. Softball is also coming up this month.
- Parent Council held a Subway *Lunch Day* in February, KFC in March and Hot Dog day in April. These lunch days are always a great success and the students and staff look forward to them.
- The Robertson School Choir performed on Thursday, March 3rd at the Winnipeg Music Festival.
- Our Parent Teacher Conferences were held on March 17th and 18th. 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 from March 21st to March 24th. Ms. Sherry runs daily challenges and gives the students the opportunity to win prizes while learning the benefits or drinking milk.
- On April 24th, family and guests were left with standing room only for our evening musical performance of "We Haz Jazz". 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.



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Community Report

- Shaughnessy Park Grade 8 girls' basketball team won the Winnipeg School Division championship.
- New walking school bus is up and running. Attendance increased 21% in the first month
- Shaughnessy launched its official twitter site "Shaughnessy Park, @ShaughnessyPK"
- EAL Support teachers were in the school supporting our classroom teacher with strategies for EAL students
- May 4, 2016 was the "Sea of Blue" when over 65% of our Jr High Students participated in home games at Shaughnessy in Softball and Ultimate Frisbee.
- The Ultimate Team has use of the new FIFA rated soccer field.
- Grade 8 classes produced fused glass projects for home and school
- Thursday May 12, 2016 we are hosting our annual volunteer appreciation luncheon.
- May 19, 2016, Our Spring Concert including Aboriginal drumming, choir and introducing our new band
- Also May 19, 2017 all grade 7 students will experience a day of training at the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service training facility. Student will experience and understand the commitment required to become a Fire Fighter / Paramedic

Check it out:

grade 8 4 GRADE - 8 STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE GRADE 9 CREDITS IN GRAPHIC ARTS. FROM SISTER

Twitter:

@ShaughnessyPK

Web:

<https://www.winnipegsd.ca/schools/shaughnessypark/Pages/default.aspx>



Shaughnessy Walking School Bus



FIFA Field

Open House

We held an Open House on April 21 in order to showcase our school for prospective students for our Grade 7 and 8 programs. The evening was well attended and we hosted over 300 people. There were 93 Grade 6 families and 18 Grade 5 families who came from our neighbourhood to meet with our staff, our leadership students, and view our school facilities. The evening featured an information session in the gym, with testimonials from a student speaker from Grade 8 and two former ÉSKS graduates (one of whom is now one of our teachers). The families then had a chance to tour the school and see all the Grade 7 & 8 classroom displays as well as a selection of art work featured on the bulletin boards around the school. The Open House was well received and we would like this to become an annual event.

Cultural Proficiency Conference

ÉSKS held our second Cultural Proficiency Conference and hosted staff from four schools as well as our own staff. Kevin Lamoureux was our Keynote speaker and was followed by many breakout sessions. This multi-school Conference format was well received and the feedback from the staff that attended, was very positive.

Quebec Trip 2016

The first week of May, thirty-seven Grade 8 students travelled to Quebec with 5 staff. The students participated in a variety of cultural and language activities over the 6 day trip which was conducted completely in French. The students helped recreate some events from the battle on the Plains of Abraham, practiced

their French in both old Montreal and Old Quebec, learned traditional music and dancing at a Cabane à Sucre, and visited many cultural and historical sites.

New Mural on our North Wall

Our students worked with our Artist in residence to complete another mural which has now been mounted on the North Wall of ÉSKS. This is the second mural with our resident artist Karen Cornelius. Our Daycare will be adding flowers in the hanging tires that form part of some of the three dimensional parts attached to the mural.

Outdoor Classroom

Our Outdoor classroom was completed in the fall and now that the weather has warmed up we have been able to use it. We are looking forward to the formal dedication of our Outdoor classroom which will be held during our Spring Fling in June. Many thanks to our Parent Advisory Council members and Leanne Seniuk for all their hard work to help make this project a reality. Each class of students will be adopting a tree in order to help take care of them as they establish their roots.

Spring Fling

Our Spring Fling will be held on June 2 (June 9 rain date) in the evening from 5:30-7:00 pm. The evening will feature performances from all our choirs as well as a display of our all our students' art work. Bring a blanket or chairs and join our ÉSKS Families and community in celebrating the Arts with us.