

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – FEBRUARY 17, 2015

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

2. SMOKING POLICY

At a previous meeting, Committee members agreed to discuss the Winnipeg School Division's Smoking Policy.

Trustee Freedman verified that all staff and students in the Division are expected to comply with the Division's Policy – Smoke Free Environment (Policy GBK) and encouraged Committee members to bring this matter to the attention of their respective principal should smoking occur on school grounds.

Committee members also discussed alternate methods in order to prevent smoking on grounds such as signs and placing ashtrays off school grounds.

3. ECO-FRIENDLY PLAN

At a previous meeting, Committee members agreed to discuss the Winnipeg School Division's Sustainable Development Plan. Mr. George Heath, Director of Buildings was in attendance to provide an overview on the Division's plan.

Committee members were informed that the Division is in the process of introducing bottle filling stations in all high schools. Schools that have undergone significant additions or major upgrades have water bottle filling stations incorporated into the project. Committee members were informed that upgrading the domestic waterlines is a priority and that the upgrading/replacement of galvanized piping in all Division facilities is currently underway and expected to take several years.

Committee members were informed that recent upgrades in dual flush toilets were made to 18 schools and the Division is progressively looking at future replacements.

Committee members were informed that there are currently wind turbines in Argyle Alternative High School and Elmwood High School. Committee members were informed that the wind turbines serve more for demonstration and used as an educational tool rather than a significant cost saving measure. Committee members were informed that several schools have solar walls. Committee members were informed they are used by drawing in the summer sun and as it heats the airspace it is then drawn into the ventilation creating warmer airflow in classroom space.

Committee members were informed that the Division has economically chosen the use of hand dryers in all schools which results in less paper waste than paper towel dispensers. Committee members were informed that paper towels being used in the Division are bio-degradable. Committee members were encouraged to report problems with hand dryers to their respective school staff in order for them to be repaired in a timely manner.

Committee members were informed that the measures taken by the Winnipeg School Division in investing in the environment by sustainable development can be found on our website.

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/PROGRAMS/sustainabledevelopment/Pages/default.aspx>

4. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Churchill High School
- Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute
- St. John's High School

Argyle Alternative High School

Committee members were informed of the following events at Argyle:

- Open House April 15, 2015
- Video Production Class
- Youth in Philanthropy – donations to D'Arcy's A.R.C., Cancer Society
- Social Justice Group
- Bingo with seniors
- Family Night
- Men's Group
- Healing with Horses – 10 week initiative
- Composting – 130 lbs. of waste away from landfills
- Low flow faucets in bathrooms

Tec Voc High School

Committee members were informed of the following events at Tec Voc High School:

- Tec Loves Tots – Fundraiser for formula for infant lab
- Roses fundraiser – Grad fundraiser
- Open House – February 26, 2015

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5. 2015/2016 DRAFT BUDGET

Committee members were provided with an overview of the 2015/2016 budget process and timelines. Committee members were informed that the budget process included presentations at District Advisory Committee meetings and that information is available on the Division's website. A Public meeting will also be held on February 23, 2015 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 as well there is a survey posted on the Division's website www.wsd1.org. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until February 27, 2015. All feedback will be considered by the Finance/Personnel Committee. The Board of Trustees will approve the budget at its meeting to be held March 9, 2015.

6. STRUCTURE OF DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held November 3, 2014, the Board of Trustees adopted a motion to establish a Special Committee to Review the Existing Structure of the District Advisory Committees to improve participation and communication between the Board of Trustees, School Parent Councils and the community.

The purpose of the Special Committee is to review the existing structure of the District Advisory Committees and to improve participation and communication between the Board of Trustees, School Parent Councils and the community.

Trustee Freedman recommended this item be added to a future agenda for discussion.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Student Advisory Committee will be held at a date to be determined.

Student Representatives

Argyle Alternative High School
Children of the Earth
Daniel McIntyre High School
St. John's High School
Tec Voc High School

Trustees

Kevin Freedman

Administration

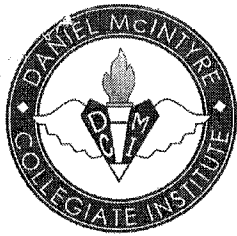
George Heath, Director of Buildings
Rob Riel, Director, Aboriginal Education
Pat Graham, Principal, Argyle Alternative High School
Kim Bradley, Staff Advisor, Children of the Earth High School
Jim Goldrup, Staff Advisor, Tec Voc High School
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Regrets

Churchill High School
Elmwood High School
Grant Park High School
Kelvin High School
R. B. Russell High School
Sisler High School

Churchill High School Report (Dec - Feb)

- Creating a comfortable study room in our library for students to eat lunch, do homework and hang out.
- Leadership group is hosting a coffee house to raise money for the arts programs in our school
- Gym riot event from 7-12
- Spirit Week
- Zumba lunch hour for all the ladies in Churchill
- Middle School Winter Camp
- Aboriginal Leadership Group attended Winnipeg Aboriginal Film Festival
- Open House
- Grade 6 Orientation
- Churchill High School put on Roald Dahl's production of Snow White
- Our high school hockey team is going to finals
- Global Issues class hosted "Santa's Village" at Lord Roberts Elementary School
- Optimist Band Festival
- Aboriginal Leadership Group made 1200 beaded bracelets for the 1200 missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.
- Winter Clothing Drive
- Winter Concert
- UNESCO Event with Laura Secord - Creating care packages for the residents at the Madison
- Talent Show
- Grade 7/8 Activity Day



