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

**APPROVED BY THE
BOARD ON
MARCH 16, 2015**

Board Room, Administration Building,
Winnipeg, March 2, 2015.

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees M. Wasyliw, S. Rollins, C. Broughton, L. Naylor,
K. Freedman, C. Collins, A. Beach, M. Babinsky, D. Koshelanyk

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Naylor-Beach That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, March 2, 2015, be approved.

Rollins-Koshelanyk That an In Camera item be added to the agenda.

Collins-Rollins That an In Camera Item regarding Grant Park High School be added to the Agenda. – Carried.

Broughton-Freedman That an In Camera Item regarding negotiations with The Canadian Union of Public Employee Local 110 be added to the Agenda.- Carried.

The Agenda as amended was voted on and declared. – 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:

Collins-Naylor Regular Meeting – February 2, 2015
Broughton-Babinsky Special Meeting – February 23, 2015

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The following correspondence was dealt with as indicated:

OC07-15 From Tim Johnson, Chair of the Board, Pembina Trails School Division

Regarding the Winnipeg School Division's concern about the decision made by the Metro Winnipeg Superintendents to use the Environment Canada weather station at the Forks as a reference point when cancelling buses for all students.

Koshelanyk-Collins That this correspondence be received as information. - Carried.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following reports were considered:

Superintendent's Report No. 3-2015	Dated March 2, 2015
Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 4-2015	Dated January 12, 2015
Inner City District Advisory Committee Report No 1-2015	Dated February 9, 2015
North District Advisory Committee Report 1-2015	Dated February 10, 2015
Central District Advisory Committee Report 1-2015	Dated February 11, 2015
South District Advisory Committee Report 1-2015	Dated February 12, 2015

Superintendent's Report No.3-2015

Rollins-Collins	That Clause No. 1a (That the list of Salaries and Wages paid during the month of January 2015, as summarized on Account Listing 2015-01) be approved. – Carried.
Rollins-Beach	That Clause No. 1b (January 2015 list of payment of accounts) be approved. – Carried.
Broughton-Babinsky	That Clause No. 2 (Elevator Maintenance Inspections and Service at Various Schools) be approved. – Carried.
Broughton-Rollins	That Clause No. 3 (Harrow School, Child Care Centre New Facility - Consultant Appointment) be approved. – Carried.
Broughton-Collins	That Clause No. 4 (Sargent Park School – Window Replacement 2015) be approved. – Carried.
Broughton-Babinsky	That Clause No. 5 (Elmwood High School – Kitchen/Cafeteria Renovation) be approved. – Carried.
Koshelanyk-Beach	That Clause No. 6 (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. – Carried.

Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 4-2015

Rollins-Collins	That the Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 4-2015 be receive as information – Carried.
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Inner City District Advisory Committee Report No 1-2015

Naylor-Freedman	That the Inner City District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2015 be received.- Carried.
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North District Advisory Committee Report 1-2015

Koshelanyk-Beach	That the North District Advisory Committee Report No.1-2015 be received.- Carried.
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Central District Advisory Committee Report 1-2015

Beach-Freedman	That the Central District Advisory Committee Report No. 2-2014 be received.- Carried.
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South District Advisory Committee Report 1-2015

Rollins-Broughton

That the South District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2015 be received.- Carried.

ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS113 - I Love to Read Month

Trustee Broughton informed trustees that on January 26, 2015 he attended the For the Love of Story, a celebration of Canadian Family Literacy Day held at King Edward Community School. The event, which featured storytellers, a community feast and free books for all the students, also served as a kick-off to I Love to Read Month students and their families. The MLA from Point Douglas was also in attendance. Trustee Broughton had the pleasure of reading one of his kids' favorite book *Walter the farting dog* and wished to thank the staff for a wonderful visit.

114 - Parent Council meetings Fort Rouge, Riverview

Trustee Broughton informed trustees that he was invited to attend parent council meetings held at École Riverview and Fort Rouge Schools. The meetings were successful as he had an opportunity to meet the members of parent councils, discuss local issues, and talk about the Division's budget consultation process. Trustee Broughton wished to thank the parent councils for the invitation and hospitality.

115 - Earl Grey community

Trustee Broughton wished to thank the Earl Grey community and parents for inviting him and many of the trustees to be a part of their discussion to better understand the Earl Grey Community concerns related to the overcrowding at École LaVérendrye.

116 - Local Media Coverage

Trustee Broughton wished to thank the local media for superb coverage of Division activities and events as well as the tweets and updates related to Division business.

117 - Bridges Program at David Livingstone School

Trustee Collins informed trustees that on February 24, 2015, she visited David Livingstone School along with Honourable Wight, Minister of Children and Youth Opportunities to learn more about the classrooms designed for the Bridges Program. The program offers students the benefits of low enrolment and classrooms that are specifically designed to meet the unique individual learning needs of the students who have been diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. The program provides students with a variety of "listening helpers" or sensory tools to help them be calm. Trustee Collins wished to recognize Principal Tim Cox for his wonderful work with the Bridges Program and encourages other trustees to learn about the program.

118 - Lord Nelson School's gymnasium project

Trustee Wasyliv informed trustees that on February 26, 2015, he attended the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new gymnasium and classroom addition to mark the beginning of Lord Nelson School's gymnasium project to be completed by the fall of 2016. The new gym will enhance the learning environment for Lord Nelson students and allow for more participation in sports and recreational activities that promote a healthy school community. The school community is very excited for the impending expansion. In addition other dignitaries at the event included Minister of Education and Advanced Learning Peter Bjornson, Minister of Children and Youth Opportunities Melanie Wight and Trustee Collins.

119 - Celebration of Sustainable Schools Conference

Trustee Freedman informed trustees that on May 21, 2015, the Youth Encouraging Sustainability is hosting its fourth annual Celebration of Sustainable Schools Conference. This event invites students and educators from schools that "implemented sustainability focused initiatives" along with those who want to do more for a day of idea sharing and learning. This year for the first time they will include an expo as part of the event where schools can showcase smaller initiatives. Trustee Freedman indicated that many students and educators from the Winnipeg School Division have attended events put on by this organization in the past and would encourage even more to attend the upcoming event, as sustainability is such a core aspect of our overall mission.

120 - Water Conservation Challenge

Trustee Freedman informed trustees that as of March 1st, 2015 he is engaging in the 7th Annual Water Conservation Challenge, held during the month of March to coincide with World Water Day on the 22nd of March. Campaigners strive to live on 25 liters of water or less each day for the entire month which includes all personal water use such as bathing, washing laundry, flushing the toilet, and drinking. The average Canadian uses approximately 330 liters each day. Trustee Freedman indicated that he is encouraging others to use less water or just be more aware of their use. This year, where we have faced fears of brown water, frozen pipes, and boil water advisories, it is important to remember how lucky Canadians are in relation to others around the world and make an effort to be more cognizant of how important this resource is to our general livelihood.

