

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION
NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Tuesday, April 30, 2019

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

As there were seven voting representatives in attendance and nine were required to form a quorum, the parent representatives agreed to proceed with an informal meeting.

Committee members agreed to add the topic of a “no-cut” sports program to the agenda, under New Business.

2. 2019/2020 DRAFT BUDGET DISCUSSION

Committee members received an overview of the budget for the 2019/2020 school year.

The final budget approved by the Board of Trustees includes expenditures of \$417,444,400 for the fiscal period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Complying with Provincial government guidelines, the Board has approved a 2% increase to the special requirement resulting in a 2.45%, or \$35 a year, increase on property taxes for taxpayers within WSD boundaries. This is based on the average assessed value of \$214,200 on a home in WSD.

The Board is dedicated to continue advocating on behalf of the Division and will continue to attempt communication with the Province to ensure education funding and the needs of our communities are sufficiently met.

In response to an inquiry, Committee members were informed that transportation for students with mobility issues participating in the Community Access Program was included in this year's budget. Committee members were informed that with only a 2% increase, there will not be any additions or any reductions to programs. In response to an enquiry, Committee members were informed that funding for the School Resource Officers is included in the 2019/2020 Budget.

The members of the Board appreciate all feedback in the development of the 2019/2020 budget.

3. PROVINCIAL K-12 EDUCATION REVIEW

Committee members were informed that on January 23, 2019, the Province of Manitoba announced a New Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education. Nine Commissioners will guide a comprehensive, independent review of Manitoba's Education System.

The Manitoba Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education is requesting feedback on the future of the educational system in Manitoba.

Committee members were informed that the Commission will consult with students, parents, educators, school boards, academics, Indigenous organizations, la Francophonie, municipal councils, professional organizations, the business community and members of the public from across Manitoba.

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Committee members were informed that throughout the review process, the Commission will focus on:

- **A long-term vision** – Given how rapidly the world is changing, what should our goals and purpose be for Kindergarten to Grade 12 education?
- **Student learning** – How do we help our students achieve excellence?
- **Teaching** – How can we help teachers and school leaders to achieve better outcomes?
- **Accountability for student learning** – How do we develop a stronger sense of shared accountability for student learning and an understanding that every member of the education team (e.g., principals, teachers, maintenance staff, bus drivers, administration staff) has an important role to play?
- **Governance** – What governance structures do we need to put in place to make our education system more relevant and better coordinated?
- **Funding** – How do we ensure that our education system is sustainable, and that it provides equitable learning opportunities for students of all ages?

Committee members were encouraged to participate in the consultation process, which will run from February to May 2019, by submitting a written report, attending a public consultation, or filling out the online survey. Written submissions may be emailed to K12educationcommission@gov.mb.ca or via mail to Manitoba's Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education 470-800 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3G 0N4. The deadline for receipt of written submissions is May 30, 2019.

Committee members were also informed that the Province is providing workshops for anyone who may be interested. The workshops will offer an informal and interactive way for Committee members to share their thoughts. The Province has indicated that the feedback will help the commission develop its recommendations as part of a comprehensive, independent review of Manitoba's elementary and secondary education system. Committee members were informed that two online surveys are available; one for the public, the second survey for teachers.

Committee members were informed that another District Advisory Committee expressed concern regarding the locations of the workshops as they are not easily accessible to members and that the District Advisory Committee organized transportation via rental of a bus to the May 15th workshop. Committee members were advised that if they needed transportation, that it could be organized.

In addition, Committee members were provided with information regarding the Local Voices, Local Choices campaign which was developed by the Manitoba School Board Association to assist parents/guardians in providing responses to the Education Review Commission.

Committee members were also informed that the Province is hosting a full-day student forum scheduled on May 3rd comprised of student representatives from around Manitoba.

Committee members were encouraged to visit MSBA's website as there is useful information.

Committee members were informed that some staff of WSD attended the workshop on April 26 and that there was a possibility that one additional workshop will be offered to help improve access and participation for the community. Committee members were also informed that principals will email parents regarding the dates of the workshops.

Committee members were informed that the Board of Trustees also sent a letter to the Commission to request an opportunity to present as a delegation.

Committee members expressed their concerns that programs such as Autism Program, Life Skills Program, breakfast program, nursery program and the extra curriculum activities provided by WSD could be jeopardized with an amalgamation. Community members were encouraged to communicate their concerns by participating in the consultation process with the Review Commission.

Additional information on upcoming consultations, online survey and in-person meetings will also be added to the Division's website as information becomes available.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 No-Cut Sports Program

Committee members expressed concern regarding a motion presented to the Board of Trustees on April 22, 2019 that requires revision to the Physical Education Policy to include a "no-cut" sports program. Committee members were informed that the motion will be discussed at the May 13th meeting of Board of Trustees.

