

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Tuesday, November 27, 2018

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Trustee Chris Broughton welcomed everyone to the first North District Advisory Committee meeting for the 2018/2019 school year. At the Inaugural meeting of the Board held on November 5, 2018, Trustee Betty Edel was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Linda Schatkowsky was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

The parent representative from Champlain School volunteered to Chair the North District Advisory Committee for the 2018/2019 school year.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Committee members agreed to add the topic of a community-voting member to the agenda for discussion.

Committee members agreed by majority vote to include a community member as a voting member of the North District Advisory Committee.

The Committee members approved the amended Agenda of November 27, 2018.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 PROVINCIAL 2019 PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATION

Committee members were provided with a copy of Manitoba News Release dated October 1, 2018 regarding the 2019 Pre-Budget Consultations. Manitobans are invited to provide feedback to the Minister of Finance on an online survey which includes questions on the following topics:

- Reduce the number of school divisions
- Reduce senior management positions in school divisions
- Reduce the number of unionized education bargaining units
- Control the rate of overall education spending growth
- Ensure value for money in education spending

Committee members were provided with a WSD fact sheet to assist parents in completing the Provincial Survey. Committee members were informed WSD continues to operate as one of the leanest administration teams in the Province, while providing direction, support and service to the largest school division. WSD administrative costs equal 2.7% of total spending, below the 3.0% mandated limit for all large urban school divisions in the province. Committee members were informed of the effects the Province's proposals would have on education.

Committee members were provided with contact information to voice concerns on the 2019 Provincial Budget proposals.

4.2 WSD 2019/2020 BUDGET CONSULTATION

Committee members received an overview on the Budget Consultation for the 2018/2019 school year.

Committee members were informed that the Board is committed to obtaining feedback from school communities, parent councils, residents and staff groups for the 2018/2019 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.

Committee members received a survey to facilitate discussions on the 2019/2020 Budget which identified 3 main topics for feedback on programs, mental health and property taxes.

Committee members discussed programs which have most impacted their schools/children. Committee members discussed the importance of the Breakfast Program, Speech & Therapy Program, Reading Program, Walking School Bus, Book Buddies, Special Needs Program, Autism Support Programs, School Resource Officers and programs that support Indigenous Studies.

Committee members agreed that WSD provides many supports for students' mental health issues. Committee members also discussed the need for more counsellors in schools and Anxiety Management Programs.

Committee members discussed the provincially suggested 2% property tax limit. Committee members agreed it would be acceptable to have more than 2% if it maintains or enhances programs and services for students.

Committee members also discussed the lunch program and whether the Division would operate these programs. The Committee was informed that the cost to operate lunch programs in the Division would be significant, however parents were encouraged to provide written feedback to the Board for consideration.

Committee members were 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.

Committee members were 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 25, 2019. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until March 4, 2019. All feedback will be considered by Finance/Personnel Committee. The Board of Trustees will approve the budget at its meeting to be held March 11, 2019. The Board must finalize the budget by March 15, 2019, as required by legislation.

4.3 MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF PARENT COUNCILS (MAPC)

Committee members were reminded to contact the Board and Community Services Office if they wish to become a member of the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils for the 2018/2019 school year.

4.4 2018/2019 DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATES

Committee members were informed of the following schedule of the District Advisory Committees for the 2018/2019 school year:

Central District Advisory Committee
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 29, 2018
Wednesday, February 20, 2019
Thursday, April 25, 2019

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

Wednesday, November 28, 2018
Wednesday, February 13, 2019
Wednesday, April 17, 2019

North District Advisory Committee
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 27, 2018
Tuesday, February 19, 2019
Tuesday, April 30, 2019

South District Advisory Committee
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 5, 2018
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
Tuesday, April 23, 2019

French Immersion Advisory Committee
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 6, 2018
Thursday, February 21, 2019
Thursday, May 2, 2019

Student Advisory Committee
4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4, 2018
Wednesday, February 20, 2019
Wednesday, May 1, 2019

5. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Champlain School
- Inkster School
- Isaac Newton School
- Meadows West School
- Ralph Brown School
- Shaughnessy Park School
- Sisler High School

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6. FOR INFORMATION

6.1 District Advisory Reports and Summaries of Discussions

Committee members were advised that the Summary of Discussions of Advisory Committees are distributed to Committee members once received by the Board of Trustees as information at a Board meeting.