121 - Drop in Program at Sunshine House

Trustee Freedman was pleased to announce the creation of a new drop in program at Sunshine House located at 646 Logan Avenue. The program called "Like That" welcomes youth who identify as queer, bisexual, transsexual, two spirited, gay, lesbian, allies or anyone "Like That". Every other Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the program offers a safe space for everyone and offers harm reduction and supports at whatever pace they choose and transportation is available. They also offer a community brunch on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for \$2. Trustee Freedman would like to congratulate Levi Foy on starting this needed initiative and encourages anyone who is interested to look them up at sunshinehousewpg.org.

122 - École River Heights School Annual Science Fair

Trustee Freedman informed trustees that on February 18, 2015, he had the opportunity of being a judge at the École River Heights School Annual Science Fair. Trustee Freedman indicated that he was impressed at the quality of the projects done by the grade seven and eight students and would like to congratulate them all on a job well done. Trustee Freedman wished to thank Shane Beaudin and all the staff at École River Heights School for organizing a flawless event and for encouraging the understanding of science in schools.

123 - Number of Board Meetings

Trustee Babinsky informed trustees that February 2015, was a busy month for the Division, as is indicated in the February 2, 2015, Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Babinsky recommended that we look at adding one more Regular Board Meeting for next year during the month of February when the Board of Trustees approves the meeting dates for the following year.

124 - Gordon Bell High School Fundraiser

Trustee Wasyliw informed trustees that on February 3, 2015, he was invited to join faculty and students at Gordon Bell High School as they open the first ever skating rink on the new Greenspace. The community actively continues to support the school's campaign to light up the field. A pep rally was held in the gym with greetings from the Honourable Peter Bjornson, Minister of Education and Advanced Learning, Chief Superintendent Pauline Clarke who dropped the puck on the skating rink, which was followed by an exhibition broomball hockey game.

125 - "I Love to Read Month" Launch Event

Trustee Wasyliw informed trustees that attended the "I Love to Read Month" Launch Event on February 4, 2015, at Robert H. Smith School along with, the Honourable James Allum, Attorney General and Minister of Justice for Manitoba who read a story to grade three classes. Sharing his love of reading was also, Honourable Peter, Manitoba Teachers' Association President, Honourable Bjornson, Minister of Education and Advanced Learning. Trustee Wasyliw read and shared stories about the importance of and the joy of reading.

126 - Meeting with Earl Grey School Parents

Trustee Wasyliw informed trustees that he attended a meeting with Earl Grey School parents on February 25th, 2015, to discuss concerns raised by parents regarding the increase in student enrolment in the French Immersion program, in particular, École LaVérendrye. The parents raised matters and explored possible options and solutions to provide assistance to the community in addressing this matter.

127 - École secondaire Kelvin High School Fundraiser

Trustee Wasyliw informed trustees that on February 11, 2015, he was invited to join the Kelvin High School community as it 'tips off' toward an Active Living Centre. Parents, students and staff were hosting an alumni versus varsity basketball game and presentations to embark on a \$1,000,000 fundraising drive. In attendance was Honourable Joyce Batemen, MP Winnipeg South Centre, Honourable Peter Bjornson, Minister, Education and Advanced Learning, Jon Gerrard, MLA River Heights. John Orlikow, Winnipeg City Councillor and Pauline Clarke, Chief Superintendent.

128 Board Agendas

Trustee Koshelanyk raised an enquiry regarding Board Agendas and requested that this enquiry be discussed under Business Matters as defined in rule 42.7.

129 - Earl Grey Assembly

Trustee Koshelanyk informed trustees that he had the opportunity to tour Earl Grey, Robert H. Smith, LaVérendrye and Sir William Osler Schools. Trustee Koshelanyk expressed his appreciation for the immense beauty in the old architecture, and observed that the schools are extremely well maintained. During Trustee Koshelanyk's visit at Earl Grey School he had the opportunity to attend the 100th year anniversary assembly which offered a chance to hear the students present the history of the school and the names famous alumni.

130 - École Garden Grove Security Camera

Trustee Koshelanyk informed trustees that the closed-circuit television cameras at École Garden Grove have been dysfunctional for 7 months and he requested that the administration give him an answer as to when the cameras will be repaired or replaced. The Director of Building informed Trustee Koshelanyk that the school has indicated that it is looking to upgrade their system and will replace all the cameras. However, funding from reserve was previously approved to continue with installation of CCTV systems in schools which do not have a CCTV system. New regular budget funding for CCTV maintenance, repair and renewal has been identified in the 2015/16 budget.

131 - Emails Regarding École LaVérendrye

Trustee Koshelanyk wished to enquire into the emails sent to trustees regarding École LaVérendrye and whether those emails need to be forwarded to the Board Administrative Assistant in order provide copies for trustees to review at a future meeting. The Board Administrative Assistant informed Trustee Koshelanyk that all emails received through the Chair will be provided to the Board as feedback to the community consultation process. The Board Chair has sent a response to the parents of the community consultation process.

132 – By-laws Available for Perusal

Trustee Koshelanyk requested a copy of the all the By-laws that govern the Board. The By-laws need to be available for the public. The Secretary-Treasurer responded that the By-laws of the Board have been and continue to be available to community members. If trustees wish to see the By-laws they are available to be viewed at the administration office, all are on file.

133 - Board Meeting Audio Recording

Trustee Koshelanyk requested clarification on the current audio recording system being used to record the Board meetings. It is important that the people entering the Boardroom be made aware that audio recording is in the process and its purpose. Trustee Koshelanyk wishes to have access to the recordings. The Board administrative assistant informed trustees that the recording of the meetings are strictly for the purpose of facilitating the transcription of the minutes and to assist the recording secretary to capture accurately the events of the meetings. In addition, the Provincial Guidelines on the Retention and Disposition of School Division/District Records requires that verbatim recordings of board proceedings, e.g., audio tape, videotape, or stenographer's notebook be destroyed 4 months after transcription.

134 - École Stanley Knowles School Overcrowding

Trustee Koshelanyk informed trustees of the overcrowding concern at École Stanley Knowles School and wished to determine the Division's immediate, short and long term solutions to overcrowding. The Chief Superintendent indicated that has attended many meetings for purchasing property for building a new school in the North end of the city and it has been a long process. École Stanley Knowles school has a small property and there is research being done whether to place another portable. The Province makes the final decision.

135 - Trustee Invitation to Events

Trustee Koshelanyk requested to be notified of ongoing events in the schools. It would be important to attend events in the schools and communities to ensure that the work as trustees is being implemented and utilized within the schools. The Chief Superintendent informed trustees that a reminder will be sent to the administration to ensure that all trustees receive invitations to events in the schools and the community.

136 - Student Safety and School Speed Zones

Trustee Koshelanyk informed trustees that the lowered speed limits, currently in place at school zones surrounding elementary schools is in effect from Monday to Friday, from 7a.m. to 5:30p.m., from September through June however, the lowered speed limits often do not extend to city parks. Trustee Koshelanyk recommended that it would be important be involved to request lower speed limits near the city parks where our students play.

