

**THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION**  
**NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

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**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**2. 2018/2019 FINAL BUDGET**

Committee members received an overview of the budget for the 2018/2019 school year.

The final budget approved by the Board of Trustees includes expenditures of \$410,984,800 for the fiscal period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Complying with direction from the Provincial government, the Board approved a 2% increase to the special requirement resulting in a 3.3%, or \$45 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.

Committee members were informed that this year's funding for the International Education Program and the Swimming Counts program and workplace safety enhancements were approved by the Board.

Committee members were informed that several items proposed for consultation as options for cost reductions such as the School Resource Officer Program and Kindergarten program will continue due to support.

In addition, the budget is addressing needs identified for building maintenance and accessibility articulated in the *WSD Building Systems Assessment Report*. Deferred maintenance in the form of building systems exceeding their useful life and capital improvements represents a budgeted deficiency of about \$261 million, 75.5% of which should be supported by Public Schools Finance Board. These funding needs are assumed over a period of 30 years.

Committee members were informed that the Board approved \$1,752,900 in cost savings to achieve a balanced budget without impacting programming for students. These include \$100,000 in travel budgets and \$1,652,900 in vacancy management with savings being achieved through attrition.

Committee members were informed that 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% mandated limit for all large urban school divisions in the province.

Committee members were informed that as part of the Division's Strategic Priority, the administration has prepared a Financial Facts document which includes an overview on WSD, review, expectations and the financial position of the Division. WSD Financial Facts can be found at the link below:

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/Governance/BoardReports/Pages/default.aspx>

A Committee member requested that funding for transportation be provided to support students with mobility issues at Sisler High School to attend programming on an ongoing basis. Committee members were informed that prior to implementing ongoing funding for this purpose, a review of the funds spent last year be undertaken prior to next year.

### **3. SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS**

Committee members were informed that the City of Winnipeg is holding the Municipal and School Board Elections on October 24, 2018. The Winnipeg School Board is established as a corporation under the terms of the Public Schools Act of Manitoba. The WSD has nine trustees based on a nine ward system. The Boundaries of the WSD can be found on the Division's website.

<https://www.winnipegd.ca/Governance/WardBoundariesandMaps/Pages/default.aspx>

Committee members were informed that the required qualifications for the school trustees are listed under the Public Schools Act.

Committee members were also informed that an employee of the same school board, school division or school district is disqualified from serving as a trustee unless he or she takes a leave of absence under subsection 48.

The Committee was informed that the City of Winnipeg Senior Election Official will be accepting Nomination Papers commencing Wednesday, September 12, 2018. During the election period, nomination papers are available from the City of Winnipeg, City Clerk's Department, Administration Building at 510 Main Street, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, as well as the Winnipeg School Division, 1577 Wall Street East. Nomination papers must have 25 signatures of voters whose names appear on the Voters List. Signatures must also be from residents who reside in the ward in which they are seeking election. The deadline to file is Tuesday, September 18, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

### **4. GREEN PURCHASING AND PROCUREMENT POLICY**

Committee members were informed that at a previous meeting, the Board of Trustees approved motions requesting the administration develop a policy in relation to a Green Purchasing and Procurement policy and to refer the draft policy to District Advisory Committees for feedback prior to Board approval. In the meantime, Policy-DJA-Purchasing Authority is being currently reviewed to include a green purchasing and procurement aspect.

Committee members indicated the importance of being sustainable and environmentally responsible, however requested that the Division be mindful of the expense of biodegradable and environmentally friendly products.

### **5. POLICY KMA-COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION**

Committee members were informed that at a previous meeting, the Board of Trustees approved motions requesting that administration review and revise Policy KMA-Community Involvement in Education and that the draft policy be referred to the District Advisory Committees for feedback.

Committee members indicated that accountability of third party users such as daycares and community groups should be incorporated into the policy. Committee members also indicated that the policy should include the role of School Resource Officers as well as terminology throughout the policy requires updating.

Committee members indicated the role of parents/guardians in the selection of school Principals and Vice-Principals should be clarified.

## **6. FOR INFORMATION**

### **6.1 Security Cameras in Schools Policy**

Committee members were informed that at a previous meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a motion to develop a policy in relation to security cameras in schools and that the policy be referred to District Advisory Committees for information. A copy of the Security Cameras in Schools Policy was distributed to Committee members for information.

