

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION
INNER CITY DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Wednesday, November 18, 2015

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Karin Seiler, Superintendent welcomed everyone to the first Inner City District Advisory Committee meeting for the 2015/2016 school year. At the Inaugural meeting of the Board held on September 14, 2015, Trustee Lisa Naylor was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Cathy Collins was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

The parent representative from Pinkham and William Whyte School volunteered to co-Chair the Inner City District Advisory Committee for the 2015/2016 term.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A New Business item regarding the recording of District Advisory Meetings was added to the agenda. The Committee members approved the amended Agenda of November 18, 2015.

4. 2016/2017 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

The Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide Committee members with an overview of the 2016/2017 Budget Development.

In preparation of the 2016/2017 Budget, the Board approved a process that would again enable early discussion with members of the school community and provide additional opportunities for consultation.

Committee members were informed that the Board is seeking input during the development of the Budget. In early February, after the Provincial Funding announcement, Trustees will meet with all District Advisory Committees as well as have an open meeting for residents in the Division to present the draft budget and receive feedback.

Committee members were 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; Building stronger children, families and communities; Practicing Sustainable Development; Ensuring Safe Learning Environments in Schools; Managing Tax Dollars Responsibly.

Committee members were informed that 62% of the Division's revenue is from Provincial funding while 36% is from property taxation and 2% from other sources.

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Committee members were informed that there was an overall expenditure increase of 3.6% in the 2015/2016 budget with a 1.4% increase in provincial funding resulting in a \$38 per year or 3.2% increase in 2015 property tax levy on the average assessed property of \$171,130 in the Winnipeg School Division.

Committee members were informed of some of the challenges facing the Board which include the unknown provincial funding level until announced by the Minister of Education in January 2016, costs required for continuation of programs and services, costs to maintain buildings, infrastructure and equipment, addressing local needs, the importance of maintaining taxing authority, property reassessment and communication.

Committee members were informed of required changes in rates or costs such as negotiated salary changes, salary scale increments, changes in benefits, employer rates for employment insurance, Canada pension plan and payroll tax, costs for supplies, paper, books, equipment, rates changes for utilities and ongoing investments required to maintain and repair school facilities.

Committee members were informed of provincial mandates that affect the Division's budget which include a class size initiative, report cards, Appropriate Educational Programming (Bill 13) Standards for Student Services, accessibility guidelines and transportation requirements.

A survey was distributed to Committee members with respect to the development of the 2016/2017 Budget Development. Committee members held a breakout session to discuss the Budget survey. The survey is also posted on the Division's website www.wsd1.org. Committee members were informed that feedback will be compiled and given to Trustees for consideration.

Committee members discussed the questions outlined in the survey and felt that overall there is support to maintain existing programs and services for students. Committee members recognized that school property taxes could not be reduced without decreasing supports to students; therefore reducing property taxes would not be a priority.

Some Committee members felt the survey was not well worded and would like to have seen the ability to prioritize programs.

Committee members also discussed the importance of using school tax dollars to support programs that would help new immigrant children in schools including English language training, on-line resources, Special Education, extracurricular clubs, cultural and language programs and additional Education Assistants.

Committee members discussed the importance of providing supports to children with special needs including those that don't display behavioural difficulties. Committee members expressed concern that these students often lack supports as they are not regarded as higher needs due to behaviour concerns.

Committee members recommended that Aboriginal Academic Achievement was an important component to education.

Committee members commented that there should be less importance placed on offering full day kindergarten programs. Committee members felt that transportation was not a critical component with the exception of Special Needs transportation.

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Committee members discussed what supports or services for students should be included in the 2016/2017 budget. Committee members discussed the importance of providing trauma counseling in schools, additional language programs, increased supports in transportation for middle years, lunch program supervision, subsidizing lunches and language programs for parents.

In response to an enquiry on language programming, Committee members were informed that the Division does provide language programs for adults in conjunction with the Province of Manitoba.

5. 2016/2017 BUDGET PROCESS AND TIMELINES

Committee members were informed that a Special Board Meeting will be held on February 22, 2016 to receive delegations on the Budget. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until February 26, 2016. 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 7, 2016. The Board must finalize the budget by March 15, 2016, as required by legislation.

