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Minutes of Regular Meeting
of the
Board of Trustees
of
The Winnipeg School Division

**APPROVED BY THE
BOARD ON
MARCH 17, 2014**

Board Room, Administration Building,
Winnipeg, March 3, 2014.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Winnipeg School Division was held this day at 7:00 p.m.

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order.

Present: Trustees S. Hrynyk (Chair), M. Wasyliw, C. Collins, D. Bautista, R. Hildahl, M. Babinsky, A. Ramos, K. Barr

In Attendance: P. Clarke, R. Appelmans, R. Chartrand, K. Seiler, C. Caetano-Gomes, F. Mota, E. Barnaby, G. Heath, B. Lapointe

Regrets: Trustee J. Sneesby

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ramos-Wasyliw That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, March 3, 2014, be approved. – Carried.

READING AND CONFIRMING OF MINUTES

A copy of the minutes to be considered had previously been distributed to the Trustees. A motion was now adopted for these minutes to be taken as read, and approved as follows:

Hildahl-Bautista Regular Meeting –February 3, 2014
Hildahl-Collins Special Meeting – February 24,2014

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS OF PETITIONS

The following correspondence was dealt with as indicated:

OC03-14 From James Allum, Minister of Education and Advanced Learning

Regarding the Kindergarten to Grade 3 Smaller Class Initiative and the progress made across the province in reducing class sizes.

Barr-Babinsky That this correspondence be received as information. – Carried.

- OC04-14 From Dana Lorentz, Office of the Mayor City of Winnipeg
 Thanking the Winnipeg School Division for a letter expressing concern regarding the snow clearing priority for the Winnipeg School Division schools.
- Collins-Wasyliw That this correspondence be received as information. – Carried.
- OC05-14 From James Allum, Minister of Education and Advanced Learning
 Regarding test questions and responses administered in a Manitoba classroom.
- Collins-Wasyliw That this correspondence be received as information. – Carried.
- OC06-14 From James Allum, Minister of Education and Advanced Learning
 Regarding Provincial Code of Conduct Appropriate Interventions and Disciplinary Consequences
- Babinsky-Bautista That this correspondence be received as information. – Carried.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following reports were considered:

Superintendent’s Report No. 3-2014	Dated March 3, 2014
Children’s Heritage Fund Committee Report No. 1-2014	Dated January 28, 2014
Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 3-2014	Dated February 3, 2014
Central District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2014	Dated February 5, 2014
South District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2014	Dated February 11, 2014
North District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2014	Dated February 18, 2014
French Immersion Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2014	Dated February 19, 2014

Superintendent’s Report No. 3-2014

- Collins-Barr That Clause No. 1a (Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. – Carried.
- Collins-Wasyliw That Clause No. 1b (January 2014 list of payment of accounts be approved and confirmed) be approved. – Carried.
- Bautista-Collins That Clause No. 2 (Prince Charles ERC – Roof Replacement 2014 Phase 2) be approved. – Carried.
- Bautista-Babinsky That Clause No. 3 (the Annual Testing of Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting Systems at Various Schools) be approved –Carried.

Children’s Heritage Fund Committee Report No. 1-2014

- Collins-Ramos That the Children’s Heritage Fund Committee Report No. 1-2014 be received – Carried.

Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 3-2014

Collins-Barr That the Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 3-2014 be received- Carried.

Central District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2014

Collins-Barr That the Central District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2014 be received- Carried.

South District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2014

Ramos-Wasyliw That the South District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2014 be received- Carried.

North District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2014

Bautista-Babinsky That the North District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2014 be received- Carried.

French Immersion Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2014

Ramos-Hildahl That the French Immersion Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2014 be received- Carried.

Ramos-Hildahl That recommendation (a) and (b) be referred to Business Matters as defined in rule 42.7.- Carried.

ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUCEMENTS157-Heritage Winnipeg Awards

Trustee Collins informed trustees that she along with Ms Clarke, Chief Superintendent, and Mr. Heath, Director of Buildings attended the Heritage Winnipeg Awards on February 17, 2014. The award was presented to Laura Secord school, the Winnipeg School Division, the Public Schools Finance Board and Syverson Monteyne Architects for their stewardship in the conservation analysis and detailing of the Heritage Roof Replacement project. A copy of the award will be given to Laura Secord school to be displayed.

158- I Love to Read Month

Trustee Bautista informed trustees that she attended the I Love to Read Month at Lord Nelson and Inkster Schools. Trustee Bautista informed trustees that she enjoyed reading to the students as well as the students reading to her.

