

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Tuesday, December 15, 2020

1. INTRODUCTIONS

At the Inaugural meeting of the Board held on September 14, 2020, Trustee Arlene Reid was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Linda Schatkowsky was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee. Trustee Reid welcomed everyone to the first North District Advisory Committee meeting for the 2020/2021 school year.

2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

The parent representative from Lansdowne School volunteered to Chair the North District Advisory Committee meetings.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Committee members approved the Agenda of December 15, 2020, as distributed.

4. 2021/2022 BUDGET CONSULTATION

Committee members received an overview on the Budget Consultation for the 2021/2022 school year.

Committee members were informed that the Budget is developed based on the WSD Strategic Plan that aligns with the vision to be engaged, confident, inspired and successful learners. The Committee members were informed that the budget includes:

- Students being provided a comprehensive education with equitable access and diverse opportunities and programs.
- Learning Outcomes to further improve schools attendance and achievements.
- Addressing Barriers to Learning developing initiatives and innovative approaches to address needs and accessibility of students.
- Employing qualified caring and competent staff who are dedicated to the vision, purpose and values of Winnipeg School Division.
- Practicing sustainable development addressing environmental social and economic issues.
- Building relationships with our community by communicating and collaborating with a variety of organizations. Managing tax dollars responsibly to ensure long-term fiscal sustainability.

Committee members were informed that the Board is committed to obtaining feedback from school communities, parent councils, residents and staff groups for the 2021/2022 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.

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The Committee was informed that this year, the members of the Board are interested in receiving feedback on the following areas:

- Does your school have the resources it requires to fulfil its educational mandate? If not, what additional resources are needed?
- What is the most important issue for your school?
- Would the parent council favour an increase in property taxes if required to support programming?

Trustee Reid recommended that parent representatives share the budget information with their respective parent councils and provide feedback to the Board on the three questions outlined in the budget brochure.

Committee members were informed that it is anticipated that the provincial funding announcement would be in late January, early February. Trustee Reid informed Committee members that student enrolment has decreased this year, which may result in a slight decrease in provincial funding. Trustee Reid informed Committee members that cost increases may be required due to arbitration hearings, decreases in enrolment and whether the provincial cap on the special levy will continue this year.

In response to an enquiry, Committee members were informed that the provincial government does not fund programs and services such as cultural support workers, adult patrols, nursery program or the full day kindergarten, nutrition program, bilingual programs and milk subsidy programs, for example.

In response to an enquiry regarding the need of technology, the Committee was informed that WSD has exceeded their budget on technology. WSD has purchased approximately 5,000 devices for students to support remote learning. In addition, other expenses include, extra staffing including teachers and EA's.

The Committee members agreed that the most important issue for their schools would be remote learning and the strain on the parents to provide a learning environment. The Committee agreed to continue discussions and share feedback at the next meeting.

Committee members discussed whether their respective parent councils would be in favor of an increase in property taxes, if required, to support programming. The Committee members agreed to continue discussions with their Parent Council and share feedback at the next meeting.

5. RENAMING OF CECIL RHODES SCHOOL

Committee members were informed that the Board of Trustees approved a motion on October 5, 2020, that the administration begin a consultation process to engage students, parents/guardians and members of the community on the interest of renaming Cecil Rhodes School and that the results of the consultation be provided to the Board of Trustees no later than March 15th, 2021.

Trustee Chen informed Committee members the request to review the name of Cecil Rhodes School was in response to a petition with 1,700 signatures requesting that the Board of Trustees consider a name change. Trustee Chen informed Committee members that while the history of Cecil Rhodes includes an acknowledgement of business contributions and achievements, he is also known for his involvement and support in politics which upheld

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segregationist policies against non-white citizens of South Africa.

The Committee was informed that the administration is in the process of obtaining feedback from a variety of stakeholders. The consultation process will include current students attending Cecil Rhodes School as well as former students. The students will receive the history of Cecil Rhodes and have an opportunity to discuss the name of the school and share different perspectives.