5. FOR INFORMATION

5.1 District Advisory Reports and Summaries of Discussions

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held March 4, 2019, 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 4.

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.

www.winnipegssd.ca/Parents/Parent%20Council/Pages/Default.aspx

6. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

6.1 School Reports

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

- Champlain School
- Ralph Brown School
- Shaughnessy Park School

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IN ATTENDANCE

Voting Representatives

Faraday School
Garden Grove School
Isaac Newton School
Lord Nelson School
Ralph Brown School
Shaughnessy Park School
Community Member

Regrets

Andrew Mynarski School
Champlain School
Inkster School
Lansdowne School
Meadows West School
Prairie Rose School
Sisler High School
St. John's High School
Stanley Knowles School
Tyndall Park School

Administration

Fatima Mota, Superintendent of Education Services
Ainslie Loria, Principal, Faraday School
Rosanna Guzzi, Principal, Ralph Brown School
Tony Marchione, Principal, Robertson School
Nadia DeLuca, Vice-Principal, Robertson School
Pat Graham, Principal, Shaughnessy Park School
Angela Perez, Vice-Principal, Shaughnessy Park School
George Heshka, Principal, Sisler High School
Madalynn Iannone, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Thérèse Deleurme, Recording Secretary, Board Office

Trustees

Trustee Betty Edel
Trustee Linda Schatkowsky

Non-Voting/Resource Members

Community Support Worker, Champlain School
Community Support Worker, Shaughnessy Park School

North District Advisory Report Champlain School - Where “Everyone Counts”



April, 2019

- **Parent Room** - This year in our Parent Space we have monthly “pre school parties” where parents and preschoolers get together to enjoy nursery rhymes, songs and books. During “Wellness Wednesdays”, we have a fun time getting to know each other in addition to doing activities that help us to stay well balanced, physically, and mentally. We have also had “Behaviour Chats “. This was a good time for us to compare discipline techniques and the role of positive parenting. We have also had adult “Culture Club” where together we explored the 13 moons on the turtle and had discussions around the “Eighth Fire” video series. We have started adult art classes, journaling and sewing a Star Blanket. Our SRO has done a presentation on Internet Safety plus the Residential Tenancies Branch had someone present on issues related to home rental.
- **F&ST Program** - It is the third year that Champlain is hosting the F&ST Program – F&ST is an eight week program that helps families to make the best possible connection between family members, school staff and other families in the community. This year there are 8 families attending.
- **Champlain School Celebrates Sustainability Month-** April at Champlain was sustainability month. This included events such as celebrating the International Day of Pink where every student and staff member received pink t-shirts to show their collaboration against bullying. The t-shirts said “Be Kind Always”. On Earth Day, staff and students did a school-wide clean up with help from some local Fire Fighters. There was also an ESD Family Fun Night where inspired by the video “Cain’s Arcade”, families gathered to make games and crafts from recycled materials. Champlain students are reducing, reusing and recycling.

- ***May is Math Month at Champlain*** – For the month of May, Champlain staff and students will celebrate their love of math with announcements, school-wide activities and a Family Evening that will highlight “Math Around the World”.
- ***Home Reading Challenge*** – All students from grades 1 – 6 have been challenged to read 100 books, or chapters, outside of school hours. Each time students read 10 books, or chapters, they will receive a small prize. Any student who reads 100 books, or chapters, will receive a shirt celebrating that they have met the challenge. “I Read Books. What’s Your Super Power?” Our parent room is supporting this initiative by charting books read with parents in the parent room and drawing for monthly prizes.
- ***Champlain Clubs*** – Throughout the year we have up to 20 clubs running for students to participate in. These clubs are run by teachers and teacher candidates who have a passion for learning and want to build stronger relationships with students. Currently we have an Ojibway Craft Club, Science Club, Knitting Club, Intramural Clubs (gd. 1-2 & 3-4), Basketball Club, Games Club, Lego Club, Home Reading Club, Floor Hockey Club, Drumming Club, Leadership Club and Hockey Heros Program. We also have six students in Quantum doing Winnipeg Art Gallery, Prairie Theatre Exchange and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.





Ralph Brown School Parent Council Report April 30, 2019

Ralph Brown School is honored to have an active Parent Advisory Council which continues to remain active in the Ralph Brown School Community. With the support of the parent council, our learning community continues to prosper in our commitment to building partnerships while strengthening family involvement in our learning community. Together we strive for academic excellence and to provide opportunities that support our students in their cultural, academic, physical, social and emotional needs.