159- Forum for Young Canadians

Trustee Barr wished to acknowledge the students who attended Forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa. The forum provides students with an opportunity to recreate parliament for one week. Students learn about politics and public affairs. Trustee Barr suggested that more students be made aware of the opportunity to participate in Forum for Young Canadian in Ottawa. Trustee Hildahl indicated that the Province of Manitoba also has programs for students to get involved in politics.

NEW BUSINESS160 – Condolences

The following motion was adopted by a silent standing vote:

That the Board's sympathy be recorded, with regret, in the bereavement of the following:

On January 25, 2014, Sharon Diane Enns, Retired Educational Assistant, a member of our staff for 15 years;

On January 25, 2014, Hazel Thompson, Retired School Clerk, a member of our staff for 20 years;

On January 27, 2014, Allan C Lester, Retired Head Caretaker, a member of our staff for 22 years;

On February 11, 2014, Diamantino Guilherme, Retired Assistant Caretaker, a member of our staff for 20 years;

and that this motion be adopted by a silent standing vote.- Carried.

161- By-Law 1222 – SECOND AND FINAL READING
DEBENTURE BORROWING - \$7,773,700.00

- Collins-Barr (a) That By-Law No. 1222, a by-law of the Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of borrowing SEVEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,773,700.00) for certain building projects be read a second time in short.- Carried.
- Collins-Wasyliw (b) That the rules be suspended in order for By-Law No. 1222 to be read a third time.- Carried
- Collins-Barr (c) That By-Law No. 1222, a by-law of the Winnipeg School Division be read a third time in short and passed. – Carried.

By-Law No. 1222 then read accordingly.

162- By-Law No. 1223 – THIRD READING
Religious Instruction at Lord Selkirk School

Ramos-Collins That By-Law No. 1223, a by-law of the Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of permitting religious instruction at Lord Selkirk School, be introduced and read a third time in short.- Carried.

Babinsky-Ramos That a recorded vote be taken – Carried

The motion was voted on and declared – Carried, the vote being recorded as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Hildahl, Collins, Bautista, Hrynyk, Babinsky, Ramos -6
 Nays: Trustees Wasyliw, Barr -2

By-Law No. 1223 then read accordingly.

163- By-Law 1224 – FIRST READING
Debenture Borrowing - \$3,656,100.00

Collins-Wasyliw That By-Law No. 1224, a by-law of the Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of borrowing THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,656,100.00) for certain building projects be introduced and read a first time in short.- Carried.

By-Law No. 1224 then read accordingly.

164 Transportation of Students

Notice of Motion which was given by Trustee Babinsky is indicated in the Minutes.

AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

Ramos-Bautista That Information Correspondence No. IC04-14- IC07-14 be received as information - Carried.

Barr-Ramos That Superintendent's Information Report No. 3-2014 be received as information. – Carried.

BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 42.7

Committee of the Whole

Wasyliw-Barr That the Board recess in Committee of the Whole in camera at this time. - Carried

The Board then recessed into the Committee of the Whole in closed camera at 7:30 p.m. with Trustee Wasyliw in the Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 7:32 p.m., Trustee Wasyliw, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendations of that Committee.

165- Leaves of Absence – Without Salary

Wasyliw-Collins That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated February 3, 2014 be granted.- Carried.

166- Suspension Report September 2013 To January 2014

Wasyliw-Hildahl That the Suspension Report for September to January 2014 be received as information.- Carried.

167- French Immersion Programs

Wasyliw-Hildahl a) That a consultant be retained to conduct a feasibility study for long term plans for educational programming at École LaVérendrye.

In Amendment

Wasyliw-Barr That a consultant be retained to conduct a feasibility study for long term plans for French Immersion educational programming beginning with École LaVérendrye. - Carried

168- French Immersion Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2014

Ramos-Hildahl a) That the Board of Trustees conduct a town hall meeting within 45 days with École LaVérendrye community to discuss enrolment and spacing requirements.

In Amendment

Ramos-Barr a) That the administration organize a meeting with parents/trustees at École LaVérendrye community to discuss enrolment and spacing requirements.- Carried.

Ramos-Hildahl b) That the Winnipeg School Division develop a long term plan in regards to French Immersion education at the elementary, junior high and high school levels for milieu and dual track schools.

Wasyliw-Barr That this matter be referred to Policy/Program Committee.
- Carried.

169- Principal- Niji Mahkwa School Administrative Appointment

Wasyliw-Babinsky That effective March 4, 2014, Mr. Christopher Goring be appointed to the position of Principal at Niji Mahkwa School.- Carried.