137 - Trustees Love to Read

Trustee Koshelanyk informed trustees that each year in February we celebrate "I Love to Read Month" with a special emphasis on promoting a love of reading in our councils, schools, and communities. We hear about councilors, ministers, Members of the Legislative Assembly and athletes expressing their love of reading and showcase the many efforts each day during February. Trustee Koshelanyk wished informed that trustees that he also loves to read. Reading is a positive activity that families can do together and encourages parents to take the time to read with their kids.

138 - Energetic New Board

Trustee Babinsky observed that the Board is a very energetic and there are a lot of good comments being discussed during meetings.

NEW BUSINESS139 - Condolences

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

On February 5, 2015, Bruce Ian McCowan, Retired Electrician, a member of our staff for 36 years;

On February 12, 2015, Valerie Partridge, Retired Administrative Assistant, a member of our staff for 21 years;

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

140 - Public Access to Board Meeting Agendas

Motion, notice of which was given by Trustee Koshelanyk on February 2, 2015:

Koshelanyk-Freedman That the procedural By-Law No.1203 section 14.5 be revised as follows:

The agendas only for all regular school board meetings and special meetings of the Board will be available to the public after 9:00 a.m. ~~the morning of the Board meeting and will be posted on the Division website~~ **electronically to the public and on the Division website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.**

Babinsky-Rollins That a recorded vote be taken. – Carried.

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

Ayes: Trustees Beach, Broughton, Rollins, Babinsky, Naylor, Koshelanyk, Freedman,

Wasyliw

- 8

Nays: Collins

- 1

141 - Trustee Email Accounts

Motion, notice of which was given by Trustee Koshelanyk on February 2, 2015:

Koshelanyk-Broughton That Trustees be required to use the Winnipeg School Division email accounts for all matters related to Division business.

Rollins-Broughton That this matter be referred to Policy/Program Committee- Carried

Trustee Collins assumed the chair at 8:10 p.m. to allow Trustee Wasyliw, Chair to present his motion.

142 - Use of School Facilities Policy

Motion, notice of which was given by Trustee Wasyliw on February 2, 2015:

- Wasyliw-Rollins
- a) That the Use of School Facilities Policy be reviewed and updated to encourage and foster effective Joint Use Agreements between the Winnipeg School Division and its community partners; and
 - b) That the matter be referred to the Policy/Program Committee for recommendations and review.- Carried.

143 - Community Club Partnership Initiatives

Motion, notice of which was given by Trustee Wasyliw on February 2, 2015:

- Wasyliw-Naylor
- a) That the administration of the Winnipeg School Board be authorized to enter into negotiations with the Corydon Community Centre to create a joint committee to develop a model agreement that would allow for the creation of a programming partnership between the Corydon Community Centre and the Winnipeg School Division; and
 - b) That a draft agreement be referred to the Policy/Program Committee for recommendations and review.- Carried

144 - Community Use Facilities Survey

Motion, notice of which was given by Trustee Wasyliw on February 2, 2015:

- Wasyliw-Rollins
- a) That the administration of the Winnipeg School Board be authorized to survey the current and past users of Winnipeg School Division facilities in order to ascertain what recommendations and changes could be made to our current policy to improve community access to our facilities; and
 - b) That the survey results including recommendations be referred to the Policy/Program Committee for review.

In Amendment:

- Beach-Koshelanyk
- c) That the survey be developed in consultation with the Policy/Program Committee. - Carried.

(Trustee Wasyliw resumed the chair at 8:39 p.m.)

145 - Governance Committee

Motion, notice of which was given by Trustee Freedman on February 2, 2015:

- Freedman-Koshelanyk
- a) That a permanent Governance Committee be established to provide ongoing monitoring and evaluation of governance procedures within the Winnipeg School Division; and
 - b) That the administrations, in consultation with Trustees, develop a Terms of Reference for a permanent Governance Committee no later than April 16, 2015.

In Amendment:

- Collins-Beach
- a) That a ~~permanent~~ **Ad Hoc** Governance Committee be established to provide ongoing monitoring and evaluation of governance procedures within the Winnipeg School Division; and
 - b) That the administrations, in consultation with Trustees, develop a Terms of Reference for a ~~permanent~~ **Ad Hoc** Governance Committee no later than April ~~16~~ **10**, 2015.

- Freedman-Rollins
- c) ***That Trustees Beach and Broughton be nominated as members to the Ad Hoc Governance Committee*** – Carried.

146 - Religious Instruction Guidelines

Koshelanyk-Babinsky That the matter of Religious Instruction be referred to the Policy/Program Committee for discussion.- Carried.

Babinsky-Rollins That a recorded vote be taken– Carried.

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

Ayes: Trustees Beach, Broughton, Rollins, Babinsky, Naylor, Koshelanyk, Freedman, Wasyliw	- 8
Nays: Collins	- 1

147 - Heritage Building Grant Application – Winnipeg Adult Education Centre

Broughton-Freedman That the Division apply for the Designated Heritage Building Grant in accordance with the conditions outlined by Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism for the purpose of undertaking repairs to the interior wood staircases at the Isbister School Building. – Carried.

AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

Babinsky-Freedman That Information Correspondence No. IC014-15- IC17-15 be received as information - Carried.

Collins-Beach That Superintendent’s Information Report No. 1-2015 be received as information.-Carried.

BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 42.7

Committee of the Whole

Collins-Beach That the Board recess in Committee of the Whole in camera at this time. – Carried.

 The Board then recessed into Committee of the Whole in camera at 8:50 p.m. with Trustee Collins in the Chair.

 Upon the Board resuming in public session at 10:10 p.m. Trustee Collins, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendations of that Committee:

148 - Leaves of Absence – Without Salary

Collins-Babinsky That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated March 2, 2015 be granted. – Carried.

149- Suspension Report September 2014 – January 2015

Collins-Beach That the Suspension Report September 2014 – January 2015 be received as information.- Carried.

150 - Negotiations with The United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 832

Collins-Rollins That notice be given to UFCW Local 832 to commence negotiations - Carried.

 Trustee Collins, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole reported that there were discussions regarding Grant Park High School, negotiations and access to previous Board Agendas.

Committee of the Whole

Koshelanyk-Broughton That the Board recess into closed camera with Chief Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer and Director of Human Resources at this time. – Carried.

 The Board then recessed into closed camera with Chief Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer and Director of Human Resources at 10:07 p.m.

 Upon the Board resuming in public session at 10:28 p.m. Trustee Collins, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole reported that there were discussions regarding personnel matters.

 The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 3-2015

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg School Board

March 2, 2015

1. Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages

Summaries of salaries and wages paid during the month of January 2015, and Accounts List for the month of January 2015 have been provided to the trustees.