- 1. The kovbassa fundraiser PAC held in March to help support technology needs in the school was a great success. Technology upgrades can be very costly and support from the parent council is very much appreciated.*
- 2. Thanks to the PAC Hot Lunch fundraisers held every month, we have been able to subsidize the cost of the grade 5 & 6 camp being held in May. With this added support we were able to reduce the cost of the camp so that every student in grade 5 & 6 could have an equal opportunity to participate in this extracurricular activity. Grade 5 & 6 students will attend the three-day, two-night stay at Camp Manitou on May 13, 14, and 15. We are excited to offer this opportunity and we hope that our students will be able to create lasting memories of a fun filled trip!*
- 3. On March 13th the two grade 4-6 Destination Imagination teams from Ralph Brown School competed in the provincial Destination Imagination tournament where they won three awards! Along with their team managers Mr. Charambura, Mr. Laroche and Ms. Lobban, they worked so hard to prepare over the past few months. Congratulations to Team D-I-N-G-O and team CheckMates who each won third place in the Fine Arts Challenge category, and team Surgeons who won first place in the Scientific Challenge category.*
- 4. The school hosted a "Healthy living" workshop on April 23 in the family room. Topics for discussion included healthy eating, mental health and wellness, and healthy relationships. Parents/caregivers were all invited to come and learn simple strategies that they can incorporate into daily life.*
- 5. The grade 4-6 spring musical production "Dreamworld" held on April 17th was a huge success! This year's production holds a very special place in our hearts because the script was written by one of our very own grade 6 students! Her story line tapped into friendship and the importance of being true to yourself. What an amazing writer and we are so proud of her!*
- 6. We have a new audio/visual sound system installed in the school gym. We are grateful to the Winnipeg School Division for their support in this endeavor. We are excited to use this new technology during our community and school wide events. Our PE classes are already using this new system to enhance physical education classes.*

7. *The WSD Professional Support Services (PSS) Team has been working with our grade 3 & 4 and grade 5 & 6 teachers to support and strengthen our practices and assessments in numeracy and literacy. Their work has focused on reviewing our data, improving student learning and further strengthening the great programming we offer. We have also emphasized an ongoing focus in teaching and providing educational programming with an Indigenous perspective. We have embraced the power of the circle and our teaching practices include strategies that target the whole child by supporting them with the 4 parts of self: mental, emotional, physical & spiritual. The circle is embraced in our daily practices, which include the use of the wellness wheel, daily sharing circles to encourage and promote student voice by sharing their learning, offering their stories and experiences.*
8. *This year we offered Pysanky workshops to all students. Traditionally this Easter egg decorating workshop has been offered to Ukrainian Bilingual students however, we felt it would be a good experience to include everyone in this Ukrainian cultural tradition. Students used this opportunity to demonstrate their creative expression and explore their artistic talents through the unique craft of decorating an egg using traditional tools and practices.*
9. *Ukrainian Easter Breakfast will take place on May 2nd at 10:30 AM. Ukrainian Bilingual students will be performing the Hyhylky, a traditional dance and a traditional breakfast feast will be served. This year we are inviting the Nursery/Kindergarten families and our intermediate students to share and participate in this cultural event.*
10. *The students in the English Ukrainian Bilingual Program (EUBP) worked with an artist in the school to design and create a permanent installation commemorating the 40-year anniversary of Ukrainian Bilingual Programming in the Winnipeg School Division. The design of the art piece fuses the history and richness of the Ukrainian culture with the values and beliefs of Ralph Brown School. We hope to have it ready for unveiling at the Easter Breakfast!*
11. *The grade 6 Ukrainian Language Camp takes place at the University of Manitoba April 29-May 1st. Students in the bilingual program will unite with other Ukrainian bilingual program students across the province to participate in a Ukrainian immersion setting for three full days.*

Shaughnessy Park School Report
North District Council
April 29, 2019

On April 15-18, 2019. The grade 5/6 students attended camp white shell.

Parent Programming

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The Nursery to grade 2 students and their families were invited to participate in a family literacy night on April 18th 2019 families participating in the literacy night were served pizza and given free books to take home.

Family Room Monthly Day Program

Traditional skirt making	Month of March
Boy's Regalia Making	Month of March
Girls Regalia Making	Month of April
Mothers Day edible flowers	Month of May
Unfinished Projects Manitoahbee Pow Wow	Month of May

Parent Training Opportunities

Food handlers Training for Parents	May 25/19
CPR Training for Parents	TBA
Handle with Care Training for Parents	May 22 & 23

Family & Community Fun Night

For the months of March, April, May & half June
Yoga every Monday evenings 5:30-6:30 in the big gym
Zumba every Tuesday evenings 5:30-6:30 in the big gym
Self Defense Wednesday evenings 5:30-6:30 in the big gym

Parent & Community Workshops & Orientations

For the months of March, April, May & half June

Healthy Relationships workshop	April 11/19
Jordan's Principal	May 7/19
Safe Talk	May 15/19
Substance use & Abuse	May 29/19

Parent Council Initiatives

Hot lunch May 31 Playground fundraiser
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