The administration will also be consulting with staff, parents, and the community to obtain feedback. The WSD website will provide an opportunity for people to complete a survey and provide feedback.

Trustee Chen informed Committee members that she is pleased that the school communities will give consideration to the renaming of Cecil Rhodes School, as this matter has resulted in some inappropriate comments being directed towards her for raising this issue. Trustee Chen stated that her experiences validates the importance of this matter and that these discussions will also serve as an educational opportunity.

Trustee Chen encouraged parent representatives to discuss this matter with their respective parent councils and submit feedback to the Board for consideration. The Committee was also informed that the administration will establish a Cecil Rhodes School - Renaming Committee consisting of the Superintendent of Education Services, two parents, two students, the principal and the Director of Buildings, based on the results of the school and community feedback.

6. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

Committee members were informed that the Board of Trustees received presentations, petitions and correspondence from individuals requesting the removal of SRO's in schools mainly due to their role, and interactions with students.

As a result, the Board of Trustees approved a motion that the School Resource Officer Program (SRO) be referred to the Finance/Personnel Committee for discussion. On November 16, 2020, the Board of Trustees gave direction to the administration to develop a comprehensive consultation process to evaluate the SRO program.

Committee members were informed that the administration is in the process of developing a survey to obtain feedback from students, staff and parents/guardians. A third party will be retained to consult with WSD community members and organizations to collect and compile feedback on the SRO Program.

Committee members were encouraged to share this information with their parent councils. Feedback on the SRO program can be submitted directly to Ms. Brenda Lapointe, Board and Community Liaison Officer at brlapointe@wsd1.org.

7. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Isaac Newton School
- Lord Nelson School
- Prairie Rose School
- Ralph Brown School

9. GUIDELINES FOR BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Committee members reviewed a copy of the Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees for information. Committee members were informed they could read it in more detail at their leisure and direct any questions to the Board of Trustees.

10. DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATES

Committee members were informed the next North District Advisory Committee meeting will be held in February (T.B.D.) to continue discussions on the 2021-2022 Budget and to provide feedback to the Board of Trustees before March 15, 2021

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives

Andrew Mynarski School
Faraday School
Inkster School
Isaac Newton School
École Lansdowne School
École Luxton School
Lord Nelson School
Meadows West School
Ralph Brown School
Robertson School
Shaughnessy Park School
St. John's High School
École Stanley Knowles School
Tyndall Park School

Regrets:

Champlain School
Garden Grove School
Prairie Rose School
Sisler High School

Administration:

Fatima Mota, Superintendent Education Services
Tony Marchione, Director, Literacy, Arts, Enrichment and Careers
Cristina Da Mata, Principal, Andrew Mynarski School
Lucas Buller, Vice-Principal, Andrew Mynarski School
Jennifer Cox, Principal, Faraday School
Dino Difabrizio, Principal, Inkster School
Angela Perez, Vice-Principal, Isaac Newton School
Daniel Keith, Vice-Principal, Lord Nelson School
Joy Perrott, Principal, Luxton School
Gabrielle Katchanoski, Vice-Principal, Meadows West School
Rosanna Guzzi, Principal, Ralph Brown School
Dana Petrzela, Vice-Principal, Robertson School
Douglas Taylor, Principal, St. John's High School
Pat Graham, Principal, Shaughnessy Park School
Steven Nikkel, Vice-Principal, Shaughnessy Park School
Darryl Stevenson, Principal, École Stanley Knowles School
Gisele Mospanchuk, Principal, Tyndall Park School
Stephanie Helander, Recording Secretary, Board of Trustees

Trustees:

Arlene Reid
Linda Schatkowsky

Isaac Newton School Report

We are happy to report that we continue to serve all of our students with daily breakfast, lunch and fruits thanks in part to Child Nutrition Grant.

Thanks to Food Rescue, we have also been able to distribute over 7000 Lbs of food items including- vegetables, baked goods, frozen fish and many more to our families.

The elevator project at Isaac Newton is moving along. We are looking forward to using the elevator in the next couple of months.