Recommendations:

- (a) That the list of Salaries and Wages paid during the month of January 2015, as summarized on Accounts List 2015-01 be approved and confirmed.
- (b) That the January 2015 list of payment of accounts be approved and confirmed.

2. Elevator Maintenance Inspections and Service at Various Schools

The Division utilizes the services of an elevator company to inspect and service its 41 elevators and access lifts.

Kone Inc. has provided maintenance inspections and services for the Division since 2007. During the period 2007 to 2014 Kone Inc. has submitted the lowest bid on each of the 3 public tenders issued for the provision of these services.

At a meeting held May 7, 2012, the Board of Trustees approved a recommendation to enter into a contract with Kone Inc. to provide maintenance inspections and service for a cost of \$147,594.00 for a three year period. The agreement with Kone Inc. expires on June 30, 2015. The contract with Kone Inc. also includes provisions to extend the agreement for additional three (3) years.

Kone Inc. has submitted an offer to the Division to extend their maintenance inspections and services contract for a further three years for a cost of \$162,275.00. The additional \$14,681.00 represents an overall three year increase of 10% over the original contract.

Maintenance Inspection and services provided by Kone Inc. have been satisfactory. The administration recommends that the Division extend the contract with Kone Inc. for the three-year period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018, for a cost of \$162,275.00 plus Goods & Services Tax.

Recommendation:

That the contract between the Winnipeg School Division and Kone Inc. to supply all material and perform all work in connection with maintenance inspections and services at various schools be extended for the three-year period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018, for a cost of \$162,275.00 plus Goods & Services Tax.

 Superintendent's Report No. 3-2015

3. Harrow School, Child Care Centre New Facility - Consultant Appointment

In a letter dated December 17, 2014, the Division received approval from the Public Schools Finance Board to hire a consultant for the design of a new standalone Child Care Centre on the Harrow School property.

The Harrow Cooperative Daycare Inc. had previously engaged the services of Stantec Architecture to provide preliminary design services to support their application to the Province for a new child care centre and has requested that Stantec Architecture be engaged as the architect for this project. Stantec Architecture has undertaken similar commissions for other PSFB funded daycares and has provided excellent service to the Division on previous projects. As such, the Public Schools Finance Board and the Division administration are recommending that Stantec Architecture be appointed as architects for this project.

Recommendation:

That, subject to Public Schools Finance Board approval, the proper officers of the Division be authorized to enter into a contract with Stantec Architecture to provide architectural services for the standalone child care centre project at Harrow School in accordance with the Public Schools Finance Board fee schedule.

4. Sargent Park School – Window Replacement 2015

The Building Department budget includes an allocation to undertake a Window Replacement project at Sargent Park School.

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

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
KDR Design Builders (Commercial) Inc.	<u>\$127,632.00</u>
Western Construction Services Inc.	146,609.00

Recommendation:

That the tender of KDR Design Builders (Commercial) Inc. to supply all material and perform all work in connection with the Window Replacement 2015 project at Sargent Park School be accepted, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor, for the total amount of \$127,632.00, 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 KDR Design Builders (Commercial) Inc. for the carrying out of the work.

 Superintendent's Report No. 3-2015

 5. Elmwood High School – Kitchen/Cafeteria Renovation

In order to meet current health and building codes, the existing kitchen/cafeteria space at Elmwood High School requires renovations. At a meeting held March 17, 2014, the Board of Trustees approved a motion to establish a capital reserve for various building maintenance projects utilizing the proceeds from the sale of the Sir John Franklin property. The Elmwood kitchen/cafeteria project was identified as one of the projects to be funded from this reserve.

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

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Mayers Contract Interiors Ltd.	<u>\$ 341,343.00</u>
Gardon Construction Ltd.	351,993.00
Parkwest Projects Ltd.	399,663.00
KDR Design Builders (Commercial) Inc.	426,800.00

Recommendation:

That the tender of Mayers Contract Interiors Ltd. to supply all material and perform all work in connection with the Kitchen/Cafeteria Renovations at Elmwood High School be accepted, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor, for the total amount of \$ 341,343.00, 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 Mayers Contract Interiors Ltd. for the carrying out of the work.

 6. Recognition for Special Accomplishments

Sisler High School has advanced to the Cyber Patriot VII National Finals Competition in Washington DC. A team of 6 students and 2 teachers will travel to Washington DC from March 11, 2015 to March 15, 2015.

Six students from Sisler High School and two teacher chaperones have been identified to participate in this competition. The students are Jarren Mercado, Ian Cristosomo, Ryan Domino, Raven Tiroy, Deondre Gismondi and Zach Vasas. The two teacher chaperones are Charles Bazilewich and Robert Esposito.

The Sisler High School team is one of just 12 teams to advance from a pool of 978 Open Division teams and has received an all-expenses paid trip to the Cyber Patriot VII National Finals Competition in Washington DC.

It is recommended that in accordance with Board Policy AGAB – Recognition for Special Accomplishments, that funding for substitute costs for two teacher chaperones for up to two days each (total of 4 days) be approved.

Recommendation:

That in accordance with Board Policy AGAB - Recognition for Special Accomplishments, authority be given for 2 teachers from Sisler High School to receive funding for substitute costs to chaperone students in Washington DC from March 11 to March 15, 2015 for two days each (total 4 days).

Respectfully submitted,

P.E. CLARKE
Chief Superintendent

FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4-2015

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board

February 2, 2015
February 3, 2015

Your Finance/Personnel Committee reports as follows:

1. Continuation of 2015/2016 Budget Discussions

Your Committee reviewed the Provincial funding announcement for the 2015/2016 school year which includes an overall province-wide funding increase of \$25 million for education. The funding for the Winnipeg School Division for 2015/2016 school year would be \$181,888,600, which represents an increase of \$2,630,900 which is an overall increase of 1.4%.

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 2015/2016 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 agreed to include enhancements in the draft budget for programs and services for students such as; full-day kindergarten pilot program continued in four schools; instructional supports for children coming out of the youth justice system to transition successfully back into school; International Baccalaureate Expansion; STEAM Enrichment Centre classrooms; and Enrichment and Innovation (E&I) program.

Your Committee was informed that consideration is also being given to additional supports for existing programs and additional support positions such as a French Immersion Recruitment Strategy; Enhanced supports to integrate Emotional Behaviour Disordered students; Autism Spectrum Disorder – Junior High Program; Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder – High School Program; Aboriginal Elder position; Enhancements for Sistema – music program; Anxiety Program; a Program and Policy Analyst; Parent/Community Liaison position and an Information Systems position. Committee members were informed that the total additional costs for these program enhancements and positions would be \$2,663,100.

Your Committee recommended that the administration also explore other cost saving measures. Your Committee also recommended that administration review the possibility of staggered bell times or designated student pick-up/drop-off stops to achieve savings potentially for the 2016/2017 school year. Your Committee noted that as a result of bell time adjustments, \$180,000 in savings for transportation services was achieved. Your Committee recommended that administration develop a transportation plan to identify cost savings and that a community consultation process be held with parents. Your Committee also discussed and expressed concern on the funding available from the Province for level II special needs students. Administration advised the Committee that there are discussions taking place with the Province regarding the reduction in special needs funding.

