

**THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION**  
**CENTRAL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Thursday, May 4, 2017**

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**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**2. FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS TOGETHER (F&ST)**

Committee members received a presentation by Families and Schools Together. Families and Schools Together helps children thrive by building stronger, more supportive relationships at home. Built on evidence-based practices and rigorously tested, F&ST consistently produces statistically significant improvements in children's behavior, emotional well-being and academic performance while building social capital among families, schools and communities. Families and Schools Together, Inc. exists to make a critical difference in the midst of these challenges by empowering parents, strengthening families and creating social networks that give children the opportunity for fulfilling, productive lives.

Committee members were informed that the F&ST program runs one night a week for 8 weeks, providing transportation and meals to participating families. Children, parents and youth are separated into groups for age based activities and instruction based classes. The F&ST program also has a 2 year follow up program called Fast Works where families get together once a month for activities. The F&ST program connects families with school administration as well as assists in helping families get connected with community based programs.

Committee members were informed that Families and Schools Together is funded by schools, the Province of Manitoba and United Way. The programs are run by trained staff, teachers, recreation coordinator, community partners and youth advocates. Each F&ST Team forms a "hub" serving 8 to 10 participating F&ST Families

For more information on the program or to have a presentation please contact Christine Turnbull at Families and Schools Together by email at [cturnbull@familydynamics.ca](mailto:cturnbull@familydynamics.ca) or by phone at 204-947-1401.

**3. GREEN ACTION CENTRE**

Committee members received a presentation by Green Action Centre – Active and Safe Routes to Schools. Active and Safe Routes to School is a comprehensive community-based initiative that taps into the increasingly urgent demand for safe, walkable neighbourhoods. Active and Safe Routes to School promotes the use of active and efficient transportation for the daily trip to school, addressing health and traffic safety issues while taking action on air pollution and climate change.

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Committee members were informed that over the past 30 years, the habit of walking to school has seen a steep decline. Studies have shown that almost 80% of children used to walk to school, compared to 35% today.

Active and Safe Routes to Schools can assist schools with helping to implement programs such as Walking/Cycling School Buses, Walking Wednesday Club, Neighbourhood Walkability Surveys, Pick-ups and Drop-off Zones, No-Idling Zones, Mapping activities, Clean Air Day, International Walk to School Month, School Travel Planning.

Committee members were informed that the School Travel Planning Program addresses the issue of sustainability, safety and health associated with the “school run” using a collaborative community based approach. School Travel Planning works closely with School administration and staff, Parents, Public Health Professionals, Children, Municipal officials and Police. A few benefits include reduced traffic congestion at schools, safe, active alternative to driving, increased physical activity and links to improved learning.

For more information on the program or to have a presentation please contact Green Action Centre, Active and Safe Routes to School by email at [asrts@greenactioncentre.ca](mailto:asrts@greenactioncentre.ca) or by phone at 204-925-3773.

#### **4. FOR INFORMATION**

##### **4.1 Transportation of Pupils**

Committee members were informed that the Board of Trustees passed a budget for the 2017/2018 school year which includes expenditures in the amount of \$406,594,200 for the fiscal period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. To achieve a balanced budget, the Board considered many cost savings measures, including aligning the Division’s transportation policy to be consistent with the Public Schools Act and services offered by other school divisions in the City of Winnipeg.

Committee members were informed that effective September 2017, only those students who meet the distance requirements of 1.6 kilometers boundary from the school to both the residence/daycare will be eligible to receive transportation. Students who have exceptional learning needs such as social/emotional, behavioural, sensory, physical, cognitive/intellectual, communication, academic or special health-care will continue to be provided with appropriate school bus transportation. As well, students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 in a language or alternative program, and Nursery students attending one of WSD’s three French immersion milieu schools or Aboriginal education school, whose residence/daycare is both 1.6 kilometers or further from the school will also continue to be provided with bus transportation.

Committee members were informed that students who do not meet the criteria noted above will no longer have an option to pay a fee for this service. Although, the Division recognizes that this will require some families to make adjustments to their daily schedules for the beginning of the 2017/2018 school year, it is important to implement these measures to ensure that all financial resources are redirected towards the classroom and programs that will enable students to be successful in their educational learning.