The Committee was also informed that once received by the Board, District Advisory Committee Reports and Summaries of Discussions are posted on the Division's website under the Family and Community tab.

<https://www.winnipegdsd.ca/About%20WSD/NEWS/OurSchools/Pages/SubscribeToOurSchools.aspx>

6.2 Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees

The parent representatives received a copy of the Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees for information.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the North District Advisory Committee will be held Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at Meadows West School.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives:

Andrew Mynarski School
Champlain School
Faraday School
Garden Grove School
Inkster School
Isaac Newton School
Meadows West School
Ralph Brown School
St. John's High School
Shaughnessy Park School
Sisler High School
Tyndall Park School
Sharon Machinski – Community member

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

Community Support Worker, Shaughnessy Park School

Trustees:

Linda Schatkowsky
Chris Broughton

Administration:

Fatima Mota, Superintendent of Education Services
Chris Rhodes, Director, Career Education
Lisa Hasselfield, Principal, Champlain School
Dino DiFabrizio, Principal, Inkster School
Mohammad Rezai, Principal, Isaac Newton School
Rosanna Guzzi, Principal, Ralph Brown School
Joan Fransen, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School
Pat Graham, Principal, Shaughnessy Park School
Angela Perez, Vice-Principal, Shaughnessy Park School
Madalynne Iannone, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Paul Krowiak, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Gisele Mospanchuk, Principal, Tyndall Park School
Therese Deleurme, Recording Secretary
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Trustee Betty Edel
Lansdowne School
Lord Nelson School
Prairie Rose School
Stanley Knowles School

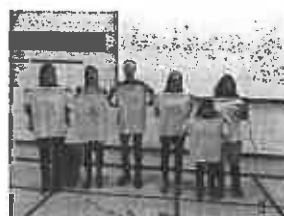
North District Advisory Report Champlain School - Where "Everyone Counts"

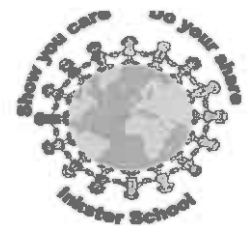


November, 2018

- This year in our Parent Space we have already enjoyed pre school parties where parents and preschoolers get together to enjoy nursery rhymes, songs and books. We have also taken some time in October to focus on our wellness, "Wellness Wednesdays" was a fun time for us to get to know each other and remind ourselves of the importance of staying well balanced, physically, and mentally. On Fridays in November we focused on our children's behaviours (and our own), during "Behaviour Chats ". This was a good time for us to compare discipline techniques and the role of positive parenting. We look forward to a busy December of crafting together and working together to support our families during the busy holiday season.
- ***Meet the Staff Parent Night and Welcome to Nursery/Kindergarten*** - was held on September 20, 2018. At Welcome to N/K, fun activities were shared with parents to show parents what they can do with their children at home to help develop school readiness skills. At the end of the night, all the children went home with a bag filled with the materials they had learned how to use throughout the evening. Grade 1 – 6 classrooms shared their classroom overviews and got to meet the teacher. Thanks again to the awesome soup and bannock made by Ms. Elizabeth and our parent volunteers.
- ***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.

- ***Chapters/Indigo for the Love of Reading Project*** –Last year we finished spending the \$70,000 awarded to us through the Chapters/Indigo grant. We now have home reading across the school, a well stocked library and fantastic classroom library collections. With the last of the remaining funds, we are sending our grade one to six classrooms to MTYP to experience live theatre for the fourth year.
- ***Read to Me Program*** – This is the second year that Champlain School has joined a group of schools who are participating in the Read to Me Project. This is a classroom based reading program that has demonstrated amazing results in helping grade one children learn to read. It was started as an extension of the Talk to Me Program and partners teachers, support staff, Educational Assistants and Reading Clinicians in a research-based reading intervention that happens daily in the grade one and grade one/two classroom. Last year we had more students show growth in reading than in previous years. We look forward to another year of growth and progress.
- ***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, Leadership Club and Hockey Heros Program.
- ***Champlain Grooming Room*** – The construction of a Grooming Room at Champlain School is almost complete. What this means is that Champlain continues to be an “inclusive” school that is able to support and welcome all students. It is wheelchair accessible, has an elevator and now has a grooming room with shower, change table and lift to accommodate students with physical needs.





