

**THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION**

**INNER CITY DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

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**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee members were informed that the Inner City District Advisory Committee is taking place on Treaty One Land and the traditional homeland of the Metis Nation.

Committee members were informed that at the Inaugural meeting of the Board held on September 13, 2021, Trustee Betty Edel was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Yijie (Jennifer) Chen was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

**2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR**

The parent representative from Mulvey School volunteered to Chair the meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Committee members approved the Agenda of November 10, 2021, as distributed.

**4. WSD BUDGET CONSULTATION 2022/2023**

Committee members received an overview on the Budget Consultation for the 2022/2023 school year.

Committee members were informed that on March 9, 2021, the Board of Trustees approved a budget for the 2021/2022 school year in the amount of \$421,039,400. Last year, the Provincial Government directed school divisions throughout the province to freeze property tax levies at 2020 levels, leading to a reduction of 0.54 percent on the property tax levy for WSD homeowners, or a decrease of about \$8 a year on the average assessed home value of \$225,700 within WSD. This reduced provincial investment in education resulted in cuts for students of \$4,457,395 in WSD and cuts in most divisions across the city.

Committee members were informed that the province made it impossible for WSD to raise revenue through property taxes to be able to fund programs that are unique and valued within the WSD community.

Committee members were informed that it is anticipated that this year, the provincial government will continue to fund education at the same level as last year and freeze property taxes which may result in a significant loss of programs and services for students. As the Board of Trustees begins its discussions and consultations with the public regarding its 2022/2023 budget, several significant factors must be taken into consideration such as a drop in enrolment, rising labour costs, inflation, provincial funding and cap on property taxes.

Committee members were informed that the September 30, 2018, enrolment count totalled 33,093 which reflected a steady trend of enrolment of approximately 33,000 students per year over the previous decade. However, since then, enrolment has dropped since 2019 (1.05 percent), 2020 (9.62 percent), 2021 (2.32 percent). Committee members were informed that the pandemic contributed to the drop in enrolment due to home schooling. Committee members were informed that the drop in enrolment directly results in a reduction of provincial funding which represents about 60 percent of WSD's overall funding.

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Committee members were informed that the salary and benefit costs represent approximately 87 percent of the budget. Committee members were informed that due to arbitration rulings in the spring of 2020, significant increases in labour costs have occurred for the 2020/21 fiscal year and will have a large impact on the 2022/2023 budget. To date there has been no additional funding from the Province to cover these costs however efforts in appealing for more funding will continue.

Committee members were informed that year-over-year inflation in Manitoba at September 30, 2021 is 4.66 percent. Committee members were informed that excluding the effect of enrolment, provincial funding has increased at the rate of approximately 0.6 percent over the last few years which is less than the rate of inflation in Manitoba even in non-pandemic years (2018- 2.53 percent, 2019 – 2.27 percent).

Committee members were informed that the property tax revenue that represents about 40 percent of WSD's overall funding has been capped at 2 percent for the past few years. WSD's recent overall funding of approximately 1.16 percent is contributing to the funding pressures.

Committee members were informed that these summary issues are based on the current information prior to the final Provincial funding announcement in early February 2022.

Committee members were informed that the Board is committed to obtaining feedback from school communities, parent councils, residents and staff groups for the 2022/2023 budget. The District Advisory meetings will provide parent representatives with an opportunity to share feedback, ideas and questions with the trustees.

Committee members were informed that the members of the Board are interested in receiving feedback on the following:

- a) Does your school have the resources it requires to fulfill its educational mandate? If not, what additional resources are needed?
- b) What is the most important issue for your school?
- c) Winnipeg School Division is facing significant fiscal challenges for the 2022/2023 budget due to rising labour costs and a decline in enrolment, coupled with an inability to raise revenue through property beyond the government imposed cap of 2 percent. Do you have any suggestions as to how WSD might address these challenges?

A parent representative expressed support for the teacher salaries and that other administrative salaries be reviewed, including trustees.