We are thankful to all our families, staff and students in complying with the provincial health guidelines and for all their hard work in keeping everyone safe.



LORD NELSON SCHOOL

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Vice Principal: Mr. D. Keith



January 6th 2021

Parent Association Highlights:

- ✓ Healthy Hunger lunch sales continue on a bi-weekly basis; all proceeds will be used to support Parent Council initiatives in the school.
- ✓ PAC worked hard to create special holiday take home treat packages for all students as part of our Spirit Week activities prior to the break.
- ✓ Lord Nelson School broke ground and completed our new inclusive play and music areas! This was a \$140,000 project funded through various grants and PAC Fundraising efforts.

Parent Center Highlights:

- ✓ We have continued to communicate programming opportunities through our parent centre. For example, Red Cross Babysitting Training, Tenant Rights Seminars, Youth Scholarship opportunities and Families Thriving sessions to name a few.
- ✓ The Lord Nelson Parent Center has offered its own virtual programming this school year. For example, Nutrition Bingo, Craft Days, Tots N Training Sessions and Preschool programming.
- ✓ The Parent Center has supported student hearing screenings, and is in the process of setting up the Mobile Vision Clinic Screening.
- ✓ The Parent Center collaborated with teaching staff to support the creation and delivery of Holiday Hampers to families before the break.

School Highlights:

- ✓ Lord Nelson School is very thankful for hard work of the community in keeping our school as safe as possible. Families have been responsive when students have developed COVID-19 symptoms at school and made safe decisions around sending students to school when they are ill.
- ✓ Lord Nelson is able to maintain 2 metres between students, and learning has happened primarily in the classrooms. Staff have been flexible in supporting all COVID protocols often with very little time to prepare for change.
- ✓ We continue to work on writing as a Regie Routman School. Cohort's have collaborated on writing and sharing themes this year to support a deeper understanding of the writing process.

- ✓ Students write for many real purposes which are engaging and help our students to become the best writers they can be!
- ✓ We are a Lighthouse School, but unfortunately have not been able to offer after school programming based on the current COVID Restrictions!
- ✓ Lord Nelson has begun the practice of social distant Smudging Tuesday Mornings. This has been a positive way to bring Indigenous education and culture into our school routine.
- ✓ Our 6TH ANNUAL HEALTHAPALOOZA IS COMING SOON! This is our student conference with a Healthy Minds focus. In the past, our students have learned to sew, cook, do yoga, practice mindfulness, color, learn about pets, dance, paper quilling, film acting, Claymation, taekwondo, making soap and so much more! This year's Healthapalooza will take place on April 29th. Programming this year will be virtual and plan to include community members as participants.



Prairie Rose School

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Ken Romaniuk, Principal

September began with many changes at Prairie Rose School.

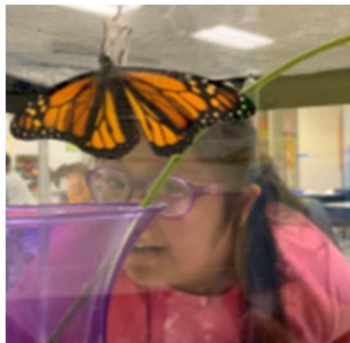
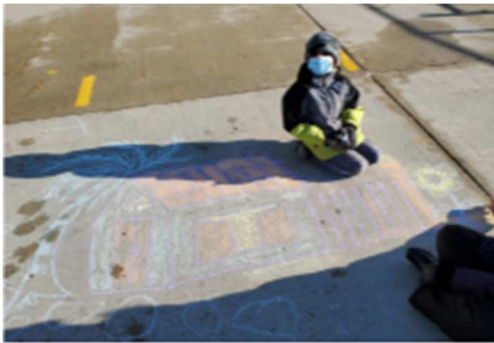
We were hosting four classrooms of students from the New School, Waterford Springs until the end of December.

We had developed a complex plan to deal with the Safe Return of students and had to create Cohorts and plans to accommodate all the students in a safe manner. We created three recesses and two lunch breaks to allow for the cohort groupings.