Committee members expressed concern that revisions to the Transportation Policy will result in a decline in enrollment for daycares and a reduction of bus drivers who may no longer be required to transport students.

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Committee members were concerned that information regarding the budget meetings and budget items were not advertised or distributed to the public directly being affected by the proposed changes. Committee members were informed that the budget meeting locations and times as well as budget surveys were distributed through community and school newspapers, WSD website, radio and Advisory Committee Meetings. Committee members were also informed that the Board of Trustees holds special board meetings once a month where members of the community may present to the Board.

Committee members suggested sending out questionnaire's to all students and community members prior to budget meetings requesting for feedback on programming cuts and ideas about how the division could save money. Committee members suggested having more frequent meetings prior to the Provincial funding announcement to receive feedback from parents and the community before decisions are finalized.

#### **4.2 Policy IGABA – Aboriginal Education**

Committee members were informed that the Advisory Council on Indigenous Education (ACIE), a sub-committee of the Policy/Program Committee, has undertaken a review of Policy IGABA – Aboriginal Education and is inviting parents to participate in an interactive feedback process to ensure that the policy reflects the learning needs of students and schools.

Committee members were informed that a Community Gathering will be held on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at R. B. Russell, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Principals will be seeking 3-5 representatives from each school to attend the Gathering to participate and review the policy. At the same time, the invited parents may also wish to view the WSD Indigenous Gallery Walk displays of the work being created in our schools. Committee members were informed to contact their respective Principal should they be interested in participating in the event.

A Committee member expressed concern that aboriginal education was not being taught to children in school. Committee members were informed that aboriginal education is part of the mandated Provincial curriculum.

#### **4.3 School Names**

Committee members were informed that the Public Relations Committee discussed the naming of schools in the Division and will continue its review of school names in the fall. Committee members were encouraged to share this information with their respective school and advise the Board if consideration should be given to the renaming of their school.

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

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held March 6, 2017, the Board of Trustees received the Central District Advisory Committee Summary of Discussions as information. Committee members were 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.

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**5. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS**

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute
- Isaac Brock School

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Voting Representatives:**

Carrie Johnston, Cecil Rhodes School  
Angelica Romero, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate

Cara McDougall, École George V  
Kathy Gaudreau, Greenway School  
Liz Jackimec, Isaac Brock School  
Melissa Rowman Wilson, École Laura Secord School  
Horacio Medeiros, Sargent Park School

**Alternate Representatives**

Pippa Jones, École George V  
Jolene Schnerch, Isaac Brock

**Trustees:**

Cathy Collins

**Administration:**

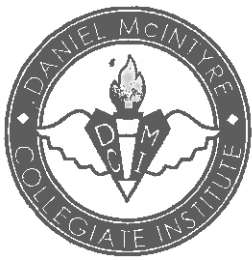
Celia Caetano-Gomes, Superintendent  
Julie Smerchanski, Director of Assessment & Instructional Support Services  
Anna Pereira, Principal, Cecil Rhodes  
Lorne Belmore, Principal, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate  
Rosanna Guzzi, Vice-Principal, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate  
Rhona Churman, École Laura Secord School  
Melody Woloschuk, Principal, Isaac Brock School  
Brian Rogowsky, Vice-Principal, Isaac Brock School

**Non-Voting/Resource Members:**

Families and Schools Together (F&ST) representative  
Green Action Centre Representative  
Daniel McIntyre Intercultural Support Worker

**Regrets:**

Trustee Freedman  
Trustee Naylor  
Clifton School  
Principal Sparling School  
River Elm School  
École Sacré-Coeur  
Tec Voc High School  
Wolseley School



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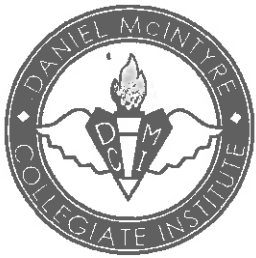
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### Central District Parent Advisory School Report

May 4, 2017

1. Our Grade 11 English students enrolled in the specialized university program participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Writer's Conference** on April 28<sup>th</sup> organized by our English Department. Over 200 DMCI students participated and gr. 9 students from Sargent Park School were treated to a day of workshops.
  - 16 professional writers shared their knowledge and stories with our students. This year's focus was an inspiring and perceptive peek into the world of social entrepreneurs and the importance of communication.
  - Fields of expertise ranging from radio personality and DMCI alumnus Joe Aiello, screen writer John Titley, technical writer Christine Froese, and playwright Hannah Foulger. Our Keynote Speaker, Shaun Loney, has just released his new book titled *An Army of Problem Solvers, Reconciliation and The Solutions Economy*.
  - Guest speakers also included comedians, journalists, a wellness educator, musicians, a marketing communications manager, a sports editor, lawyer and small business entrepreneurs.
  