170- Principal – École LaVérendrye
Administrative Appointment

Wasyliw-Hildahl

That effective March 10, 2014, Claudette Warnke be appointed to the position of Principal at École LaVérendrye.- Carried.

171- Principal – Inkster School
Administrative Appointment

Wasyliw-Barr

That effective March 10, 2014, Mr. James Gray be appointed to the position of Principal at Inkster School. – Carried.

172- Teaching Vice-Principal - Mulvey School
Administrative Appointment

Wasyliw- Ramos

That effective March 4, 2014, Ms Stacie Edgar be appointed to the position of Teaching Vice-Principal at Mulvey School.- Carried.

Notice of Motion

2014/2015 Budget

Notice of Motion which was given by Trustee Babinsky:

That due to the insufficient funding for education from the Provincial Government to the Winnipeg School Division, the Board of Trustees maintain the same level of programs/services and that during these economically difficult times additional items not be added to the 2014/2015 budget.

Transportation of Students

Notice of Motion which was given by Trustee Babinsky:

That the Winnipeg School Division administration develop a plan for the transportation of students during severe cold weather conditions to prevent students from waiting for the school bus outside for extended periods of time.

School Board Expenditures

Notice of Motion which was given by Trustee Babinsky:

That the Winnipeg School Division write a letter to the Premier of Manitoba, the Minister of Education and Advanced Learning and the Minister of Finance with a copy to all members of the Legislative Assembly to request that the Public Schools Act be amended to cap or limit school board spending by placing limits on budgeted expenditures increases during economically difficult times or when necessary.

Trustee Wasyliw reported that there were discussions regarding Children's Heritage Funds and MSBA.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 3 - 2014

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg School Board

March 3, 2014

1. Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages

Summaries of salaries and wages paid during the month of January 2014, and Accounts List for the month of January 2014 have been provided to the trustees.

Recommendations:

- (a) That the list of Salaries and Wages paid during the month of January 2014, as summarized on Account Listing 2014-01 be approved and confirmed.
- (b) That the January 2014 list of payment of accounts be approved and confirmed.

2. Prince Charles ERC – Roof Replacement 2014 Phase 2

The 2013/2014 Building Department budget includes an allocation to undertake Roof Replacement Phase 2 project at Prince Charles ERC.

Tenders were advertised for the project. The following is a tabulation of the bids received:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Oakwood Roofing & Sheet Metal Co. Ltd.	\$ 67,361.00
Normandeu Roofing Ltd.	78,900.00
Flynn Canada Ltd.	83,318.00
Transcona Roofing Ltd.	83,950.00
Norwin Roofing Ltd.	87,000.00
Master Roofing Ltd.	169,900.00

Recommendation:

That the tender of Oakwood Roofing & Sheet Metal Co. Ltd. to supply all material and perform all work in connection with the Roof Replacement 2014 Phase 2 project at Prince Charles ERC be accepted, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor, for the total amount of \$67,361.00, being the tender price, including Provincial Sales Tax excluding Goods & Services Tax, and that the proper officers of the Division be authorized to enter into a contract with Oakwood Roofing & Sheet Metal Co. Ltd. for the carrying out of the work.

3. Annual Testing of Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting Systems at Various Schools

The Division utilizes the services of a fire safety company to provide annual testing and inspections of fire alarm and emergency lighting systems or all facilities.

On June 30, 2011 authority was provided to enter into a contract with ABC Fire and Safety Equipment Ltd. to provide fire alarm and emergency lighting testing services in all Division facilities for a cost of \$218,730.47 for a three year period. The current agreement with ABC Fire and Safety Equipment Ltd. expires on June 30, 2014. The contract with ABC Fire and Safety also includes provision to extend the agreement for an additional three (3) years.

ABC Fire and Safety Equipment Ltd. has submitted an offer to the Division to extend the contract for annual testing and inspection of fire alarm and emergency lighting systems for a further three years for a cost of \$244,296.00. The additional \$25,565.53 represents a 3.89% per year increase over the original contract amount, 1% of which is due to the change in PST.

Annual testing and inspections of fire alarm and emergency lighting systems by ABC Fire and Safety Equipment Ltd. have been satisfactory. The administration recommends that the Division extend the contract with ABC Fire and Safety Equipment Ltd. for a three year period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017, for a cost of \$244,296.00 including Provincial Sales tax but excluding Goods and Services tax.

Recommendation:

That the contract with ABC Fire and Safety Equipment Ltd. to supply all material and perform all work in connection with testing and inspections of fire alarm and emergency lighting systems in all Division facilities be extended for the three-year period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017, for a cost of \$244,296.00 including Provincial Sales tax but excluding Goods & Services Tax.