Your Committee also reviewed property assessment in the Winnipeg School Division. Your Committee discussed the Communication strategy and was informed that the Communication Department will be forwarding a news release to the public regarding the Provincial funding announcement. The Committee also discussed the work being done on the infographic brochure and that it is still in draft form. The Committee discussed the on-line survey and would like to see the survey be more interactive.

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Your Committee agreed to a Draft Budget including additions and enhancement items that would result in a 3.7% or \$43 property tax increase on a home assessed at \$171,130.

Your Committee agreed that information on the Draft Budget of The Winnipeg School Division for the fiscal period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 be communicated with parent councils, employee groups and residents for feedback.

Respectfully submitted

SHERRI ROLLINS
Committee Chair

February 2, 2015

In Attendance:

Trustees: S. Rollins, C. Collins, A. Beach, C. Broughton, L. Naylor, M. Wasyliv, K. Freedman, M. Babinsky, D. Koshelanyk
Administration: R. Appelmans, P. Clarke, C. Caetano-Gomes, F. Mota, K. Seiler, G. Heath, R. Carter, T. Bobby, E. Barnaby, D. Edmond, B. Lapointe, N. Roslinsky, H. Tessier

February 3, 2015

In Attendance:

Trustees: S. Rollins, C. Collins, A. Beach, C. Broughton, , M. Wasyliv, K. Freedman, M. Babinsky, D. Koshelanyk
Administration: R. Appelmans, P. Clarke, C. Caetano-Gomes, F. Mota, G. Heath, R. Carter, T. Bobby, E. Barnaby, D. Edmond, B. Lapointe, N. Roslinsky
Regrets: L. Naylor

INNER CITY DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2015

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board:

February 9, 2015

Your Inner City District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. 2015/2016 Draft Budget Presentation

Mr. Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide your Committee with an overview of the 2015/2016 Draft Budget. On January 29th, the Minister of Education and Advanced Learning announced an increase in funding for education by \$25 million for 2015/2016. The funding for the Winnipeg School Division for 2015/2016 school year would be \$181,888,600, which represents an increase of \$2,630,900 which is an overall increase of 1.4%.

Your Committee was informed that the budget was developed on the following Guiding Principles: Leading Education and Innovation; Providing High Quality Education; Employing Qualified, Caring and Competent Staff; Educating the Whole Child; Supporting children, Families and Communities; Practicing Sustainable Development; Ensuring Safe Learning Environments in Schools; Managing Tax Dollars Responsibly.

Your Committee reviewed the expenditures required in the draft budget for the 2015/2016 school year which total \$387 million. This represents an overall expenditure increase of \$13 million or 3.6% 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 Board of Trustees developed a draft budget that will maintain programs and services for students. Consideration is also being given to include budget allocations to Program and Services enhancements such as the continuation full-day Kindergarten pilot in four schools; Instructional supports for children coming out of the youth justice system to transition successfully back into schools; International Baccalaureate Expansion; STEAM Enrichment Centre classrooms and Enrichment and Innovation (E&I) program.

Your Committee was informed that consideration is also being given to additional supports for existing programs and additional support positions such as a French Immersion Recruitment Strategy; Enhanced supports to integrate Emotional Behaviour Disordered students; Autism Spectrum Disorder – Junior High Program; Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder – High School Program; Aboriginal Elder position; Enhancements for Sistema –music program; Anxiety Program; a Program and Policy Analyst; Parent/Community Liaison position and an Information Systems position. Your Committee was informed that the total additional costs for these program enhancements and positions would be \$2,663,100.

The Draft Budget includes cost saving measures related to operations, reduced project payment costs and interest requirement, continuing to implement savings and efficiencies, 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.

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The Draft Budget would result in a property tax increase of \$43 per year on the average assessed property of \$171,130 in the Winnipeg School Division, which includes the proposed enhancements. The Division's Draft Budget balances the needs of students, maintains the building and equipment infrastructure of the Division, adds new programs and service enhancements and manages tax dollars responsibly.

Your Committee was informed that the \$700 Education Property Tax Credit (EPTC) benefits homeowners, renters, and senior households with income below \$40,000.

In response to an enquiry regarding the proposed Parent/Community Liaison position, your Committee was informed that the position is a result of increased needs in the community. The position would provide additional supports to families and the community as well as assist administration in matters concerning parents and the community. Your Committee was informed that it is anticipated only one position is being created division wide.

In response to an enquiry regarding the proposed Parent/Community Liaison position, your Committee was informed that Community Support Workers are funded in two separate ways, AAA Grant and the CSPI (Community Schools Partnership Initiative) and these funds have been utilized in their entirety.

Your Committee requested that the Board of Trustees reconsider the class size for the nursery program.

In response to an enquiry regarding the proposed Aboriginal Elder position, your Committee was informed that the initiative is an addition to what is already in place in the Winnipeg School Division. It was noted that an important role of an Elder in the schools is availability and reliability in order to build trust and strong relationships with students. Your Committee raised concern over whether one position could accomplish that goal.

Your Committee had discussions on the proposed 3.7% tax increase and reported the following:

Your Committee indicated that they would support additional funding for full day kindergarten, dual track nursery, enhancements for Sistema and additional Aboriginal Elder positions.

Your Committee questioned the benefit of the French Immersion Recruitment Strategy and the Anxiety Program.

Your Committee expressed concern that funding should come from the Department of Justice as opposed to the Winnipeg School Division's Budget to provide supports for children coming out of the youth justice system and to help transition youth successfully back into the schools. Your Committee also discussed safety concerns with the number of youths being transitioned back into small number of schools.

Your Committee was informed that as was the case last year, there will be a Budget presentation on the Winnipeg School Division's website.

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 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.

2. Structure of District Advisory Committees

Your Committee was 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.

Your Committee was informed 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.

Your Committee was informed that a survey is being developed to obtain feedback from the District Advisory Committee members on improving the current structure for the Board Advisory Committees. It is anticipated that the survey will be distributed through the school/parent council as well as posted on the Division's website in March.