INKSTER SCHOOL NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY REPORT

November 27, 2018

Current Enrolment: 260 students

Grades: Nursery – Grade 6

Programs: Autism Program/Adaptive Skills Program

Academic

- Academic focus is on literacy and numeracy supported through our Professional Learning Communities
- Students took part in the STEAM Enrichment program with programming focussed on excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math Education.
- School has held inservices focused on Professional Learning and the Transformative Writing Process
- Integration of Art into Science/Social Studies
- Students will be completing the Tell Them From Me survey that gathers information about the following: students feeling safe, sense of belonging, school climate and feeling of success at school.

Activities

- We are very excited about our continued partnership with the Manitoba Conservatory of Music and the Music Equals Program. The violin program will again run two days a week during lunch hour. Grade 5/6 students are participating in the program. The funding for the instructor is provided by grants obtained by the Manitoba Conservatory of Music.
- Games Club and intramurals has started; other clubs upcoming include Writer's Club and MYRCA Book Club
- Patrols have been trained and have done an amazing job keeping our students safe in a very busy traffic area
- The Scholastic Book Fair raised just over \$700.00 towards new books and other supplies for our school library.

Events

- Held a successful Welcome to Nursery/Kindergarten evening
- Winter concerts are scheduled for December 18th and 19th
- School has held inservices focused on Professional Learning and Transformative Writing
- Assembly for Orange Shirt Day, Ruth Norton, and elder was a guest speaker and our Inkster Inspires Change group organized the assembly

Parent Advisory Council

- Inkster Parent Advisory Council/Inkster School supported our Tenderloin Meats Kulbassa Fundraiser. This was our most successful Kulbassa fundraiser. We sold 931 one pound Kulbassa rings. The total funds raised was \$3724.00 shared equally between PAC and Inkster School. The funds raised will go to supporting grade 5/6 camp.

ISAAC NEWTON SCHOOL
NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY REPORT

- Enrollment is holding above 300
- Sports teams including volleyball doing really well
- Final planning and budget preparations for the school elevator
- School-wide Science Fair at Isaac Newton
- School-wide review of teaching and learning
- Professional Support Services Team at Isaac Newton

Meadows West School North Advisory Report

November 2018

Focused on Learning.

- Meadows West School has had a strong start to the school year with an increase in enrollment.
- We hosted a visit from **Mr. Brian Pallister** who announced the building of the new school in Waterford Green. The students asked insightful questions.
- Our **Junior High X-Country Running Team** participated in the divisional program.
- \$1000 was raised for **The Terry Fox Run** and cancer research.
- Assessment and reporting results are a major focus of first term. Reports went home on November 27th and conferences to follow on November 29th and 30th.
- **Junior High Volleyball** is in high swing with lots of participation and skill building.
- **Remembrance Day Assembly** designed and hosted by the Grade 5&6 Team as part of their curriculum learning. Respectful, reflective and amazing assembly..
- **Winter Concerts** are scheduled to take place on December 18th for our N/K and December 19th & 20th for Grades 1 to 8 in the school gym. The theme of this year's concert is "Hope".
- Our **Roots and Shoots Projects** have been selected and 100% participation by students and staff. We participated in the International Day of Peace at The Forks in October on behalf of the Jane Goodall Foundation.
- Noon hour clubs are keeping our students active and engaged from Card Making, Dance, Science Fair Club, Chess and Intermurals.
- **The Indigenous Learning Club** will be starting soon with lots of exciting hands-on learning and fun.
- **Filipino Club** will also be starting soon with the students learning some new words and crafts about a special culture.



We had an author Marsha Skrypuch visit in October.

Meadows West School is focused on learning. We learn. We do our best. We treat each other with respect. We are Meadows West!



Parent Advisory School Report November 27, 2018

The Ralph Brown staff and students would like to congratulate and welcome our newly elected parent council executive. We are excited to be working alongside such a dedicated team of parents and caregivers. We welcome you this year as partners in our learning community!