Respectfully submitted,

P.E. CLARKE
Chief Superintendent

CHILDREN'S HERITAGE FUND COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2014

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board

January 28, 2014

Your Children's Heritage Fund Committee reports as follows:

Election of Chair

Your Committee elected S. Prevost-Derbecker as Chair of the Children's Heritage Fund.

Terms of Reference

Your Committee approved the Terms of Reference as distributed.

Funds Available

Your Committee received the Statement of Funds available in the amount \$239,296 for 2014. After approval of projects \$98,516 remains available for distribution.

Your Committee agreed to defer approval of any playground/playstructure requests until the October 2014 meeting.

New Projects

Your Committee gave consideration to requests for funds in support of projects as outlined in By-law No. 891.

Your Committee approved the following requests in the amount of \$90,439.

The allocation of funds was distributed as follows:

Arts Enrichment	\$	18,059
Multicultural & Cultural	\$	16,032
Outdoor Education	\$	42,173
Special Student Activities/Programs	\$	10,175
Manitoba Chamber Orchestra Ticket Program	\$	2,000
Montcalm School Lending Library and Reading Room	\$	2,000

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED **\$ 90,439**

Details of the projects are included in the For Information section.

Quantum Arts Program

Your Committee gave consideration to a proposal from the Urban Indigenous Theatre Company. Your Committee has requested additional information be provided for the March 2014 meeting

Charitable Donations

Your Committee gave consideration and approved a confidential report from the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer providing details of donations received totalling \$264,410.71 and authorized the administration to issue tax receipts.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Prevost-Derbecker
Chair

In Attendance:

Members: C. Collins, S. Prevost-Derbecker, S. Taylor
Administration: D. Persaud, F. Mota, T. Bobby, S. Tole

Absent: A. Ramos

FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3-2014

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board

February 3, 2014

Your Finance/Personnel Committee reports as follows:

1. Continuation of 2014/2015 Budget Discussions

Your Committee reviewed the Provincial funding announcement for the 2014/2015 school year which includes an overall province-wide funding increase of \$24.4 million or 2%. This will result in a \$4,091,700 or 2% increase over the level of support provided for the Division.

Your Committee continued its review on the items required in the budget related to changes in rates and costs, maintenance of school buildings and equipment, student enrolment and service level changes, as well as budget reductions, savings and cost control items.

Your Committee agreed that it is very important to be mindful of the budget realities, and the funding levels announced by the Minister. Your Committee agreed to develop a budget for 2014/2015 that would maintain existing programs and services for students, as well as making the necessary investments to maintain school buildings and upgrade technology. Your Committee also gave consideration to cost increases and other items that have been identified as requiring inclusion or requiring further review prior to being reflected in the budget.

Your Committee also discussed the importance of Early Childhood Learning and discussed the implementation on the pilot project to provide a full day kindergarten program in four schools for the 2014/2015 school year.

Your Committee also suggested that enhancements for additional math instruction and learning; and science labs be included in the Draft Budget. The budget also reflects the reduction of administrative costs; and savings generated from building improvements.

Your Committee agreed that the Draft Budget of The Winnipeg School Division for the fiscal period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 be distributed to parent councils, employee groups and residents for feedback based on a tax increase of \$3 per month or 3.6% for 2014 on the average assessed property in the Winnipeg School Division.

CATHY COLLINS
Committee Chair

In Attendance:

Trustees: C. Collins, K. Barr, R. Hildahl, D. Bautista, M. Babinsky, S. Hrynyk,
J. Sneesby, M. Wasyliw (5:30), A. Ramos (5:50)
Administration: P. E. Clarke, R. Appelmans, C. Caetano-Gomes, D. Persaud, K. Seiler, F. Mota, T.
Bobby,
B. Lapointe, N. Roslinsky, H. Tessier

CENTRAL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2014

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board:

February 5, 2014

Your Central District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. 2014/2015 Draft Budget Presentation

Mr. Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide an overview of the 2014/2015 Draft Budget.

Your Committee was informed that on January 30th, 2014, the Minister of Education and Advanced Learning announced an increase in funding for education by \$24.4 million or 2% in 2014/2015. The funding for the Winnipeg School Division for 2014/2015 school year will be \$179,257,700, which represents an increase of \$4,091,700 which is an overall increase of 2%.