Respectfully Submitted,

LISA NAYLOR
Trustee Representative

 Inner City District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2015
IN ATTENDANCE:**Voting Representatives:**

Argyle Alternative High School
 David Livingstone School
 Mary Jane Napolitano, Dufferin School
 Nicole Abbott, General Wolfe School
 Hugh John MacDonald School
 Elisheba Tait, John M. King
 Shayla Donnelly, King Edward School
 Dolora Tanasychuk, Machray School
 Matthew Kreider, Mulvey School
 Dolly Daniels, Niji Mahkwa School
 Candace Nykiforuk, Norquay School
 Bianca Ballantyne, Pinkham School
 Roxanne Ballantyne, Sister MacNamara School
 Marie Connelly, Strathcona School
 École Victoria-Albert School

Alternate Representatives:

Niji Mahkwa School
 Ttonra McLeod, Pinkham School
 Camilla Hoepfner, Strathcona School

Regrets:

Children of the Earth High School
 Gordon Bell High School
 Hugh John Macdonald School
 John M. King School
 William Whyte School

Trustees:

Lisa Naylor
 Mike Babinsky
 Chris Broughton
 Cathy Collins
 Sherri Rollins

Administration:

Karin Seiler, Superintendent of Schools – Inner City
 René Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer
 Brad Corbett, Director, Program Support
 Pat Graham, Principal, Argyle Alternative High School
 Jackie Connell, Principal, Children of the Earth High School
 Tim Cox, Principal, David Livingstone School
 Wayne Wyke, Principal, Dufferin School
 Michelle Namaka, Vice-Principal, Dufferin School
 Gwen McLean, Principal, General Wolfe School
 Matthew Adkins, Vice-Principal, General Wolfe School
 Vinh Huynh, Principal, Hugh John Macdonald School
 Lucy Schnaider, Principal, John M. King School
 Wendy Verbong, Vice-Principal, John M. King
 Aaron Benarroch, Principal, King Edward School
 Nancy Karpinsky, Vice-Principal, King Edward School
 Gordon Armstrong, Principal, Machray School
 Stacie Edgar, Vice-Principal, Mulvey School
 Chris Goring, Principal, Niji Mahkwa School
 Leslie Last, Principal, Norquay School
 Anastasia Sych-Yereniuk, Principal, Strathcona School
 Lloyd Rana, Vice-Principal, Strathcona School
 Kathy Palay, Vice-Principal, École Victoria-Albert School
 Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

Argyle Alternative High School – Community Support Worker
 John M. King – Community Support Worker
 King Edward School – Community Support Worker
 Machray School – Community Support Worker
 Niji Mahkwa School – Community Support Worker
 Norquay School – Community Support Worker
 R.B. Russell School – Community Support Worker
 Strathcona School – Community Support Worker
 Community Member

NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2015

To the Chair and Members

Winnipeg Public School Board:

February 10, 2015

Your North District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. 2015/2016 Draft Budget Presentation

Mr. Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide your Committee with an overview of the 2015/2016 Draft Budget. On January 29th, the Minister of Education and Advanced Learning announced an increase in funding for education by \$25 million for 2015/2016. The funding for the Winnipeg School Division for 2015/2016 school year would be \$181,888,600, which represents an increase of \$2,630,900 which is an overall increase of 1.4%.

Your Committee was informed that the budget was developed on the following Guiding Principles: Leading Education and Innovation; Providing High Quality Education; Employing Qualified, Caring and Competent Staff; Educating the Whole Child; Supporting children, Families and Communities; Practicing Sustainable Development; Ensuring Safe Learning Environments in Schools; Managing Tax Dollars Responsibly.

Your Committee reviewed the expenditures required in the draft budget for the 2015/2016 school year which total \$387 million. This represents an overall expenditure increase of \$13 million or 3.6% 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 Board of Trustees developed a draft budget that will maintain programs and services for students. Consideration is also being given to include budget allocations to Program and Services enhancements such as the continuation full-day Kindergarten pilot in four schools; Instructional supports for children coming out of the youth justice system to transition successfully back into schools; International Baccalaureate Expansion; STEAM Enrichment Centre classrooms and Enrichment and Innovation (E&I) program.

Your Committee was informed that consideration is also being given to additional supports for existing programs and additional support positions such as a French Immersion Recruitment Strategy; Enhanced supports to integrate Emotional Behaviour Disordered students; Autism Spectrum Disorder – Junior High Program; Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder – High School Program; Aboriginal Elder position; Enhancements for Sistema –music program; Anxiety Program; a Program and Policy Analyst; Parent/Community Liaison position and an Information Systems position. Your Committee was informed that the total additional costs for these program enhancements and positions would be \$2,663,100.

The Draft Budget includes cost saving measures related to operations, reduced project payment costs and interest requirement, continuing to implement savings and efficiencies, 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.

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The Draft Budget would result in a property tax increase of \$43 per year on the average assessed property of \$171,130 in the Winnipeg School Division, which includes the proposed enhancements. The Division's Draft Budget balances the needs of students, maintains the building and equipment infrastructure of the Division, adds new programs and service enhancements and manages tax dollars responsibly.

Your Committee was informed that the \$700 Education Property Tax Credit (EPTC) benefits homeowners, renters, and senior households with income below \$40,000.

Your Committee had discussions on the proposed 3.7% tax increase and reported the following:

Your Committee requested that existing Educational Assistant supports available on busses remain as is, due to safety concerns and in particular to assist students with mobility issues.

In response to an enquiry regarding the Anxiety Program, Your Committee was informed that the initiative is being offered for high school students at this point, but would like to see it expanded into a program for younger children in the future.

In response to an enquiry regarding supports for newcomers, your Committee was informed that the Winnipeg School Division has a large percentage of newcomers established in the Division often resulting in increased needs for specialized programs to assist those students and families.

Your Committee expressed some concern over the cost of the new proposed enhancements to the Draft Budget particularly the proposed new positions.

Your Committee expressed concern on the cutbacks to level II special needs students and encouraged the allocation of funds to the program be a priority over the new programs/services/positions proposed in the 2015/2016 Draft Budget.

Your Committee indicated that they would like to see additional funding/support for a family room in all schools, questioned the role of the Canada Justice Department and Health Department in funding certain initiatives in order to lessen the impact of a property tax increase and expressed concern on property tax implications if Nursery is to be added to all dual track schools.

Your Committee was informed that as was the case last year, there will be a Budget presentation on the Winnipeg School Division's website.

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 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.

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2. Structure of District Advisory Committees

Your Committee was 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.

Your Committee was informed 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.

Your Committee was informed that a survey is being developed to obtain feedback from the District Advisory Committee members on improving the current structure for the Board Advisory Committees. It is anticipated that the survey will be distributed through the school/parent council as well as posted on the Division's website in March.