Committee members were informed that school trustees do not receive a salary for time spent on school board business, they do receive a payment indemnity. The annual indemnity ranges from \$21,500 to \$26,500 to assist with Board business including attending meetings.

## **5. EDUCATION MODERNIZATION ACT UPDATE**

Committee members were informed that on September 1, 2021, an interim Premier of Manitoba was appointed due to the recent resignation of the Honorable Brian Pallister. The interim Premier of Manitoba announced that Bill 64 - The Education Modernization Act will be removed from provincial business in the fall due to public concerns expressed regarding various components of Bill 64, namely the proposed governance model.

Committee members were informed that the withdrawal of Bill 64 allows WSD to continue to provide valuable services and programs such as Nutrition programs, Housing assistance, Health connections, Reading Recovery, Math Pathways, Autism programs, Anxiety Programs, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Programs, all of which are vital services to support our students, families and community.

Committee members were informed that although, Bill 64 – The Education Modernization Act has been withdrawn by the provincial government, the Minister of Education has publicly stated that the proposed governance model outlined in Bill 64 appeared to be the most significant concern for parents and stakeholders.

Committee members were informed that the Minister of Education also stated the commitment to implementing the three pillars outlined in the “Better Education Starts Today” (B.E.S.T.) strategy; under the headings High Quality Learning and Outcomes, Future Ready Students and Excellence in Teaching and Leadership.

Committee members were informed that while WSD supports some of the key priority actions outlined in B.E.S.T. strategies to improve student outcomes, any changes to the delivery of education in Manitoba must be piloted by the government to ensure that new initiatives will contribute to the educational success of the child. The outcomes must demonstrate an ability to benefit the unique needs of supporting our students and school communities.

Committee members were informed that as the largest school division in Manitoba, WSD will continue to be engaged in discussions with the Province to maintain programs and services for our students. WSD remains committed to putting students, teachers and public education first.

## **6. COVID - 19**

Committee members were informed that public health officials announced new public health orders that came into effect on October 5, 2021. While the province has moved to the restricted (orange) level of the Pandemic Response System, schools will remain at caution (yellow). Public health officials will continue to recommend school-specific approaches if increasing risk is identified.

Committee members were provided an overview of the “Restoring Safe Schools” plan outlined by the Provincial government including mask requirements. Hygiene requirements, vaccination and testing requirements, and isolation requirements.

In response to an inquiry, Committee members were informed that staff and students will continue to follow the health and safety measures as per public health guidance. The Board of Trustees worked closely to develop, enhance and implement COVID – 19 protocols.

Committee members were informed that masks are required for use in all indoor public spaces. Masks may be removed indoors where there is physical distancing of 2 meter (6 feet) for the

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purpose of eating, drinking, and for short, infrequent mask breaks. Mask use during extracurricular school sports should follow public health guidance for sports in place at the time. Masks can be removed when outside for brief mask breaks.

A parent representative expressed gratitude to the school management on how they managed the school cleanliness and sanitation.

## **7. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM**

At a meeting held November 1, 2021, the Board of Trustees approved a motion to distribute the results of the evaluation of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program to all District Advisory Committees for information.

Committee members were informed that as part of the 2021/2022 Budget discussions, this matter was referred to the Finance/ Personnel Committee for consideration. On March 9, 2021, the Board of trustees removed the SRO program from the budget effective July 1, 2021.

Committee members were informed that the School Resource (SRO) program was initiated in Winnipeg School Division (WSD) in 2002, initially called “The North End School Resource Office Partnership Initiative”. In response to concerns raised about the role of police officers in schools across Canada, the Board of Trustees requested a review of the SRO program which was launched in January 2021.

Committee members were informed that the goal of the survey was to review the merit of the SRO program in school including: support for safe and caring schools; impact of SRO program on safety for students, parents and staff; influence of SROs on student, staff and community ecosystem; program enhancement potentials and provide feedback to the Board of Trustees whether the SRO program should continue.