### **6.2 Policy EEA-Transportation of Pupils**

Committee members were informed that at a previous meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the motion that on an interim basis, Policy EEA – Transportation of Pupils be revised to include provisions for Courtesy Transportation Services and that the Board would continue its review of the Fee for Service option for possible implementation in the 2018/2019 school year.

Committee members were provided with a copy of the revised policy which includes provisions for a fee-for-service for those students who meet the criteria under the Courtesy Seat provision. The revisions also include clarification on areas deemed hazardous.

Committee members were advised that the revised policy includes a fee for service cost that would be equivalent to the new City of Winnipeg rates at \$70 per month for a student transit bus pass. The new fees would include a reduced fee of \$35 per month for each additional child effective the 2018/2019 school year.

A Community member expressed concern that the policy should include transportation access to students with mobility issues in order to attend work experience and community placements.

### **6.3 Policy IGD-Extracurricular Activities**

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held April 9, 2018, the Board of Trustees approved amendments to Policy IGD-Extracurricular Activities to be consistent with provincial curriculum, Division policies and the Manitoba High School Athletics Association. Committee members were provided with a copy of Policy IGD-Extracurricular Activities for information.

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#### **6.4 District Advisory Reports and Summaries of Discussions**

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held March 5, 2018, 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 5<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://www.winnipegssd.ca/Parents/Parent%20Council/Pages/Default.aspx)

### **7. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS**

#### SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Ecole Lansdowne
- Ralph Brown School
- St. John's High School
- Shaughnessy Park School
- Sisler High School

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

##### **Voting Representatives:**

Ecole Lansdowne  
Nathan Wild, Ralph Brown School  
Crystal Courtland, Ralph Brown School  
Bernice Rempel, St. John's High School  
Shaughnessy Park School  
Terry Burr, Sisler High School

##### **Trustees:**

Dean Koshelanyk

##### **Regrets:**

Andrew Mynarski School  
Champlain School  
Faraday School  
Garden Grove School  
Inkster School  
Isaac Newton School  
Lord Nelson School  
Luxton School  
Robertson School  
Stanley Knowles School  
Tyndall Park School

##### **Administration:**

Fatima Mota Superintendent of Education Services  
Chris Rhodes, Director of Career Education  
Vince Audino, Principal, Ecole Lansdowne  
Sherry Jones, Vice-Principal, Ecole Lansdowne  
Rosanna Guzzi, Principal, Ralph Brown School  
Joan Fransen, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School  
Dennis Mogg, Principal, Shaughnessy Park School  
Angela Perez, Vice-Principal, Shaughnessy Park School  
George Heshka, Principal, Sisler High School  
Madalynne Iannone, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School  
Paul Krowiak, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School  
Gisele Mospanchuk, Principal, Tyndall Park School  
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

##### **Non-Voting/Resource Members:**

Community Member  
Community Support Worker, Shaughnessy Park School  
WANTE Representative



## Lansdowne Parent Council

**President:** Lynn Kammerlock

**Vice-President:** Sandra Donald

**Secretary:** Michelle Laidlow

**Treasurer:** Greg Hecky



Spring has been very busy at Ecole Lansdowne:

CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE - congratulations to our students who participated and won in their category: Adeleine - gold medal for grade 3/4 immersion category, Summer - silver in the 5/6 immersion category, Aliyah - gold in 7/8 immersion category, and Desiree - gold in grade 7/8 immersion category. Adeleine will represent Ecole Lansdowne and the Winnipeg School Division at the provincial level on May 5th.

Student Led Conferences took place Thursday, April 19th and Friday, April 20th.

To promote literacy and sustainability, the annual spring used book sale took place in conjunction with student led. Thanks to parents and relatives who donated the gently used books for sale.

Leadership students who attended WE Day were inspired to help people in need. They chose to raise money to purchase goats for a village in a developing country. By holding a pizza lunch at the school, they were able to raise \$200.00 and purchase 4 goats which they sent to Haiti. The leadership team also helped with the first annual Spring Fling Dance by decorating and running the canteen. The Lansdowne Parent Council donated \$76.00 to the leadership group for their help with this dance. Leadership also hosted the Day of Pink Assembly for all students on April 11th.

Student Green Team - this group of dedicated and responsible students have been very busy. They have been learning about water conservation and earlier this month, "The Water Guy", Kevin Freedman, came and shared some alarming facts with the students.

It inspired this group of students to take action. Understanding the global effects of water depletion, the students created an impressive list of helpful water-saving tips.