Respectfully Submitted,

DEAN KOSHELANYK
Trustee Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives:

Coreena Keeley, Andrew Mynarski School
Danielle Kopychanski, Champlain School
Garden Grove School
Lena Shore, Inkster School
Lynn Kammerlock, École Lansdowne
Krista Diduck, Lord Nelson School
Catherine Harder, Luxton School
Doreen Perez, Meadows West
Lindsay Panchuk, Ralph Brown School
Saj Smerchanski, St. John's High School
Shaughnessy Park School
Sharon Machinski, Sisler High School

Alternate Representatives:

Sandra Donald, École Lansdowne

Regrets:

Faraday School
Isaac Newton School
Prairie Rose School
Robertson School
Tyndall Park School

Trustees:

Dean Koshelanyk
Allan Beach
Mike Babinsky
Sherri Rollins

Administration:

Fatima Mota, Superintendent of Schools – North
René Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer
Rob Riel, Director of Aboriginal Education
Kathy Ateah, Vice-Principal, Andrew Mynarski School
Lisa Hasselfield, Principal, Champlain School
Karin Freiling, Principal, Garden Grove School
Ryan Hughes, Principal, Isaac Newton School
Vince Audino, Principal, École Lansdowne
Ruth Schappert, Vice-Principal, École Lansdowne
Sandy Stevenson, Principal, Lord Nelson School
Evelyn Siddall, Acting Principal, Luxton School
Randy Routledge, Principal, Ralph Brown School
Tony Marchione, Principal, Robertson School
Doug Taylor, Principal, St. John's High School
Cree Crowchild, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School
Cathy Sharrow, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School
Dennis Mogg, Principal, Shaughnessy Park School
Madalynne Iannone, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Melody Woloschuk, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Darryl Stevenson, Principal, École Stanley Knowles School
Dominique Ostermann, Vice-Principal, École Stanley Knowles School
Matt Couture, Vice-Principal, École Stanley Knowles School
Gisele Mospanchuk, Principal, Tyndall Park School
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

WANTE Representative
Community Support Worker, Shaughnessy Park School

CENTRAL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2015

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board:

February 11, 2015

Your Central District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. 2015/2016 Draft Budget Presentation

Mr. Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide your Committee with an overview of the 2015/2016 Draft Budget. On January 29th, the Minister of Education and Advanced Learning announced an increase in funding for education by \$25 million for 2015/2016. The funding for the Winnipeg School Division for 2015/2016 school year would be \$181,888,600, which represents an increase of \$2,630,900 which is an overall increase of 1.4%.

Your Committee was informed that the budget was developed on the following Guiding Principles: Leading Education and Innovation; Providing High Quality Education; Employing Qualified, Caring and Competent Staff; Educating the Whole Child; Supporting children, Families and Communities; Practicing Sustainable Development; Ensuring Safe Learning Environments in Schools; Managing Tax Dollars Responsibly.

Your Committee reviewed the expenditures required in the draft budget for the 2015/2016 school year which total \$387 million. This represents an overall expenditure increase of \$13 million or 3.6% 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 Board of Trustees developed a draft budget that will maintain programs and services for students. Consideration is also being given to include budget allocations to Program and Services enhancements such as the continuation full-day Kindergarten pilot in four schools; Instructional supports for children coming out of the youth justice system to transition successfully back into schools; International Baccalaureate Expansion; STEAM Enrichment Centre classrooms and Enrichment and Innovation (E&I) program.

Your Committee was informed that consideration is also being given to additional supports for existing programs and additional support positions such as a French Immersion Recruitment Strategy; Enhanced supports to integrate Emotional Behaviour Disordered students; Autism Spectrum Disorder – Junior High Program; Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder – High School Program; Aboriginal Elder position; Enhancements for Sistema –music program; Anxiety Program; a Program and Policy Analyst; Parent/Community Liaison position and an Information Systems position. Your Committee was informed that the total additional costs for these program enhancements and positions would be \$2,663,100.

The Draft Budget includes cost saving measures related to operations, reduced project payment costs and interest requirement, continuing to implement savings and efficiencies, 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 Draft Budget would result in a property tax increase of \$43 per year on the average assessed property of \$171,130 in the Winnipeg School Division, which includes the proposed enhancements. The Division's Draft Budget balances the needs of students, maintains the building and equipment infrastructure of the Division, adds new programs and service enhancements and manages tax dollars responsibly.

Your Committee was informed that the \$700 Education Property Tax Credit (EPTC) benefits homeowners, renters, and senior households with income below \$40,000.

Your Committee had discussions on the proposed 3.7% tax increase and reported the following:

Your Committee expressed concern on the increase in the 2015/2016 Draft Budget and strongly encouraged the Board of Trustees to pursue funding from provincial government for programs that should be funded through the provincial government.

Your Committee indicated support of programs benefitting the students of the Winnipeg School Division, but urged the Board of Trustees to be mindful that senior citizens have limited income and a property tax hike may have a negative impact on them.

Your Committee indicated that they would support a 3.7% increase in property taxes in order to support students, families, schools and communities of the Winnipeg School Division.

Your Committee was informed that as was the case last year, there will be a Budget presentation on the Winnipeg School Division's website.

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 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.

2. Structure of District Advisory Committees

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Your Committee was informed that 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.

Your Committee was informed that a survey is being developed to obtain feedback from the District Advisory Committee members on improving the current structure for the Board Advisory Committees. It is anticipated that the survey will be distributed through the school/parent council as well as posted on the Division's website in March.

3. Parent Group Lunch Programs

Your Committee agreed to defer discussion on Parent Group Lunch Programs to the next Central District Advisory Committee meeting to be held in April.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALLAN BEACH
Trustee Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives:

Wilma Gaburno, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate
May Hupe, Elmwood School
Stephanie Dawson, École George V School
Tammy Campbell, Glenelm School
Marisol Gonzales, Greenway School
Liz Jackimec, Isaac Brock School
BD Cain, École Laura Secord School
Principal Sparling School
Anya Moodie-Foster, École Sacre-Coeur
Gerry Bork, Sargent Park School
Carole Bouchard-Langlois, Tec Voc High School

Alternate Representatives

Jolene Schnerch, Isaac Brock School
École George V School
Greenway School

Regrets:

Cecil Rhodes School
Kent Road School
River Elm School
Wolseley School

Trustees:

Allan Beach
Kevin Freedman
Mike Babinsky
Chris Broughton
Cathy Collins
Dean Koshelanyk
Lisa Naylor
Sheri Rollins

Administration:

Celia Caetano-Gomes, Superintendent of Schools – Central
Pauline Clarke, Chief Superintendent
René Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer
Lorne Belmore, Principal, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate
Rosanna Guzzi, Vice-Principal, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate
Dino DiFabrizio, Vice-Principal, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate
Mike Babb, Principal, Elmwood School
Garth McAlpine, Vice-Principal, Elmwood School
Manuel Silva, École George V School
Sherry Anderson, Principal, Isaac Brock School
Yohanna Koncan, Vice-Principal, Isaac Brock School
Edith Austin-Anderson, Principal, Kent Road School
Rhona Churman, Principal, École Laura Secord School
Lionel Pang, Principal, Principal Sparling School
Lisa Calvez, Principal, École Sacre-Coeur
Luba Krosney, Principal, Sargent Park School
Paul Krowiak, Vice-Principal, Sargent Park School
Vera Big George, Vice-Principal, Sargent Park School
Rick Horaska, Acting Principal, Tec Voc High School
Michelle Sacco, Vice-Principal, Tec Voc High School
Helena Tessier – Recording Secretary

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

Community Member

SOUTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2015

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board:

February 12, 2015

Your South District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. 2015/2016 Draft Budget Presentation

Mr. Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide your Committee with an overview of the 2015/2016 Draft Budget. On January 29th, the Minister of Education and Advanced Learning announced an increase in funding for education by \$25 million for 2015/2016. The funding for the Winnipeg School Division for 2015/2016 school year would be \$181,888,600, which represents an increase of \$2,630,900 which is an overall increase of 1.4%.