Your Committee reviewed the Revenues and Expenditures required in the draft budget for the 2014/2015 school year which total \$374 million. This represents an overall expenditure increase of \$9 million or 2.5% from the budget for the current school year. Your Committee also discussed the expenditure requirements for the continuation of existing programs and services; mandatory changes in rates and/or costs; the maintenance of buildings and equipment;

The draft budget includes cost saving measures related to operations, expenditure adjustments to reflect changes in student demographics, as well as the use of reserve funds to offset certain equipment and project costs. The Division continues to make energy management improvements which include: lighting, heating, ventilation measures and electrical upgrades. Overall, these upgrades will produce savings.

The Board of Trustees developed a draft budget that will maintain programs and services for students. Consideration is also being given to including budget allocations to improve Math Learning, supports for Science Labs and a pilot project to provide a full day kindergarten program in four schools for the 2014/2015 school year. The Board is also utilizing funds from reserve for additional installations of security systems in schools to enhance safety for students and Wi-Fi access to students in all high schools to better equip and engage students with their studies.

Your Committee was informed that the budget continues to include amounts required to maintain and repair school facilities. The Division is proceeding with the next phase of energy management improvements which include: lighting, heating, electrical and ventilation measures as these upgrades will produce savings in the future.

The draft budget would result in a property tax increase of \$3 per month / \$40 per year on the average assessed property of \$171,130 in the Winnipeg School Division. The Division has kept taxation to a minimum while balancing the needs of students, maintaining the building and equipment infrastructure of the Division, and managing tax dollars responsibly.

In response to an enquiry regarding older school buildings, your Committee was informed that schools that require upgrades are submitted to the Province for consideration.

 Central District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2014

In response to an enquiry regarding a pilot in four schools for a full day Kindergarten program, your Committee was informed that the school locations would be identified should the feedback show that the pilot program is supported by stakeholders. The cost of full implementation of the Kindergarten program Division-wide would be over \$12 million plus capital costs.

In response to an enquiry regarding Special Education, your Committee was informed that the Division receives funding for student with special needs on an individual basis through an application process which is approved by the Department of Education.

In response to an enquiry regarding an evaluation of CAP testing, your Committee was informed that CAP reviews are conducted with focus groups on a regular basis and adjustments are made as required. This process has allowed CAP to be administered more efficiently. It has been a valuable tool to monitor students' progress and to improve student learning.

Your Committee was informed that in addition to budget presentations at District Advisory Committee meetings, information is available on the Division's website. A Public meeting will also be held on February 24, 2014 at Administration Building No. 1, 1577 Wall Street East at 7:00 p.m. to provide budget information to the general public and receive feedback from individuals or groups that may wish to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY COLLINS
Trustee Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives:

Daniel McIntyre School
Elmwood High School
George V School
Glenn School
Isaac Brock School
Kent Road School
Lord Selkirk School
River Elm School
Sargent Park School
Tec Voc High School
Wolseley School

Trustee:

Cathy Collins

Trustee Regrets:

Darlyne Bautista

Administration:

Celia Caetano-Gomes, Superintendent of Schools – Central
René Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer
Lorne Belmore, Principal, Daniel McIntyre
Rosanna Guzzi, Vice-Principal, Daniel McIntyre
Dino DiFabrizo, Vice-Principal, Daniel McIntyre
Nichola Batzel, Vice-Principal, Elmwood School
Rick Horaska, Vice-Principal, Elmwood School
Edith Austin-Anderson, Principal, Kent Road School
Lisa Calvez, Principal, Sacre-Cœur School
Luba Krosney, Principal, Sargent Park School
Rhona Churman, Vice-Principal, Tec Voc High School
Anne Pereira, Principal, Wolseley School
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

Daniel McIntyre
WTA Representative

Regrets:

Cecil Rhodes
Greenway School
Laura Secord School
Principal Sparling School
Sacre-Cœur School
Weston School

SOUTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2014

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board:

February 11, 2014

Your South District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. 2014/2015 Draft Budget Presentation

Mr. Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide an overview of the 2014/2015 Draft Budget.

Your Committee was informed that on January 30th, 2014, the Minister of Education and Advanced Learning announced an increase in funding for education by \$24.4 million or 2% in 2014/2015. The funding for the Winnipeg School Division for 2014/2015 school year will be \$179,257,700, which represents an increase of \$4,091,700 which is an overall increase of 2%.

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The Board of Trustees developed a draft budget that will maintain programs and services for students. Consideration is also being given to including budget allocations to improve Math Learning, supports for Science Labs and a pilot project to provide a full day kindergarten program in four schools for the 2014/2015 school year. The Board is also utilizing funds from reserve for additional installations of security systems in schools to enhance safety for students and Wi-Fi access to students in all high schools to better equip and engage students with their studies.