We have been offering Remote Learning for those students at home and have been using the Seesaw Platform to provide programs, lessons and activities for our students. We have also encouraged our remote learners to participate in many of our School activities. Like a Virtual Pumpkin Contest, Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences, Cohort Sports and our Winter Celebrations.

So much has changed for us at Prairie Rose School but the one thing that remains the same is our caring and supportive community!

We thank all our families and students to following all the new safety protocols and adjusting so well to all the new requirements and routines.



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RALPH BROWN SCHOOL



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North District School Report December 14, 2020

The Ralph Brown staff and students would like to acknowledge the Ralph Brown School Parent Council for their wonderful support this year. We are grateful for their commitment to the great learning that is going on at Ralph Brown School.

We had a very smooth transition back to school in September and several protocols are in place to support a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff. A PowerPoint of the school reopening plan which includes details of our protocols and daily practices can be found on our school website. Many routines have been altered to support Covid-19 guidelines.

Our ongoing partnership is helping students to be successful. Thank you to our community for supporting all of the changes we have had to make as a result of Covid-19. Ralph Brown School is taking every measure possible to ensure that our students have a clean, healthy and safe environment to learn in. We appreciate all of the extra precaution families are taking to ensure that we all work together to keep our community healthy and safe. We truly are a global village, caring for one another, and showing kindness and compassion for all. Parents/Caregivers play an integral role in our learning community and we always welcome your feedback and support.

Learning priorities for this school year will focus on recovery learning, numeracy, literacy, and social-emotional learning and wellbeing.

During the course of this year:

1. We have provided all families with a fridge magnet labeled with a QR code to the screening tool. This has greatly increased the number of parents/caregivers screening their children prior to arriving at school.
2. The staff and students thank our parent council advisory for their ongoing financial support. Last month the council graciously donated funds to purchase extra shields which are being used to assist with our physical distancing measures to keep students and staff safe. They will be very helpful when teachers are assessing students one on one by creating the separation required while still being able to effectively assess students' learning.
3. The parent council has kicked off their Winter Calendar fundraiser! Calendars are \$5 each and all proceeds support technology needs in our school.
4. Room 116 hosted a virtual Remembrance Day Service on November 10th. We are very proud of the wonderful video presentation created by the students of room 116. The staff and students also extend a very special thank you to retired Veteran Flying Officer Ralph Wild who virtually shared some of his experiences about serving in World War II and recited Remembrance Day poems for our students. Officer Wild served in the air force for 7 years and we are honoured to have him be a part of our Remembrance Day service.
5. On November 30 and December 7th, all staff participated in a two-day Remote Learning Professional Development day. Our goal is to ensure that all students remain engaged in their

learning and that our staff will continue to deliver quality lessons in a variety of models that continue to engage students both from home and in-class learning

6. We are grateful for having the opportunity to participate in the University of Manitoba's 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 students were screened and those who qualified for dental work follow up are now receiving free dental services.
7. The parent council offers a daily lunch program that consists of more than 50% of our student population. Several supervisors have been hired to support the cohorts we currently have in place.
8. We are fortunate to have received nutrition grants that support our breakfast/snack program. This year we have made some adjustments to the delivery of the program to ensure food is being served safely as per our Covid protocols.
9. Ukrainian Bilingual Program Updates:
 - a. St. Nicholas will be visiting our Ukrainian students on December 18th. All safety protocols will be enforced.
 - b. Plans for the Ukrainian Christmas Dinner are currently being reevaluated due to Covid-19 restrictions. We hope to celebrate Ukrainian Christmas, however this year our celebration will likely take on a virtual format.
10. 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.
11. We are proud to have our intermediate grades who volunteer as patrols and who have shown dedication to school safety at Ralph Brown School. These students brave the elements every day to ensure that every corner is covered to provide a safe journey to and from school for all our students.

Finally, we want to thank everyone, for their kindness and understanding over the past three months. We have worked hard to support our students, our staff and our community. We appreciate your support in every which way, as we maneuver through the uncertainties that 2020 has imposed on us.