The Green Team's next initiative will be Ecole Lansdowne taking part in the Plastic Bag Grab Challenge. The challenge is a waste reduction program for elementary schools across Canada. It encourages not only students but families and communities to reduce, reuse and recycle. Our school collected plastic grocery bags and encouraged all families to drop off the bags at the school. The Green Team also had the opportunity to attend the "Take Pride Winnipeg" day at MTS Centre on April 4th.

PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention and Support) Common Area Training took place on April 9th.

Grade 8's will be participating in Level One Band Festival on April 25th and Grade 7 students will be participating in Level One Band Festival on April 27th

Lynn Kammerlock, *President*

Sandra Donald, *Vice-President*



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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

# *RALPH BROWN SCHOOL*

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## School Report

1. We are very proud of our Destination Imagination teams that represented Ralph Brown at the provincial competition held on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Our two teams, the Manitoba Majestic Mermaids and the Creadians each placed first in their categories and the Manitoba Majestic Mermaids placed third in the skills competition category. We are now excited at the opportunity to send the Creadians team to Knoxville, Tennessee in May to represent Ralph Brown School and compete in the Global Competition. This is a very expensive trip and our Team Managers, Mr. Laroche and Ms. Lobban are working hard to seek grants and funding from outside sources. They are also holding a Kernel's Popcorn fundraiser this month to offset travel costs. Thank you to the WSD and its Board of Trustees for approving our special recognition request to assist us financially and helping us get closer to our financial goal. We congratulate our teams on their success and we wish them the best of luck at the Globals!
2. We held a Spring Open House/Registration evening on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Families who attended expressed interest in the Ukrainian Bilingual Program.
3. The annual Ukrainian Easter Breakfast was held on April 12<sup>th</sup>. All parents and students in the Ukrainian program were invited to attend this traditional event celebrating Easter traditions. Grade 5 & 6 English program students were also invited to experience this cultural experience.
4. Our intermediate team will be presenting the school musical PIRATES on May 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be the first musical production that the intermediate team has offered in many years. We are very excited at this opportunity for our students to showcase their skills talents both on stage and behind the scenes!
5. Thank you to our parent council for organizing a very successful Kolvassa fundraiser last month. They raised almost \$1000 to support our school's technology needs.
6. Our grade 7/8 students are continuing fundraising efforts to offset the financial costs for the upcoming trip to Vegreville. Thank you to Children's Heritage Fund for your support in subsidizing the cost.
7. Our school wide healthy snack program has now expanded to daily delivery of school wide snack. Thanks to the support of our parent volunteers, our children are receiving a good variety of healthy snacks.
8. Our students participated in Pink Day, the Winnipeg School Division's annual Anti-Bullying campaign, by challenging each other to 500 acts of kindness. Each act of kindness was recorded on the Kindness Tree which we proudly have on display in our main hallway. Our students surpassed their goal and continue to show kindness each day.



**COMMUNITY**  
**FREE**

# **BBQ & Resource Fair**

**DATE: Wednesday May 23rd**  
**TIME: 5:30-8:00pm**  
**PLACE: St. John's Highschool**  
**401 Church Ave**

Connect with community agencies, groups, and organisations that provide assistance to individuals and families in the North End

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**THE NORTHEND**



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# **“Celebrating the North End”** **Community BBQ and Resource Fair**

St. John's High School & Community Advisory Council along with partnering schools & community resources is hosting a “Celebrating the North End” – Community BBQ & Resource Fair on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at St. John's High School from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.

The North End has a long rich history of multiculturalism and diversity. The cultural landscape is constantly in flux as families and individuals come and go. Resources in the community have been part of the stabilizing patchwork that brings us all together. We want to acknowledge all the work that you have contributed to the community's resiliency. We would also like to give you an opportunity to share what you have to offer to the community at large. With the summer months fast approaching, it would be great if you can provide information about your summer programming. There is no charge for this event but we do welcome any donations that you might consider. We welcome your participation in this event.