2. **Healthy Minds Week May 1-5**
  - School wide initiative to promote Mental Health Awareness.
  - Student Bianca L. organized and ran a #embrACEyourmind volleyball tournament on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> to kick off the week.
  - DMCI hosting a series of activities and presentations throughout the week:
    - Gratitude Tree, School group displays (GSA, Mindful Mondays, Run it and SWAT), Oatmeal in bowls with affirmative statements, "Positive I" statements power point
    - Lunch Presentations focused on coping with stress, positive mental health for newcomers, Addictions Foundation of Manitoba for youth, an Indigenous smudge and a Tai Chi class
    - Feature event Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Orange Daisy Project** – Positive Mental Health multimedia presentation with a focus on girls' mental health and those that support them
  
3. Four students attended the OUTshine Conference in Windsor. This is the LGBTQ conference for high school students involved in GSA from across Canada. One was student nominated for the Gerrie Hammond Youth Achievement Award at the Manitoba Women of Distinction Awards.
  
4. **Performing Arts**
  - Choir and band students attended the Canadian Rocky Mountain Music Festival in Banff.
  - DMCI's FINEST dance group earned an Elite Gold Medal after competing for the first time at "The Canadian National Dance Championships".
  - Student mentorship at Sargent Park - Several DMCI band students are mentoring grade 7-9 band students at Sargent Park as a way to make connection, aid student learning, and also gain experience as leaders.
  
5. **Human Ecology**



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- Several Foods and Nutrition classes assisted the grade five and six students from Wellington School in making cupcakes for their Earth Day activities.
  - Grade 9 students from Isaac Brock and the DMCI home economics dept. worked together to sew ceremonial skirts for the nursery and kindergarten students at Isaac Brock. The students took pride in making these adorable skirts for their fellow class mates.
  - The Addictions Foundation of Manitoba has been conducting in-class workshops on Youth Gambling and Mental Health in Family Studies class as part of our Healthy Minds Week.
6. Two DMCI students participated in the Skills Manitoba Competition and won gold for their entry. They will now compete in the Nationals being held in Manitoba at the beginning of June.
7. The DMCI badminton team won four gold medals and four silver medals at the Badminton City Championship. Sixteen players qualified to represent WSD at the Provincial Championship in Brandon. Eight of the sixteen players who qualified are DMCI students.
8. Medical Health Professionals Program Highlights
- Gr. 11 & 12 students enrolled in the program were on-site at Pan Am Clinic to experience a live surgery on March 7th. All students were able to interact directly with the health care team. Grade 9 students from Sargent Park School and grade 10 MHPP students also watched the live feed in the school library.
  - On April 3rd Grade 10 MHPP students attended a full day at Health Sciences Centre to participate in P.A.R.T.Y - Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth Program.
  - Grade 10 MHPP students attended the U of M Clinical Learning Simulation Facility at Health Sciences Centre where current U of M medical students led 40 of our students through various activities meant to teach and practice medical procedure. Students also toured the medical and dentistry classrooms and labs.
9. McIntyre Anglers Club
- McIntyre Anglers is our school's fishing club and an ESD school initiative supervised by English teacher Mr. Paul who is one of Manitoba's top 20 master anglers. Currently we have 194 students signed up! Our program is non-competitive and inclusive, providing an opportunity for extra-curricular learning.
  - Students have been meeting weekly after school to learn the basics of fishing in Manitoba including the patterns and presentations to catch different species of fish, strategies/values for keeping our fisheries sustainable, and learning how to be safe around the water.
  - This calendar year our program has brought in over \$23,000 in funding/donations from various community organizations and partnerships. Thanks to this generous grant, students received a variety of complimentary gear including brand new rod/reel combos, life jackets, rod cases, rain jackets, tackle boxes, etc.
  - We expect high parental involvement as well! A group angling license is issued by the Department of Fisheries that covers staff, students and parents to fish. The McIntyre Anglers program is all about exploring the biodiversities in our wetlands, learning sustainable fishing practices, and enhancing our own wellness by spending time with Mother Nature.