Your Committee was informed that the budget continues to include amounts required to maintain and repair school facilities. The Division is proceeding with the next phase of energy management improvements which include: lighting, heating, electrical and ventilation measures as these upgrades will produce savings in the future.

The draft budget would result in a property tax increase of \$3 per month / \$40 per year on the average assessed property of \$171,130 in the Winnipeg School Division. The Division has kept taxation to a minimum while balancing the needs of students, maintaining the building and equipment infrastructure of the Division, and managing tax dollars responsibly.

In response to an enquiry regarding a pilot in four schools for a full day Kindergarten program, your Committee was informed that the school locations would be identified should the feedback show that the pilot program is supported by stakeholders. The cost of full implementation of the Kindergarten program Division-wide would be over \$12 million plus capital costs.

In response to an enquiry regarding the Division's reserve fund, your Committee was informed that approximately \$10 million is available in the reserve fund. It is important to maintain funds in reserve as school divisions are not allowed to be in a deficit situation. An appropriate amount of reserve is 2.5% of the total budget. With the use of reserve funds for additional installations of security systems in schools and the investment to provide Wi-Fi access to students in all high schools, the Division would remain in that range.

In response to an enquiry regarding the Provincial K-3 Class Size Initiative, your Committee was informed that the initiative is strictly for students in kindergarten to grade 3.

In response to an enquiry regarding math supports and an investment in Dreambox support, your Committee was informed that the Division is utilizing many supports to improve math learning depending on the grade level of the students.

Your Committee was informed that the Province has announced that the school division special levy paid by eligible senior homeowners is being eliminated starting in 2014. The Province will provide additional details on eligible seniors, qualifying residences, and other parameters in the near future.

In response to an enquiry regarding funding for the arts, your Committee was informed the Board continues to support the arts through many sources of funding including the Children's Heritage Fund. Your Committee was encouraged to submit feedback to the budget.

Your Committee was informed that in addition to budget presentations at District Advisory Committee meetings, information is available on the Division's website. A Public meeting will also be held on February 24, 2014 at Administration Building No. 1, 1577 Wall Street East at 7:00 p.m. to provide budget information to the general public and receive feedback from individuals or groups that may wish to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

JACKIE SNEESBY
Trustee Representative

South District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2014**IN ATTENDANCE:****Voting Representatives:**

Collège Churchill
Grosvenor School
Harrow School
École J.B. Mitchell School
École secondaire Kelvin High School
École LaVérendrye
Lord Roberts School
Queenston School
École Riverview School
École Robert H. Smith School

Trustee:

Jackie Sneesby
Mark Wasyliw
Rita Hildahl

Administration:

Robert Chartrand, Superintendent of Schools – South
René Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer
Donna Miller, Principal, Churchill High School
Elaine McKenna, Principal, Collège Churchill
Cristina da Mata, Principal, Gladstone School
Leslie MacGillivray, Principal, Harrow School
Maria Silva, Principal, Lord Roberts School
Wade Gregg, Principal, Queenston School
John Howden, Vice-Principal, École River Heights School
Grant Bridgeman, Principal, École Riverview School
Tom Rossi, Principal, École Robert H. Smith School
Sharon Labossiere, Vice-Principal, École Robert H. Smith School
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Brock Corydon School
Churchill High School
Earl Grey School
Gladstone School
Grant Park High School
Montrose School
École River Heights School
Rockwood School

NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2014

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board:

February 18, 2014

Your North District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. 2014/2015 Draft Budget Presentation

Mr. Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide an overview of the 2014/2015 Draft Budget.

Your Committee was informed that on January 30, 2014, the Minister of Education and Advanced Learning announced an increase in funding for education by \$24.4 million or 2% in 2014/2015. The funding for the Winnipeg School Division for 2014/2015 school year will be \$179,257,700, which represents an increase of \$4,091,700 which is an overall increase of 2%.

Your Committee reviewed the Revenues and Expenditures required in the draft budget for the 2014/2015 school year which total \$374 million. This represents an overall expenditure increase of \$9 million or 2.5% from the budget for the current school year. Your Committee also discussed the expenditure requirements for the continuation of existing programs and services; mandatory changes in rates and/or costs; the maintenance of buildings and equipment;

The Draft Budget includes cost saving measures related to operations, expenditure adjustments to reflect changes in student demographics, as well as the use of reserve funds to offset certain equipment and project costs. The Division continues to make energy management improvements which include: lighting, heating, ventilation measures and electrical upgrades. Overall, these upgrades will produce savings.

