

March 7, 2022

North District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2022

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To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board:

February 15, 2022

The North District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Peoples of Canada

The Committee was informed that the meeting of the North District Advisory Committee is taking place on Treaty One Land and the traditional homeland of the Red River Métis.

2. WSD 2022/2023 Draft Budget

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO was in attendance to provide an overview on the draft Budget for the 2022/2023 school year and the school tax calculation. The Committee was informed that last year, the Board of Trustees approved the 2021/2022 Budget in the amount of \$421,039,400. Due to a drop in Provincial funding by 1.6 percent or \$2,926,520 and the direction from the provincial government to freeze property tax levies at 2020 levels the Division was forced to make reductions of \$4,457,395 for programs and services.

The Committee was informed the Board of Trustees is proposing a stand pat budget of \$437,118,200. The baseline funding has decreased by 1.3 percent, or \$2,325,538, while one-time funding of \$13,217,517 has been provided for next year and property tax levies for education will remain frozen at 2020 levels. The Committee was informed that one-time funding for 2022/2023 is intended to cover collective agreement settlements and additional costs related to pandemic staffing.

The Committee was informed that a large portion of the budget is determined by student enrolment numbers each year. The Province acknowledged that the lower student enrolment was related to the pandemic and implemented a hybrid enrolment calculation that was higher than the actual student enrolment numbers. The Committee was informed that even with the hybrid calculation funding for the Division resulted in a 3.14 percent or approximately \$13,700,000 deficit. However, the one-time funding of approximately \$13,000,000 provided by the province, and the elimination of the Full-Day Kindergarten program, provided sufficient funding to offset deficit.

The Committee was informed that although the hybrid enrolment calculation and the one-time funding from the province has assisted in balancing the budget for this year, future budgets are still at risk without additional funding for education.

The Committee was informed that WSD received additional funding to cover COVID related expenses, \$12,000,000 in 2021 and \$6,200,000 in 2022. The one-time funding was also intended to cover some of the COVID related staffing cost.

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The Committee was informed that the pilot full-day Kindergarten program ended based on the program evaluation result. The Committee was informed that the main goal of the full-day Kindergarten was to identify any gaps in academic performance at an early age. The Committee was informed that in the final year of evaluation, results indicated that there were no significant differences between full-day Kindergarten and half-day Kindergarten students in their social, emotional and academic development.

The Committee was informed that the School Resource Officer (SRO) program will not be offered in schools. The Committee was informed that WSD will review other forms of programs in schools. The Committee was informed that other school divisions also removed the SRO program. The Committee was informed that parents can reach out to the Minister of Education and Minister of Justice to request funding for the SRO program.

Respectfully Submitted,

LINDA SCHATKOWSKY
Trustee Representative

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In Attendance:

Voting Representatives:

Andrew Mynarski School
 Inkster School
 Lansdowne School
 Meadows West School
 Lord Nelson School
 Ralph Brown School
 Sisler High School
 Stanley Knowles School
 Waterford Springs School

Regrets:

Champlain School
 Faraday School
 Garden Grove School
 Isaac Newton School
 Luxton School
 Praise Rose School
 Robertson School
 St. John's High School
 Shaughnessy Park School
 Tyndall Park School

Administration:

Fatima Mota, Superintendent
 Tony Marchione, Director
 Paul Kochan, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
 Brenda Lapointe, Board and Community Liaison Officer
 Elisa Solomon, Recording Secretary
 Cristina Da Mata, Principal Andrew Mynarski School
 Paulo Teixeira, Principal Champlain School
 Jennifer Cox, Principal Faraday School
 Nancy Karpinsky, Principal Garden Grove School
 Paul Ong, Vice-Principal Garden Grove School
 Trevor MacVicar, Principal Ralph Brown School
 Douglas Taylor, Principal St. John's High School
 Steven Nikkel, Vice-Principal Shaughnessy Park School
 Pat Graham, Principal Sisler High School
 Amanda Capina, Vice-Principal Sisler High School
 Andrea Powell, Principal Stanley Knowles School

Non-Voting/Resource Members

Employee Group Representative, W.A.N.T.E.
 Community Support Worker, Faraday School
 Community Support Worker, Champlain School

Trustees:

Linda Schatkowsky
 Arlene Reid