6. 2015/2016 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATES

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held November 2, 2015, the Board of Trustees approved the following recommendation: That the following tentative schedule of the District Advisory Committees for the 2015/2016 school year be approved and that on a regular basis the Board of Trustees identify topics for discussion at the District Advisory Meetings.

Central District Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 26, 2015
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Inner City District Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
Wednesday, April 27, 2016

North District Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 17, 2015
Thursday, February 4, 2016
Tuesday, May 10, 2016

South District Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 24, 2015
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Tuesday, April 26, 2016

French Immersion Advisory Committee

~~Wednesday, December 2, 2015~~
Thursday, February 18, 2016
Thursday, May 19, 2016

Student Advisory Committee

Wednesday, December 9, 2015
Wednesday, February 24, 2016
Thursday, May 12, 2016

7. PARENT RUN LUNCH PROGRAMS

Committee members were informed that at a Central District Advisory Committee meeting last year, Committee members discussed concerns and challenges on the operation of the parent group lunch programs as some schools have many challenges with staff retention, collection of fees, and staff training.

Your Committee was informed that a meeting was held in October to discuss Parent-Run Lunch programs.

Committee members held a breakout session to discuss Parent-Run Lunch program concerns. Committee members were informed that feedback will be compiled and given to Trustees for consideration.

Committee members discussed what training has been provided for Lunch program co-ordinator. Committee members expressed a need for training in food handling, CPR & First Aid, Educational Assistant training and child behaviour.

Committee members discussed whether there was sufficient space provided and what suggestions can be forwarded to improve the area. Some Committee members expressed concerns with space limitations, while other schools had plenty of space.

Committee members discussed what was found to be helpful in collection of fees and who assists in the process. Committee members discussed what was found to be helpful such as mailing out reminders of late payments, principal or staff involvement, focus on pre-payment, payment incentives, opportunities to receive discount for volunteering and multiple children enrolment.

8. RECORDING OF DISTRICT ADVISORY MEETINGS

Committee members were informed that the recording of District Advisory Committee meetings was being added to the agenda for discussion to determine whether there was an interest from parents to livestream meetings.

Committee members expressed concern that parents would not be comfortable attending meetings and would be reluctant to speak openly and share information. Committee members also expressed concern related to confidentiality.

9. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Hugh John Macdonald School
- Mulvey School
- Niji Mahkwa School
- Norquay School
- Pinkham School
- R.B. Russell Vocational High School
- Sister MacNamara School
- Ecole Victoria-Albert School
- William Whyte Community School

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10. FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC)

Committee members were reminded to contact the Board Office if they wish to become a member of the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils for the 2015/2016 school year.

10.2 Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees

The parent representatives received a copy of the Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees for information.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Inner City District Advisory Committee will be held Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives:

Katherine Thomas, Children of the Earth School
Tammy Charlotte, David Livingstone School
Alexa Rosentreter, David Livingstone School
Cindy Marin, Fort Rouge School
Mel Whitesell, Gordon Bell High School
Mary Chuol, Hugh John Macdonald School
Crystal Dalke, John M. King School
Kristi Degenhardt, Mulvey School
Corinna Cardamone, Mulvey School
Dolly Daniels, Niji Mahkwa School
Charlene Meekis, Norquay School
Shauntel Ozuk, Pinkham School
Lee Jenks, Victoria-Albert School
Dixie Halladay, Wellington School
Cathy Bird, William Whyte School

Regrets:

Dufferin School
General Wolfe School
King Edward School
Machray School
Sister MacNamara School
Strathcona School

Trustees:

Lisa Naylor
Cathy Collins

Administration:

Karin Seiler, Superintendent
René Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer
Brad Corbett, Director, Enrichment & Science
Pat Graham, Principal, Argyle Alternative High School
Jackie Connell, Principal, Children of the Earth High School
Tim Cox, Principal, David Livingstone School
Terri Warner, Principal, Fort Rouge School
Gwen McLean, Principal, General Wolfe School
Vinh Huynh, Principal, Hugh John Macdonald
Aaron Benarroch, Principal, King Edward School
Peter Correia, Principal, Mulvey School
Stacie Edgar, Vice-Principal, Mulvey School
Debbie Gould, Vice-Principal, Niji Mahkway School
Leslie Last, Principal, Norquay School
Tricia Penner, Vice-Principal, Norquay School
Bev Wahl, Principal, R.B. Russell School
Tanis Westdal, Vice-Principal, R.B. Russell School
Alice Williams, Vice Principal, Sister MacNamara School
Lloyd Rana, Vice-Principal, Strathcona School
Nelia Husack, Principal, Ecole Victoria-Albert School
Kathleen Palay, Vice-Principal, Ecole Victoria-Albert School
Brenda Langton, Principal, Wellington School
Cinzia Caputo, Vice-Principal, William Whyte School
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