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10. YAMIS event - students attended Peace of Mind 204 - Youth Against Mental Illness Stigma event at the Burton Cummings theatre where they heard a variety of youth speakers.
11. Peaceful Village Community Dinner- EAL students who take part in the Peaceful Village program invited staff members to their annual dinner where the community got together to celebrate the students achievements, play games and have a meal together.

### Upcoming Events:

1. SHREK our school musical will be presented on May 17-19 @ 7:30 PM. Tickets \$7
2. Celebration of the Arts takes place in the MPR on May 25 at 5:15 PM – 7:00 PM and May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM to 2:30 PM
3. Africa Night May 26, 2017 evening
  - Come and experience an evening of African music, dance and culture
  - Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth (up to 17 yrs.) and children under 5 yrs. of age are free
4. Athletics:
  - Boys basketball will be running a spring session for current athletes and feeder school athletes
  - Football Spring camp has started
5. DMCI Bughouse Chess Tournament takes place on May 5th from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. Students from St. Paul's High School, Linden Meadows, and Kelvin have registered for this event and we are anticipating 40 players to participate.
6. DMCI Spring Music Concert on June 1st will be performed outdoors, taking advantage of the beauty in our quad!
7. DMCI Big Band Dance - June 8
8. Philippine Night 6:30
  - Tickets \$5.00
  - Everyone is invited to enjoy a cultural experience complete with ethnic dishes, music, performances and fashion show.

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District Advisory Council  
Isaac Brock Parent Council Report- May 4, 2017

Academic

- Junior High Science Fair- We received 3 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze
- Career Symposium- Our grade 9s attended
- Cool 2Be Kind Assembly- held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to review our 7 Teachings campaign and to promote it for the rest of the school year
- ECHO and SOUND worked with an opera singer from MB Opera
- Live Stream Surgery- Select students went to Sisler High School to watch an interactive live stream thumb surgery
- Green Team Assembly- held on April 19<sup>th</sup> to promote Isaac Brock's new composting project and marker recycling
- Everybody Has the Right- Select students from Junior High attended the conference on April 26<sup>th</sup>
- Canadian Mental Health Association- presented to all grade 7-9 students on mental health, including two speakers who shared their personal mental health stories
- All students and staff participated in WSD's Healthy Minds Week activities
- Ceremonial Skirts- Isaac Brock's Grade 9 class sewed ceremonial skirts for our female Ojibwe and Cree Kindergarten students while in clothing class at DMCI shops
- Junior High Interim Reports were sent home May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Term 2 Honour Roll Assembly recognized academic achievement and excellent attendance of Isaac Brock students

Extra-Curricular/Other

- Spring Solstice- Isaac Brock hosted the Spring Solstice celebration on March 20<sup>th</sup>
- Ski Trip- Junior High students went skiing and snowboarding at Agassi on an overnight fieldtrip March 21-22
- Junior High Badminton- students participated in two tournaments; one of which was hosted at Isaac Brock
- Grade 5 Swimming- Isaac Brock grade 5 students attend Cindy Klassen every Wednesday for 10 weeks of swimming lessons



- Junior High Track- began in May
- Junior High Softball- began in May
- Grade 4-6 Fit Run- began in May
- Slide- the small double slide on the play structure is damaged/cracked and we are looking into cost of replacement
- SRO- Isaac Brock welcomed their new SRO; Lyndon Stadnyk in April
- Honour Roll Frames- were purchased to celebrate Isaac Brock students' academic achievement

### Community

- Open House- was held March 1<sup>st</sup> and was well attended
- Little Red Spirit Program parents visited Ojibwe and Cree kindergarten classrooms
- Parent Council ran a Bloomers Fundraiser
- Basketball Hoops and Drop Shot- Isaac Brock is in the process of adding two basketball hoops and a drop shot on the playground by Spruce Street funded by Parent Council fundraising efforts