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Kelvin Parent Advisory Council:

As we cautiously welcome in 2022, we all find ourselves once again in uncertain pandemic times dealing with the new variant. We hope every Kelvin household is staying safe and is able to receive the supports needed at this challenging time.

One of the roles of the parent advisory council is to attend divisional community meetings and then to inform our school community of important items. These meetings are chaired by trustees and our division superintendents. There are 2 November items we wish to bring to your attention.

At the WSD [French Immersion Advisory](#) meeting held on November 18, 2021, the Winnipeg School Division (WSD) released a **report on the French Immersion Program (FIP)**. The report reviews 15 years of data to provide information on student enrollment, including the transition of FIP students to the International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement programs, and the feasibility of offering these programs in French. Of note:

WSD has the highest number of French Immersion schools in Manitoba with 18 schools.

Student enrollment numbers in FIP have increased 53% in the past 15 years. In 2019-2020, there were 4,750 students enrolled in the FIP.

One challenge for the FIP at WSD is the recruitment and retention of qualified teachers.

The report recommends that WSD not pursue the implementation of a French Immersion International Baccalaureate Program. WSD will continue to strengthen the option courses in French and offer more Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

Click on the link to view the report, [WSD French Immersion Report June 2021](#)

The second item pertains to the **Winnipeg School Division's budget consultations for the 2022-2023** school year. The WSD is projecting a funding gap of close to \$20 million next year (compared to \$5M in cuts for 2021-2022). This is significant and will impact all schools' programs and services.

To view the information pamphlet, click on the link [2022-2023 preconsultation budget handbook](#)

The Division is expecting to have to cut expenditures from programs/services found on the funding gap list at page 9 of document https://sbwsdstor.blob.core.windows.net/docs/1d4d95ff-9ccd-4445-a85f-a8b7eae9de8b_WSD%20Financial%20Facts.pdf

Examples of programs found on the funding gap list:

French language programming	- Student Services	- Therapy Services
International language program	- Information technology	- Library
Transportation		

The budget consultations currently underway play a key role in programming for all students in our school division. Please consider participating in the budget consultation process by completing the three questions and by allowing your voice to be heard. Questions can be completed on line at www.winnipegssd.ca/budget and sent back to the WSD Board of Trustees.

Your feedback is appreciated!

Lastly, the Winnipeg School Division is pleased to share all schools' community reports with us. Click on the link below to see your children's school reports. [WSD Community Reports 2020-2021](#)

Submitted by Kelvin Parent Advisory Council and Kelvin Administration

Our next virtual PAC meeting is Thursday, January 20, 2022 @ 7 pm. You can find the meeting's link on Kelvin's website under the Family/Community tab. We will be hearing from our administrative team and will be discussing the WSD 2022-23 budget.