Ursula Rousseau, John M. King, Community Support Worker
Nadine Fontaine, Mulvey, Community Support Worker
Fred Boulanger, Niji Mahkwa, Community Support Worker
Marlene Wood, Norquay, Community Support Worker
Sherrie Houle, Pinkham School, Community Support Worker
Debbie Capitano, R.B. Russell School, Community Support Worker
Alexis Brown, Sister MacNamara, Community Support Worker
Lee Tavares, Strathcona School, Community Support Worker



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November 18, 2015

Despite the short month of September, one of the latest starts of a school year in recent memory, we had a very good start to our learning. We welcomed, the new grade sevens, 3 new teacher and a new Intercultural Support worker, who have all settled into our school. As a community school we have expended our services, and are excited about our Community Kitchen, which will open on November 25, 5:30-7pm.

Our four teams, Courage, Humility, Truth, and Wisdom, have been working hard to make school rewarding for all our students, including field trips, mentorship programs, and other community involvement. Below is a list of activities each team has already done this year however is in no way an exclusive list.

- Team Wisdom welcomed grade 7's to the team with a day at Assiniboine Park, grade 8's learned about Family stress, poverty, and homelessness during a trip to Manitoba Theater for Young People, and, grade 9's spent time at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.
- Team Truths activities have included field trips to the corn maze and swimming, but have also taken them out to the community, learning about elections and government, and money at the grocery store.
- Team Humility has been experiencing the city through trips to Siloam Mission, Plug in Gallery, and The Canadian Museum for Human Rights. They also have taken time to enjoy the outdoors with a day trip to Assiniboine Park.
- Team Courage has been working hard, respecting those students on the honour roll with a display on their team bulletin board. They have also had fun team building with a day at Assiniboine Park

Outside the classroom we've continued to make relationships with our community. Here is a list of some, not all, of our fall activities;

- Volleyball, grade 7, 8, and 9 girls each had a great seasons.
- The Cross country team started in the first week of school, with a short but exciting season.
- Let's Talk Science at Hugh John is gearing up for You Be The Chemist at the University of Winnipeg on November 24.
- We still enjoy hosting IRCOM's Adult English classes.
- Teachers have started various Mentorship programs and support groups for our students. These incorporate leadership skills, and coping skills for everyday life.
- Community Kitchen dates: November 25, January 27, February 24, April 27, May 25.

We look forward to working jointly with parents and our community to provide the best and most positive learning environment at Hugh John Macdonald School for our students and children.

Mulvey School Community Report September – November 2015

Here are some highlights at Mulvey School from September – November 2015

Meet The Staff Evening! Thursday, September 17, 2015 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

The Mulvey Parent Council raised money in September/October 2015 by selling the Show & Save Card and Coupon Book. Total of 165 books sold. The Parent Council also sold New Bothwell Cheese. All the funds raised are put directly back into school related activities, and programming, such as field trips, extra curricular clubs, and grade six year end celebration, nutrition programs and initiatives.

Healthy Treat Day on September 30th The entire School went Bowling to Academy Lanes

Omands Creek, Living Prairie Museum and Assiniboine Forest, Manitoba Museum Field Trips by multi- classrooms

Career Trek Orientation for 3 Mulvey Students in October, now attending weekly on Saturdays

Parent Nutrition Bingo in November, and Parent Sewing Club.

Skating Club, Private music lessons, choir, dance and two soccer teams began in October.

10 students are receiving private music lessons from Volunteers

Intermediate Team participated in the CancerCare Walk to the Forks

Partner with Balmoral Hall in Walk for the Cure, Cancer Awareness/Fundraising

Mulvey Students raised \$282.65 for Terry Fox Run

Youth to Youth with Balmoral Hall and Mulvey Grades 5 & 6 students began in October

Picture Day and Picture Retake Day

Leadership Sport and Recess Leader students trained in Recess games

Patrol Training and Roller Skating

We day at the MTS Centre – Student Leadership Team attended, 25 in total.