1. Our focus this year is on an Inclusive Learning Community. Ralph Brown school is continuing its commitment to Reconciliation by taking actions to strengthen its relationships with families and community partners. This year we will be holding family fun nights with themes associated with literacy, numeracy and seasonal traditions. Our parent council is eager to be involved!
2. In November all staff participated in a PD on Trauma Informed Classrooms to better address the barriers to learning that some of our students continue to encounter. It also reinforces our commitment to addressing mental health and our actions towards Reconciliation.
3. Proactive measures to address mental health include mindful moments in all classrooms every single day and Wellness plans for students, which include sessions in our Minds In Motion room.
4. Monthly assemblies are held every month with a theme focus on the Wellness Wheel. This month our Ukrainian Bilingual Program will present on the Holodomor.
5. We offer a breakfast program that is staffed with community volunteers and it feeds on average up to 15 students per day. The parent council offers a daily lunch program that consists of more than 50% of our student population.
6. Our parent and community volunteers prepare and serve a daily nutritious snack to all students every morning which consists of fruit, vegetables, dairy and whole grains. Grilled cheese sandwiches, quesadillas, chicken wraps and pancakes are always a welcome treat!
7. Ralph Brown School is grateful for having the opportunity to participate in the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Dentistry Variety Children's Dental Outreach Program once again this year. This program offers free dental work for our students. This year all grade 2-6 students were screened. Forty-six students were eligible for free dental work and maintenance this year. This represents 20% of our student population.
8. Ukrainian Bilingual Program Updates:
 - Manitoba Parents of Ukrainian Education (MPUE) invited students and their families to participate in the Santa Clause Parade on Saturday November 17th. We had 5 students who participated and represented our school.
 - We are planning to work with an artist in the school to showcase the 40th anniversary of Ukrainian Bilingual Education in Manitoba which started at Ralph Brown School.
9. We are excited to be selling Rocket Gear this year. Many of our students are proudly wearing their new Rocket clothing. We also offer hoodies adorned with Ukrainian embroidery to highlight our Ukrainian Bilingual Program.
10. Destination Imagination, a program that taps into creative problem solving using 21st century skills, is in full swing at Ralph Brown School. Currently we have 30 students in grades 3-6 participating in the program. This year we hope to qualify for the finals again which are being held in Kansas.
11. We are proud to have 60 patrols dedicated to school safety at Ralph Brown School. These students brave the elements everyday to ensure that every corner is covered to provide a safe journey to and from school for all our students.

SHAUGHNESSY PARK SCHOOL

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North District Advisory Committee – School Report

Parent Room:

- 1) The Parents in the family room have been working very hard at planning & making crafts and hot lunch for the School Playground fundraiser.
- 2) Programming in the family room for parents from September to December have been or will be.
 - Traditional Parenting,
 - Making sense of teens
 - Safe Talk Suicide
 - Zumba for Families & Community once a week
 - Youth Stabilization unit
 - Big Drum Making
 - Pictures with Santa
 - Playground Fundraisers (Hot Lunches)
 - Bath Bomb making
 - Tipi Making
 - Lanyard Making
 - Edible Crafts

School Highlights:

- “Grannies Group” will continue this year stronger than ever.
- Despite the weather, Meet the Teacher night was very well attended.
- • The walking school bus is at capacity with 60 -70 students enrolled.
- As a strategy to assist students in identifying and working through emotions, we continue to offer music and dog therapy to student.
- Collaborated with Norwest to provide students with Diabetic screening.
- The Variety Dental Outreach Program will continue.
- Continue to collaborate with Access Norwest to improve services for our school community.
- The breakfast program supports 30-40 students every morning. This support helps students be ready to learn and focus throughout the day.
- Shaughnessy Park continues to offer students a variety of extra-curricular activities that provide opportunities for fun, team building and leadership. Our girls’ volleyball season has just ended with great success. Not only did they improve in skill, they demonstrated sportsmanship and represented our school with great pride and respectful behaviour.

attendance increased +
keep students safe
from home to
school
school to
home.

Sisler

Nov. 27/2018

1. Sisler Boys and Girls were the Volleyball champions in the Winnipeg School Division this year.
2. Sisler will be holding a two day educational symposium January 31 to February 1 which is a celebration of techno-creative skills. Local and national industry leaders will be present and will collaborate with students in exercises involving coding, prototyping, game design and art. Students will be challenged to create their own game while applying project management skills such as virtual thinking, collaborating, communication and creativity. Our educational partners include Media Manitoba, Ubisoft Manitoba, Vancouver Film School, Geo Filter, RBC and potentially a few more. Currently we have 264 registered grade 9-12 students.

Terry Burr
Parent Council
Sisler High School