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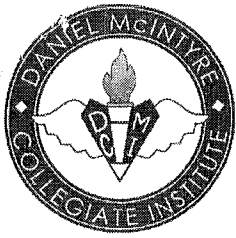
DMCI STUDENT ADVISORY REPORT February 11, 2015

1. Open House and Registration
 - a. Open House will be held on the evening of February 25th; all are welcome
 - b. Information booths will be set up in the gym for students and parents to explore and interact with DMCI staff; School tours will be taking place throughout the evening.
 - c. Entertainment will be provided by our performing arts department.
 - d. 2015-2016 Registrations will be available during the week of Feb. 23 – 27.

2. DMCI Innovations
 - a. DMCI Hovercraft Team consists of 6 students and is supervised by two teachers.
 - b. The team was responsible for designing and building a remote controlled hovercraft that would be used to race other hovercrafts developed by Manitoba students. The team is also responsible for providing a detailed business plan outlining their marketing and financials for their hovercraft.
 - c. On January 15th of this year the DMCI Hovercraft Team recently advanced to the final race and competition in March. They also received an Honourable Mention Award in the semi-finals for excellence in the speed category.

3. Leadership Initiatives
 - a. Leadership student group has grown from 11 students a year ago when it first started to 131 students currently involved in leadership activities and events
 - b. Students have partnered up with West Central Community Program where 15-20 students volunteer once or twice a week at Wellington School, Greenway and John M. King. Leaders assist with after school programs which involve homework support, gym activities, arts and crafts and mentorship

4. Youth in Philanthropy Initiatives
 - a. The focus of our YiP group this year is 'at risk youth'.
 - The current YiP project is a collection for Winnipeg's SNOW night. It is a night that allows young women who are working the streets to have a safe night off the streets, to watch movies, get hair and nails done, feel pampered and let them know there is a community out there that does care about them, while providing information on transitioning off the streets.
 - To support this event, students are holding a packaged cookie sale for Valentine's Day to help with a monetary donation.



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5. Student Council
 - a. We are holding a school dance on February 13th and \$100 will be donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation

6. Athletics
 - a. Our Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball teams travelled to Regina this past weekend to participate in a tournament
 - JV girls won the B side final with a record of 2 – 1
 - JV Boys won the B side final with a record of 3 - 1
 - b. Indoor track and field team has participated in a couple of meets.
 - c. Boys Indoor soccer is in the middle of their season.
 - d. Football has started their off season training.
 - e. Badminton has been practicing every Saturday to get ready for their season.
 - f. Ultimate has also started some off season skill work every other week.
 - g. Soccer team has played 7 of 14 games and are currently in 3rd place.

7. Promotion of Health and Wellness
 - a. More and more students are using the fitness centre during spares, as well as, before and after school; students are recognizing that exercise is an important component of a healthy lifestyle and well being.

8. Performing Arts
 - a. 8 DMCI Finest students recorded a dance video called SISTERS in honour of missing and murdered women. This project was spearheaded by our dance teacher who partnered with Jamie Black, an artist who's work, the REDress project, is currently installed at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights. The intention of the video is to honour the memory and deepen our community concern for missing and murdered Aboriginal women.

9. DMCI Cheerleaders opened up the Sargent Park pep rally on February 13th accompanied with BBoy beat boxer and DMCI Finest members.

10. DMCI will be participating in the START march on February 26th next week.

11. Student council sent out surveys to the student body to poll them on their interests in clubs they want to see.

St. John's High School – School Report

Student Advisory Committee Meeting

- **Community Holiday Dinner:** On December 16th 2014 family of students and other community members were invited to St. John's for a potluck style dinner served by staff. Entertainment included the schools choir, the Exclusive Dance Team, and other student performances.
- **Rec n' Read:** The "Rec n' Read" program at St. John's goes to Ralph Brown Elementary every Thursday to mentor their students and help with homework.
- **Day 6 Period 6:** Every school day 6, each period in the day is cut by 10 minutes to form a 6th period at the end of the day. Students chose an activity to have in this slot. Options included; various sports related classes, chess club, and extra tutoring for certain classes.
- **Breakfast and Lunch program:** Our breakfast program is now located behind the Senior Gym making it more accessible to students.
- **Youth in Philanthropy:** Teaming up with Student Council to volunteer at various Winnipeg organizations e.g. Winnipeg Harvest.
- **Varsity Girls Basketball:** Winning Third Place at Elmwood Tournament.
- **Varsity Boys Basketball:** Winning Second Place at Brandon Tournament.
- **Junior Varsity Boys Basketball:** Winning First Place at Sisler Tournament.
- **Asper Foundation:** For the fourth straight year, St. John's will be sending Grade 9 students to Washington D.C to take part in the Asper Foundation's Holocaust Program.
- **Sports Council:** New this year, we have formed a Sports Council to help at sport games taking place at the school. Their responsibilities include; sweeping the floor's before and in between games, assist in set-up and clean up, score keep, and run the canteen which was also introduced this year.