Halloween Dance with Grades 1-6 students

Halloween visit to Misericordia Hospital to show costumes to residents – 21 students in all

Laura Milner White Committee Fundraiser in November

Fountas and Pinell Learning lunch, Writing PD for Staff

Staff Participation at the Lower Fort Garry Treaty One PD on Sept 21st with 3 other Schools

SAGE PD

Constable Jones on Personal Safety and Internet Safety / Bully Proofing

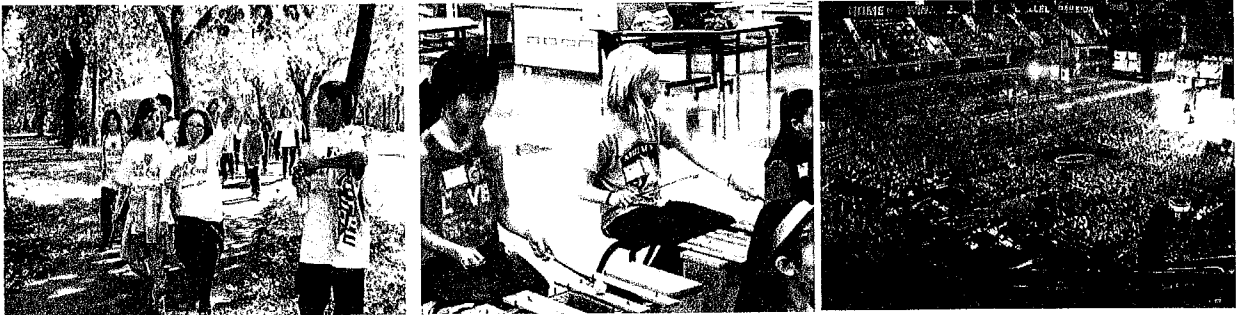
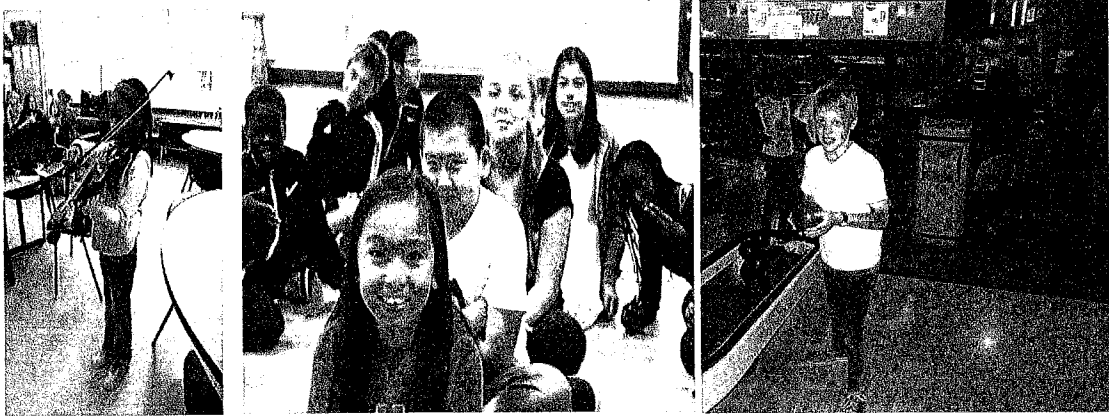
Reading Club Kickoff and Program - RazKids

Welcome to New Staff Potluck

5 Students Participated at Orff Day

Report Cards and Parent Teacher Student Conferences – Term 1

Students, parents, staff attending the Remembrance Day Assembly, 3 veterans invited



Community Report

Niji Mahkwa School

November, 2015

The first few months of school have quickly passed. It is a very busy time as the teachers prepare for report card time again. In September, the students participated in Sage Picking and Tipi Teachings out on the land. The Terry Fox Run was a success and many parents volunteered to assist in the activities. Niji Mahkwa School is participating in the following: Inner City Soccer League, Quantum Program, Career Trek, Middle Years Basketball and Volleyball, coats for kids, and the Winnipeg Harvest Program. We continue to partnership with the Elders of the Kekinan Seniors' Home and the Aboriginal Seniors' Resource Centre. The students enjoy the monthly Sharing Circles with the Elders. The Inner City Science Lab is as busy as ever again this year.

Math Make and Take Night was a success. Many parents attended with their children to create math games that they can take home at the end of the evening.