Committee members were informed that the key findings are based on the total number of possible participants among WSD students, parent/guardians and WSD staff. WSD Students in the group include only Grade 7 to 12.

Committee members were informed that the survey data shows support for the SRO program to continue with 36 percent of students, 57 percent of parents/guardians, 74 percent of staff and 100 percent of SROs. A third of students (35 percent), 47 percent of parents/guardians and 10 percent of staff members were unaware of the program or were not sure if the program existed in their school. The results indicate that the SRO program and objectives require more awareness and understanding by students, staff and parents/guardians.

A parent representative indicated that they would like to see SRO back in schools as the SRO program had a positive impact on their child and school safety.

Committee members recommended that the Board of Trustees continue discussions regarding a funding partnership with Winnipeg Police Department.

Parent Representatives were also informed that they could send letters to Trustees in support of the SRO program.

Trustee Chen informed the Committee members that there have been no discussions to have the SRO program back to schools.

**8. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS**

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- David Livingstone School
- Mulvey School
- Fort Rouge
- Sister MacNamara School

**9. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF PARENT COUNCILS MEMBERSHIP**

Committee members were informed that parent representative from Mulvey School is one of Manitoba Association of Parent Council (MAPC) Board member. The Committee members were informed that MAPC will change their name to Manitoba Alliance of Parents and Caregivers to expand their funding base and an opportunity to expand the resources that the organization can provide to parents, caregivers, students and schools.

Trustee Chen informed the Committee members that she attended the AGM and was pleased that a parent representative is a MAPC Board Member.

**10. GUIDELINES FOR BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Committee members reviewed a copy of the Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees for information. Committee members were encouraged to direct any questions to the Board and Community Liaison Officer.

Committee members were informed that the Guidelines are the same for all Advisory Committees. The Guidelines clarify the purpose and role of Committee members.

Committee members were informed that the Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees is available on the Winnipeg School Division website.

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**Voting Representatives:**

Argyle Alternative High School  
Children of the Earth School  
David Livingstone School  
Fort Rouge School  
Gordon Bell High School  
Hugh John Macdonald School  
King Edward School  
Mulvey School  
R.B. Russell High School  
William Whyte School

**Regrets:**

Dufferin School  
Machray School  
Pinkham School  
Sister MacNamara School  
Strathcona School  
General Wolfe School  
John M. King School  
Niji Mahkwa School  
Norquay School  
Victoria Albert School  
Wellington School

**Administration:**

Fatima Mota, Superintendent  
Rob Riel, Director  
Paul Kochan, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
Brenda Lapointe, Board and Community Liaison Officer  
Patricia Mainville, Principal Argyle Alternative High School  
Gath McAlpine, Principal Dufferin School  
Collen Dawson, Vice-Principal Dufferin School  
Stacie Edgar, Principal Fort Rouge School  
Mercy Sackey, Vice-Principal Gordon Bell High School  
Jonathon Fast, Acting Vice-Principal Gordon Bell High School  
Matthew Adkins, Principal Hugh John Macdonald School  
Peter Correia, Principal Mulvey School  
Chris Clarke, Principal David Livingstone School  
Marsha Missyabit, Vice-Principal Niji Mahkwa School  
Cree Crowchild, Principal Norquay School  
Jennifer Scott, Vice-Principal Norquay School  
Paul Krowiak, Principal R.B. Russell High School  
Debbie Lenhardt Mair, Principal Sister MacNamara School  
James Tyson, Vice-Principal Sister MacNamara School  
Susan Darazsi, Principal Strathcona School  
Wendy Verbong, Principal William Whyte School  
Matthew Mosseau, Community Support Worker  
Tammy Shone, Community Support Worker  
Leonor Tavares, Community Support Worker  
Elisa Solomon, Recording Secretary

**Trustee:**

Jennifer Chen  
Betty Edel (Regrets)



# David Livingstone Community School

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## REPORT FOR INNER CITY DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE November 10, 2021

**Parent Representative:  
Acting Principal  
Vice-Principal**

**Alexa Rosentreter  
Chris Clarke  
Jolene Boulton**

### September/October/November 2021

After a much needed and well-earned break over the winter holiday, we welcomed back our staff, parents, community members and students. They have returned with a great deal of enthusiasm and readiness for learning. Our entire population of students has returned to the building after the uncertainties of last year. We are excited to see the school return to a much more 'normal' experience for all of our students and staff.

