

**CENTRAL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2-2019**

To the Chair and Members  
Winnipeg Public School Board:

November 19, 2019

The Central District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

**1. Election of Committee Chair**

The Committee was informed that at a Board meeting, Trustee Cindy Murdoch was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Arlene Reid was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

The parent representative from Tec Voc High School volunteered to Chair the Central District Advisory Committee meeting.

**2. WSD 2020/2021 Budget Consultation**

The Committee received an overview on the Budget Consultation for the 2020/2021 school year.

The Committee was informed the Board is committed to obtain feedback from school communities, parent councils, residents and staff groups for the 2020/2021 school budget. The District Advisory meetings will provide parent representatives with an opportunity to share feedback, ideas and questions with the trustees in their local area.

The Committee was informed that it is anticipated that the Provincial funding announcement will be made in late January/early February. Once the announcement is received, the Finance/Personnel Committee of the Board will prepare final recommendations for approval by the Board of Trustees. Budget information will be distributed to all schools, parent councils, student councils, advisory committees, employee groups and others on request, and posted on Division's website.

The Committee was informed that District Advisory Committee meetings will be scheduled in February to provide an opportunity for dialogue and discussion about the draft budget. A Public Meeting regarding the draft budget will be held on February 24, 2020. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until March 2, 2020. All feedback will be considered by Finance/ Personnel Committee. The Board of Trustees will approve the budget at its meeting to be held March 9, 2020. The Board must finalize the budget by March 13, 2020, as required by legislation.

The Committee was 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 58.3% of the total revenue required to balance the WSD budget. The second major source of funding is from property taxation which provided an additional 38.5% of the total revenue. The remaining three 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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The Committee was informed that provincial funding limits the opportunities to assist school divisions in removing the many barriers to education. This may impact student outcomes and key building blocks that are necessary to contribute to their growth and success in school. The Committee was also informed that Provincial funding continues to lag behind the needs of the students, families, staff and communities of the Division, resulting in an increased burden on division residents through property taxation.

The Committee was also informed that last year, the Province further reduced the cap on Administration costs for large urban school divisions to 2.7% of total expenditures and has also capped the special levy increase a school division can impose. WSD anticipates a continued cap this year. The Committee was also informed that a cap on the special levy will be challenging to deliver a balanced budget. As a result, the Division will continue to review programs, explore further reductions in administration costs and other supports. The Committee was encouraged to make suggestions on programs or services they felt could be reduced as a budget-saving measure.

The Committee was informed that as a result of the K-12 Education Review, the Province may introduce changes which impact the ability of school boards passing a special levy increase. Many of the Division programs are fully paid by taxpayers and not mandated by the province, such as the Nursery Program, Community Support Workers and transportation services for language programs. These programs would be at risk if school boards lose taxing authority.

The Committee was provided with a review of last year's program costs such as intercultural support workers, adult crossing guards, school resource officers, full day kindergarten, attendance officers, nutrition and nursery. The Committee was informed that the Board is reviewing cost-saving measures which may include WSD transportation services.

The Committee was informed that a report on the 3-year pilot full day Kindergarten project is in process and upon completion will be released to the Board of Trustees.

### **3. Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC)**

The Committee was informed that Trustee Reid is the Acting Vice-President of the Manitoba Association of Parent Council (MAPC). The Committee was provided with an overview on the role and services provided by MAPC. The Committee was informed that MAPC is legislated to be the voice of parents at the education table. MAPC provides solutions, ideas, advocacy, tips and resources. The Committee was informed that MAPC has a bi-monthly newsletter and also forums and special events. The Committee was informed that there will be a forum on advocating for children with special needs in February (date to be determined).

The Committee was encouraged to contact the Board and Community Services Office to become a member of the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils for the 2019/2020 school year.

**4. 2019/2020 District Advisory Committee Dates**

The Committee was informed of the following schedule of the District Advisory Committees for the 2019/2020 school year:

**Inner City District Advisory Committee**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, November 5, 2019  
Wednesday, February 5, 2020  
Wednesday, April 22, 2020

**Central District Advisory Committee**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, November 19, 2019  
Tuesday, February 4, 2020  
Thursday, April 30, 2020

**French Immersion Advisory Committee**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, November 27, 2019  
Thursday, February 20, 2020  
Thursday, May 7, 2020

**South District Advisory Committee**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Thursday, November 7, 2019  
Tuesday, February 11, 2020  
Tuesday, April 28, 2020

**North District Advisory Committee**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Thursday, November 14, 2019  
Tuesday, February 18, 2020  
Tuesday, May 5, 2020

**Student Advisory Committee**  
**4:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, November 20, 2019  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

ARLENE REID  
Trustee Representative

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**In Attendance:**

**Voting Representatives:**

Cecil Rhodes School  
Clifton School  
Elmwood School  
Laura Secord School  
Lord Selkirk School  
River Elm School  
Sargent Park School  
Tec Voc School  
Wolseley School

**Non-Voting/Resource Members:**

Community Support Worker, Lord Selkirk School

**Regrets:**

Trustee Cindy Murdoch  
Daniel McIntyre Collegiate  
Greenway School  
Isaac Brock School

**Administration:**

Karin Seiler, Superintendent of Education Services  
Nancy MacTavish, Principal, Clifton School  
Joan Fransen, Vice-Principal, Daniel McIntyre College  
Meghan Davison, Vice-Principal, Daniel McIntyre College  
Mike Babb, Principal, Elmwood High School  
Christopher Torrance, Vice-Principal, Elmwood High School  
Matt Couture, Principal, George V. School  
Paulo Teixeira, Vice-Principal, Lord Selkirk School  
Cree Crowchild, Principal, River Elm School  
Melody Woloschuk, Principal, Sargent Park School  
Trevor McVicar, Vice-Principal, Sargent Park School  
Nicole Kurtz, Vice-Principal, Sargent Park School  
Brian Rogowski, Principal, Wolseley School  
Thérèse Deleurme, Recording Secretary, Board of Trustees

**Trustees:**

Trustee Arlene Reid