Your Committee was informed that the budget was developed on the following Guiding Principles: Leading Education and Innovation; Providing High Quality Education; Employing Qualified, Caring and Competent Staff; Educating the Whole Child; Supporting children, Families and Communities; Practicing Sustainable Development; Ensuring Safe Learning Environments in Schools; Managing Tax Dollars Responsibly.

Your Committee reviewed the expenditures required in the draft budget for the 2015/2016 school year which total \$387 million. This represents an overall expenditure increase of \$13 million or 3.6% 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 Board of Trustees developed a draft budget that will maintain programs and services for students. Consideration is also being given to include budget allocations to Program and Services enhancements such as the continuation full-day Kindergarten pilot in four schools; Instructional supports for children coming out of the youth justice system to transition successfully back into schools; International Baccalaureate Expansion; STEAM Enrichment Centre classrooms and Enrichment and Innovation (E&I) program.

Your Committee was informed that consideration is also being given to additional supports for existing programs and additional support positions such as a French Immersion Recruitment Strategy; Enhanced supports to integrate Emotional Behaviour Disordered students; Autism Spectrum Disorder – Junior High Program; Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder – High School Program; Aboriginal Elder position; Enhancements for Sistema –music program; Anxiety Program; a Program and Policy Analyst; Parent/Community Liaison position and an Information Systems position. Your Committee was informed that the total additional costs for these program enhancements and positions would be \$2,663,100.

The Draft Budget includes cost saving measures related to operations, reduced project payment costs and interest requirement, continuing to implement savings and efficiencies, 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.

South District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2015

The Draft Budget would result in a property tax increase of \$43 per year on the average assessed property of \$171,130 in the Winnipeg School Division, which includes the proposed enhancements. The Division's Draft Budget balances the needs of students, maintains the building and equipment infrastructure of the Division, adds new programs and service enhancements and manages tax dollars responsibly.

Your Committee was informed that the \$700 Education Property Tax Credit (EPTC) benefits homeowners, renters, and senior households with income below \$40,000.

Your Committee was informed that the Division has the lowest administration cost in the province at 3.2%.

In response to an enquiry regarding the International Baccalaureate Expansion, your Committee was informed that the program is intended to expand to the middle years. The funds would go toward a school becoming accredited as well as covering an annual fee.

In response to an enquiry regarding implementing an International Baccalaureate program in the French program at École secondaire Kelvin High School, your Committee was informed that there has been no discussion to date.

Your Committee encouraged the Board to look at better balancing the budget and create savings as opposed to implementing proposed enhancements.

Your Committee expressed concern on the cutbacks to the level II special needs students and urged the Board to ensure supports are not reduced.

In response to an enquiry regarding the possibility of the proposed school swap between Earl Grey School and École LaVérendrye, your Committee was informed that reserve funds would be utilized to offset costs.

In response to an enquiry regarding trends in the number of health related services provided in the Winnipeg School Division, your Committee was informed that the Division believes in educating the whole child. In order to help with students' achievements, services such as hearing testing, eye testing, and therapy are provided to the students. Your Committee was informed that the Board is currently attempting to find alternate methods for funding rather than from the Education Property Tax portion of property taxes.

Your Committee expressed concern that limited funding is being allocated to enrichment of programs.

Your Committee was informed that the Winnipeg School Division has a large percentage of newcomers established in the Division often resulting in increased needs for specialized programs to assist those students and families. The amount of newcomers to the Division has remained consistent in the past years, since a large influx that resulted in over 700 new students to the Division in 2011.

In response to an enquiry regarding the funding for the Kindergarten pilot project, your Committee was informed that the cost for funding the balance of the pilot project would be coming from the Budget as it is an ongoing expense in order to track the project successfully and that reserve fund are utilized primarily for one-time projects.

Your Committee indicated they would like to see the reserve funds further utilized in order to keep property taxes lower.

In response to an enquiry regarding employee contracts, your Committee was informed that it is an expense that is difficult to control. Your Committee was informed that once divisions have settled on an increase, it becomes the standard and is set as the comparable.

In response to an enquiry regarding the Anxiety Program, your Committee was informed that the initiative would be offered for high school students and the program would be located in one centralized location that would service all schools.

Your Committee was informed that as was the case last year, there will be a Budget presentation on the Winnipeg School Division's website.

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 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.

2. Structure of District Advisory Committees

Your Committee was 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.

Your Committee was informed 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.

Your Committee was informed that a survey is being developed to obtain feedback from the District Advisory Committee members on improving the current structure for the Board Advisory Committees. It is anticipated that the survey will be distributed through the school/parent council as well as posted on the Division's website in March.

Respectfully Submitted,

SHERRI ROLLINS
Trustee Representative

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IN ATTENDANCE:**Voting Representatives:**

Laura Bishop, Collège Churchill
 Michelle Vassart, Gladstone School
 Andrea Villeneuve, Grant Park High School
 Christine Webb, Grosvenor School
 Judy Grossman, École J.B. Mitchell School
 École secondaire Kelvin High School
 Matthew Cosway, École LaVérendrye
 Kevin Mackling, Lord Roberts School
 Wendy Love, Montrose School
 Rena Walters, Queenston School

 Pamela Walker, École River Heights School
 Dayna Distasio, École Riverview School
 Bill Skubovius, École Robert H. Smith School

Alternate Representatives

Stacy Huard, École LaVérendrye
 Sonia Duma, École Riverview School
 École Robert H. Smith School

Regrets:

Harrow School

Trustees:

Sherri Rollins
 Chris Broughton
 Mark Wasyliv
 Mike Babinsky
 Dean Koshelanyk

Administration:

Robert Chartrand, Superintendent of Schools – South
 René Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer
 Julie Millar, Director of Student Support Services
 Susan Anderson, Principal, Grant Park High School
 Bonnie McEachern, Vice-Principal, Grant Park High School
 Andrea Powell, Principal, Grosvenor School
 Marie-France Giasson, École J.B. Mitchell School
 Claudette Warnke, Principal, École LaVérendrye
 Maria Silva, Principal, Lord Roberts School
 Chantelle Deslaurier-Gray, Principal, École River Heights School
 Douglas Hemmerling, Acting Vice-Principal, École River Heights School
 Grant Bridgeman, Principal, École Riverview School
 Lise Bjarnason, Vice-Principal, École Riverview School
 Tom Rossi, Principal, École Robert H. Smith School
 Sharon Labossière, Vice-Principal, École Robert H. Smith School
 Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

Community Member