The Board of Trustees developed a draft budget that will maintain programs and services for students. Consideration is also being given to including budget allocations to improve Math Learning, supports for Science Labs and a pilot project to provide a full day kindergarten program in four schools for the 2014/2015 school year. The Board is also utilizing funds from reserve for additional installations of security systems in schools to enhance safety for students and Wi-Fi access to students in all high schools to better equip and engage students with their studies.

Your Committee was informed that the budget continues to include amounts required to maintain and repair school facilities. The Division is proceeding with the next phase of energy management improvements which include: lighting, heating, electrical and ventilation measures as these upgrades will produce savings in the future.

The draft budget would result in a property tax increase of \$3 per month / \$40 per year on the average assessed property of \$171,130 in the Winnipeg School Division. The Division has kept taxation to a minimum while balancing the needs of students, maintaining the building and equipment infrastructure of the Division, and managing tax dollars responsibly.

In response to an enquiry regarding the Winnipeg School Division's reserve, your Committee was informed that approximately \$10 million is available in the reserve fund. It is important to maintain funds in reserve as school divisions are not allowed to

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be in a deficit situation. An appropriate amount of reserve is 1.2% - 2% of the total budget. With the use of reserve funds for additional installations of security systems in schools and the investment to provide Wi-Fi access to students in all high schools, the Division would remain in that range. Committee members were informed that the use of reserve funds are for one time projects and should not be used on a continuous basis to maintain programs and services.

In response to an enquiry regarding Division maintenance plans, your Committee was informed that renovation/maintenance plans are developed through the building department and administration on a priority basis and are submitted to the Province for approval on a yearly basis.

In response to an enquiry regarding a pilot in four schools for a full-time Kindergarten program, your Committee was informed that the school locations would be identified should the feedback show that the pilot program is supported by stakeholders. The cost of full implementation of the Kindergarten program Division-wide would be over \$12 million plus capital costs.

Your Committee was informed that in addition to budget presentations at District Advisory Committee meetings, information is available on the Division's website. A Public meeting will also be held on February 24, 2014 at Administration Building No. 1, 1577 Wall Street East at 7:00 p.m. to provide budget information to the general public and receive feedback from individuals or groups that may wish to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

DARLYNE BAUTISTA
Trustee Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives:

Andrew Mynarski School
Champlain School
Inkster School
Isaac Newton School
Ecole Lansdowne
Lord Nelson School
Luxton School
Meadows West School
St. John's High School
Sisler High School
Stanley Knowles School
Tyndall Park School

Trustee:

Darlyne Bautista
Suzanne Hrynyk
Cathy Collins

Regrets:

Faraday School
Prairie Rose School
Ralph Brown School
Robertson School
Shaughnessy Park School

Administration:

Fatima Mota, Superintendent - North
Rene Appelmans, Secretary Treasurer
Julie Millar, Director, Student Support Services
Greg Bouchard, Principal, Andrew Mynarski School
Maxine Geller, Principal, Champlain School
Randy Routledge, Principal, Faraday School
Claudette Warnke, Vice-Principal, Garden Grove School
Sharon Pekrul, Principal, Isaac Newton School
Chris Clarke, Vice-Principal (acting), Isaac Newton School
Ruth Schappert, Vice-Principal, Ecole Lansdowne
Sandy Intrater, Principal, Lord Nelson School
Tony Marchione, Principal, Robertson School
Doug Taylor, Principal, St. John's High School
Cathy Sharrow, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School
Cree Crowchild, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School
Andrea Powell, Vice-Principal, Stanley Knowles School
Dominique Ostermann, Vice-Principal, Stanley Knowles School
Giselle Mospanchuk, Principal, Tyndall Park School
Melody Woloschuk, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Madalynne Iannone, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

FRENCH IMMERSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2014

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board:

February 19, 2014

Your French Immersion Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. Committee Chair

Your Committee was informed that at the First Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held September 9, 2013, the French Immersion Advisory Committee was reconstituted and that Trustee Anthony Ramos and Trustee Rita Hildahl were named as the Board's representative to the Committee.

The parent representative from École LaVérendrye volunteered to chair the February 19, 2014 meeting.

2. 2014/2015 Budget Process and Timelines

Trustees Ramos and Wasyliv provided an overview of the 2014/2015 draft budget which included provincial funding, expenditures and property taxes for education.