We continue with our Read To Me and Talk To Me Programs which involve early literacy interventions for Nursery and Kindergarten students.

Food donations have been organized by WSD and RB Russell School. This provided our school community with dozens of whole chickens to give away to families in need.

Weekly Yoga sessions continue for our Bridges Program students.

Nursery and Kindergarten Hearing Screening was conducted from Jan 12-15/2021. This identified students who have hearing deficits that may affect learning.

Mobile vision

Hearing screening

Picture day

A group of students were organized to attend at the Variety Dental Outreach Program. This program provides free dental screening, dental cleaning, assessment, and minor dental work for our students.

'Wear your DL Swag' Day. Those who wear their DL apparel will have their name placed in a draw for a prize.

Food donations continue to come in from various businesses. These donations have been arranged by the WSD and RB Russell School. Our Community Support Worker organizes and schedules families to receive these donations.

Scientists in School- K-8 Enhancing VIRTUAL STEM Workshops. Also, a parent night is being organized for families to participate in these virtual workshops as a family in their homes.

Star Dome – this event will be place as a 'planetarium' in our school gym. This event will be live streamed for parents to view the presentation.

Start of the Talk To Me Program which involves early literacy intervention for Nursery and Kindergarten students.

Seesaw online learning software is being used by all classrooms to support student learning

Staff participated in a professional development days to discuss math goals and to receive a workshop on new math strategies such as Thinking Classrooms (vertical non-permanent surfaces) and to work on our Continuous Improvement Plan. . We continue to provide each classroom with software call Dreambox to support classroom and curriculum goals.

PD is planned to introduce PBIS (Positive Behavioural Interventions and Support) to our school to strengthen positive school culture and sense of community.

Our school has a new and modern play structure on the field side of the school. This structure intends to bring together the community in a very positive way and provide a meeting place for the community.

Our school added a new outdoor classroom area with tyndal stone seating surrounding our learning garden.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexa Rosentreter, Parent Representative  
David Livingstone Administration

# **Mulvey School Community Report September – November 2021**

Here are some highlights at Mulvey School from September – November 2021

**Meet The Staff Online Evening! Thursday, September 23, 2021 – link sent at 4:00 p.m.**

**The Mulvey Parent Council raised money in September/October 2021 by Kernel's Popcorn and held 3 Pizza lunches. The Parent Council is also looking into Farm to School Peak of the Market Fundraiser as well as Bothwell Cheeses and Perogy Fundraiser. All the funds raised are put directly back into school related activities, and programming, such as field trips, extra curricular clubs, new playground enhancements, outdoor classroom and grade six-year end celebration, nutrition programs and initiatives.**

**Healthy Treat Day and Enrolment Day on September 29<sup>th</sup> The entire School went for a community walk and then we all had a healthy treat of refreshing ice cream**

**Omands Creek, Living Prairie Museum and Assiniboine Forest, Manitoba Museum, Virtual Trips by multi- classrooms**

**CANU Orientation for 6 Mulvey Students in October, now attending weekly via online**

**Weekly Assemblies held virtually school wide with students, staff and parents**

**Fibre Arts Club to begin in November. Public Health Measures will be followed and Cohorts maintained**

**School Wide Terry Fox Run on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Raised \$1 255.00 for Cancer Research**