The **draft agenda** for the evening is as follows:

4:30	Set up for Resources & Vendors
5:30 – 6:00	Community to register, settle in, visit resources
6:00 – 6:30	Dinner Service – BBQ
6:30 – 7:45	Visit Resources & Watch Cultural Presentations
7:45 – 8:00	Wind Up / Door Prizes

The organizing committee will be setting up tables for you to provide information from your organization. You have a choice of 1 table or ½ a table. Please contact Bernice Rempel at [bernicerempel@outlook.com](mailto:bernicerempel@outlook.com) or 204-504-9196 if you have any questions. The registration deadline for the Resource Fair is Monday, May 7, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Regards,

Bernice Rempel  
Chair, Steering Committee – “Celebrating the North End”  
Chair, St. John's High School Parent & Community Advisory Council



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# SHAUGHNESSY PARK SCHOOL

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*Vice Principal:* A. Perez

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## North District Advisory Council Shaughnessy Park School Community Report

April 24, 2018

- Our new school sign initiative has been approved, funds raised and contract secured for a new school sign. We will be offering community groups such as Access Norwest Community Health, the Boy and Girls Club and Gilbert Park Going Places opportunity to post information about upcoming community events. We believe this will help tie community and school together and provide communication about important school events to our community. Completion date June 2018. Waiting for permits.
- Shaughnessy Park School will be participating in the upcoming Winnipeg School Division Powwow including dancing in hand-sewn Regalia. Additionally, our students will be participating in The Manitowabi Festival May 19, 2018, at the convention centre.
- We have a very active Grannies Group. The group meets 6 time per year and share experience raising grandchildren in our community. Through Funding provided by the Building Student Success with Indigenous Parents Initiative, Our Indigenous Grandmothers have been provided entertainment, very positive school experiences, and respected input in the education of their grandchildren. We feel this is an important responsibility moving forward in reconciliation.
- Our Filipino club is thriving and provided young children the opportunity to experience Filipino culture and Language.
- We had a very successful early years Speech and Language Literacy night on April 19, 2018, with 46 families and 100 plus people coming share a meal to learn about speech and literacy.

# Shaughnessy Park School Programs 2017-2018

- Zumba For Families
- Traditional Parenting
- Mediation Services Workshop for Parents & Community
- Fentanyl Workshop for Parents & Community
- Circle of security program for parents
- Parent Sewing Evenings (**curtains, Quilts, hand bags, Oven mitts, Aprons**)
- Pow Wow Club (**Hoop Making, Moccasin Making, Regalia Making Earrings,**)
- Job Works Educational Assistant Orientation for parents & community
- Resume writing for parents & community
- Grannies Group
- N/K Hearing screening
- Mobile vision screening
- Mobile diabetes and kidney screening
- Frequent parent council meetings
- Parent Council Fundraising for digital information board
- Literacy Workshop
- Fast Program

## **Upcoming events**

- Whole School wellness day May 2
- Spring Concert May 16
- Manitoahbee Pow Wow May 19 & 20
- WSD Pow Wow May 30
- CSI Program

1. Ubisoft, a giant game development/animation company is opening up a studio in Winnipeg, and will invest 35 million dollars to do so.

This means 100 high paying jobs. Part of the reason for their doing so was the fact that Sisler's Interactive Digital Media program will be such a steady source of talent. This was confirmed by the president of Ubisoft and the mayor at the ceremony launching the Ubisoft project on April 6.

2. Vancouver Film School, recently names the top animation school in the world has chosen to partner with Sisler because, and I quote, "Sisler has the best interactive digital media program in Canada".

3. The Economics Development Corporation of Winnipeg has entered the competition for the title of the World's Most Intelligent Community.

Consequently, they have brought the individuals in charge of the competition to check out Sisler's program to verify that it is as good as it is claimed to be.

We had a similar visit two years ago and it was acknowledged then that we helped propel the city from a 21<sup>st</sup> place standing to a 7<sup>th</sup> place standing.

4. To give you a snapshot of the activities the Interactive Digital Media program is involved in, I have itemized the following:

- April 23-24 – VFX guru (worked on Harry Potter, the Jungle Book, almost every Marvel film, etc) will be leading a 2 day intensive workshop at Sisler.
- April 26 – Former CFO of Pixar, Lawrence Levy, will be visiting our students at 11:00 a.m.
- April 27 – 4 time Oscar winning Disney animator, Trent Correy, at 9:00 a.m.

- April – May 4 our students will be working with Cambridge University professors, University of Winnipeg and the Mayo Clinic on a “Designing Out Tomorrow” inclusive salt and pepper shakers for people suffering from Alzheimers.
  - May 15-16 Ubisoft and VFS writing stories for video games workshop.
5. Sisler’s kids wrote the University of Manitoba Latin exam and achieved an average of 87.2%. Almost all of the students are in grade 10.