Your Committee was informed that on January 30th, the Minister of Education and Advanced Learning announced an increase in funding for education by \$24.4 million or 2% in 2014/2015. The funding for the Winnipeg School Division for 2014/2015 school year will be \$179,257,700, which represents an increase of \$4,091,700 which is an overall increase of 2%.

The draft budget would result in a property tax increase of \$3 per month / \$40 per year on the average assessed property of \$171,130 in the Winnipeg School Division. The Division has kept taxation to a minimum while balancing the needs of students, maintaining the building and equipment infrastructure of the Division, and managing tax dollars responsibly.

Your Committee was informed that the budget process included presentations at the District Advisory Committee meetings. A Public Meeting regarding the draft budget will be held on February 24, 2014. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until February 28, 2014. All feedback will be considered by Finance/Personnel Committee. The Board of Trustees will approve the budget at its meeting to be held March 10, 2014. The Board must finalize the budget by March 14, 2014, as required by legislation.

Committee members were informed that the budget is being developed to maintain programs and services for students.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 French Immersion Program – Enrolment and Building Capacity

Your Committee was provided with an overview on enrolment projections for the French Immersion program. Your Committee was informed that enrolment is increasing in the French Immersion Program and that there are factors that are impacting on space in schools, such as the provincial initiative K3 requirement.

The Division must be in compliance with the K3 initiative by 2017. In order to begin the planning, the Division has had space audits conducted in schools to ensure that classrooms are being used to their full potential.

Throughout this process, it has been determined that the Dual Track schools will be able to implement the K3 requirements by the deadline. The province has been in discussion with administration on the recent residential development of the northwest corner of the Division and the need for schools. This may include the establishment of a dual track program when a school is constructed in the northwest corner.

The administration has confirmed that École Lansdowne will receive portable classrooms and École Sacré-Coeur will reconfigure existing space to assist with the implementation of the K3 requirements. In regards to LaVérendrye much of the challenges have been due to the construction of the new gymnasium. Although adjustments were made to better utilize space and classrooms, there is still a need to find an alternate solution, such as a portable. The Division has had discussions with the Province to request a portable for the beginning of September. Trustees indicated that a meeting will be held with the Minister of Education and Advanced Learning in the near future, and that the Board will bring this matter forward.

In response to an enquiry regarding the possibility of switching schools with a neighboring school, your Committee was informed that a process would need to be followed that would include community consultation.

In response to an enquiry regarding the enrolment of students who are out of the catchment, Your Committee was informed that the province has advised the Division to review the number of out of catchment students. First priority is given to resident catchment students, then resident non-catchment, and finally non-residents. Committee members were informed that once a student is accepted from out of catchment, the student is usually able to continue at the school until the next natural break (ie. Grade 6). Non-catchment and non-resident siblings are not guaranteed enrolment if the school is full to capacity. Your Committee was informed that it is the responsibility of the school to monitor enrolment and ensure Division policies are followed.

Your Committee was encouraged to contact the Minister of Education and Advanced Learning, Minister of Finance and MLAs to bring their concerns forward regarding the increased enrolment at École LaVérendrye and the space requirements.

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Your Committee also discussed the possibility of having a town hall meeting to discuss the increase in enrolment and spacing requirements and to inform parents on the plans for addressing the issues both in terms of short term and long term.

Your Committee adopted the following recommendations to the Board of Trustees for consideration:

Recommendations:

- a) That the Board of Trustees conduct a town hall meeting within 45 days with École LaVérendrye community to discuss enrolment and spacing requirements.
- b) That the Winnipeg School Division develop a long term plan in regards to French Immersion education at the elementary, junior high and high school levels for milieu and dual track schools.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANTHONY RAMOS
Trustee Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives:

Collège Churchill
École J.B. Mitchell School
École Lansdowne
École Laura Secord School
École LaVérendrye
École Robert H. Smith School
École Sacré-Coeur
École Victoria-Albert School

Trustees:

Anthony Ramos
Rita Hildahl
Mark Wasyliv

Administration:

Robert Chartrand, Superintendent of Schools – South
Elaine McKenna, Principal, Collège Churchill
Claudette Warnke, Vice-Principal, École Garden Grove School
Marie-France Giasson, Principal, École J.B. Mitchell School
Vince Audino, Principal, École Lansdowne
Chantelle Deslauriers, Principal, École River Heights School
Sharon Labossière, Vice-Principal, École Robert H. Smith School
Lisa Calvez, Principal, École Sacré-Cœur
Dominique Ostermann, Vice-Principal, École Stanley Knowles School
Helena Tessier – Recording Secretary

Regrets:

École George V School
École River Heights School
École Riverview School