**Partner with Balmoral Hall School on Online Virtual and Community Citizenship.**

**Picture Day and Picture Retake Day**

**Leadership Sport and Recess Leader students trained in Recess games**

**Anti-Racism in Sport PD Session delivered to the Intermediate Team**

**Patrol Training – currently 6 students on Mulvey Patrol Team**

**Halloween Gym Activities and Classroom Activities with Nursery – Grade 6 students**

**Second Step Program, EAL NEEDs, Read to ME Framework, Fountas and Pinell, Writing Learning lunches, Assessment, Technology and MTS PD days, Truth and Reconciliation, WAG Inuit Art Gallery**

**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at Mulvey School**

**Orange Shirt Day**

**Constable on Personal Safety and Internet Safety / Bully Proofing**

**Dreambox Program and RazKids being used in Primary Classrooms**

**Report Cards and Parent Teacher Student Conferences – Scheduled for Nov 18 and 19**

**Students, parents, staff attending the Remembrance Day Online Ceremony, pre-recorded veterans invited.**

**Engaging Fusion Artist Alejandra to work with Students and Staff**

**Amazing Halloween Treat and Pumpkin Patch Cookie Day Sponsored by Parent Council**

**15 Mulvey Messages to parents have been sent out via school messenger and seesaw. Newsletter goes home with students and posted to Mulvey website maintained up to date.**





In recognition of the  
National Day of  
Truth and Reconciliation



Mulvey School  
2021



## Fort Rouge School

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**Principal: Ms. S. Edgar**

Learners today, Leaders tomorrow.

### **School Report for the Inner City District Advisory Committee Meeting Date: November 10, 2021**

Students were able to participate in or were supported by the following:

- Breakfast Program (in classrooms)
- Snack Program
- Breakfast2Go
- Mobile Vision Care Clinic
- Hearing Screening
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Remembrance Day
- Parent Advisory Council Meetings
- Parent Advisory Council Lunch Program
- Student Nurses from the University of Manitoba
- Student EA from JobWorks
- Student Teacher from University of Winnipeg

Through the Family Room, parents and guardians were able to participate virtually in the following by picking up supplies when they dropped off their children in the morning:

- Adult Painting Classes
- Family Wellness Sessions
- Adult Cooking Classes

In addition, via phone call or physically distancing, our Community Support Worker offered:

- Little Learners Library
- Winter Clothing giveaway
- Regular Food giveaway (potatoes, onions, and bread)





## **SISTER MACNAMARA SCHOOL**

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### SISTER MACNAMARA INNERCITY PARENT ADVISORY MEETING SCHOOL REPORT

- The whole inside of Sister MacNamara School has been repainted. All the walls are looking bright and refreshed.
- Our Gym teacher organized our Terry Fox Run during the individual classroom gym classes this year. Over two days, laps were recorded and tracked. Hopefully next year we can all be together for this event.
- We held our school wide Remembrance Day Assembly virtually this year. Guest speakers addressed the school via a video. Students and staff created memorable presentations.
- We opened a Sensory Room for a number of students who require calming strategies. This helps students reduce anxiety and helps with emotional regulation so students can return to learning when ready.
- Public Health held a Community Pop-Up Vaccination Clinic on October 19<sup>th</sup> after school.
- The B and G Club has returned for in person programming after school. We have many students who have signed up everyday for after school programming.
- Our Community Support Worker continues to run our Koats for Kids program and the Food Rescue program as there has been a high need from our community.
- We received several donations for school supplies for students including backpacks. We are very grateful for this generosity.
- School wide Evacuation Drill was held September 16<sup>th</sup>.

- Orange Shirt Day was observed during the week of September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.
- Welcome to Kindergarten

Upcoming Events:

November 9-12<sup>th</sup> Hearing Screening

November 23<sup>rd</sup> Grade 6 Immunizations Clinic

November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences

December 15<sup>th</sup> Grade 1-6 Winter Concert

December 16<sup>th</sup> Nursery and Kindergarten Winter Concert