The Parent Council has hosted a drum making session for the parents. A number of parents participated. In January, 2016, parents will be attending Positive Parenting with Joan Durant through the Mosaic Centre. These classes will run until March, 2016.

Our whole school dinner for the students will be held on December 10, 2015 and Breakfast with Santa on December 15, 2015. Parent Council will hold their potluck get together on December 08, 2015.



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Norquay School Community Report

Norquay School's Website to learn much more go to
<https://www.winnipegsd.ca/schools/norquay>

September 2015 - October 2015

School Programs:

- **Breaking the Barriers Bus Pass Program:** Thank-you to St Georges Anglican Church and the Northern Hotel for the generous donations towards our Breaking The Barriers Bus Pass Program, 11 of last year's Grade 6's receive a monthly bus for October and November 2015 pass to help transition to Grade 7.
- **Call Back Program** is implemented 2 times a day; families are called if their child is not present at school.
- **Free Breakfast Program**, and a classroom daily snack, based on Canada Food Guide, is provided to all students Nursery to Grade 6. An average morning can consist of 85 -95 students who attend Norquay School's Breakfast.
- **Our Lunch Program**, milk for every student daily.
- **Norquay School** celebrates students' birthdays each month along with a birthday book for each child.
- **Patrol Corner News**, 24 deserving students was named to the Norquay School Safety Patrol Team.
- **Walking School Bus:** We have 14 students signed up for the Walking School Bus Program. The Walking School Bus is a partnership run with the North Point Douglas Women's Center Program where an adult will pick up and walk them home at the end of the day. This program is staffed by parents/caregivers of Norquay School and the Point Douglas Community.
- **Norquay Eagles Soccer Team**, we have 24 students in total that are part of the Winnipeg Schools's Inner City Soccer League and have just finished their 3rd. session
- **Norquay School** has been chosen by Hockey Manitoba to participate in a program called "Hockey Hero's" twenty five dedicated and eager students will be fitted with brand new skates, helmets, hockey gloves, hockey sticks and other protective equipment. They will be given the opportunity to play indoor ice hockey and receiving coaching from qualified instructors thought out the year.
- **Grade 5/6 Soccer Tournament**, 24 students attended and played at Chalmers Community Center.
- **Intramurals** takes place every morning at recess grade 1-6 play twice a week.

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- **“Little Bombers Flag Football” 44 students attended practice every Wednesday and had an opportunity to attend Blue Bombers game October 24/15. Special Thank-you to WASAC AND THE Winnipeg Football Club for putting on the event.**

Events:

- **“MEET THE STAFF”:** Students and community members attended. Our students led their families to all of the different common areas so they could get their Passports stamped. The theme this school year “The Seven Teachings’. Bannock dogs were served after guests had an opportunity to visit and meet each teacher in the classrooms. Door Prizes were held at the end of the evening.
- **Norquay School’s annual Terry Fox Run** The theme for this year’s run is helping others on a everyday basis.
- **Bus Ridership** is a program that the whole school, students and staff, participate each year on reviewing bus safety and how to exit the bus in an emergency.
- **Immunizations** took place; Grade 6 girls are up-to-date on their immunizations.
- **“Family Fun Night”** The intent of Numeracy Night is to engage families in different math themed (fall) activities were differentiated for all students’ abilities. 3 baskets full of games and educational prizes. Families were served fresh veggies and dip.
- **Norquay School** supplied our classroom’s with beautiful big pumpkins to decorate, cooked and ate the seeds
- **Hearing and Screening** has been completed of Kindergarten and other grade levels as required. Parent volunteered trained.

Family Room Programs:

- **Offer resources** such as pamphlets, flyers, access to the Internet, lists of internet sites that may provide further supports (employability, education and training), and resume support to our school families and visitors.
- **Daily coffee/tea, colored printer, computer, newspaper, phone and bulletin boards**
- **Our Family Room** for the month of September and October had an average of 105 -110 parents/caregivers and community members visiting.
- **Parent Gathering** for October’s meeting was held and we had 11 Parents /Guardians attend. Our community members enjoyed a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. The topic was Home/School Communication.





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- "Moe the Mouse" is running every Tuesday from 2:00-3:00 PM.
- "Wiggles Giggles & Munch" is running every Thursday 2:00-3:00 pm.
- 'Nutrition Bingo' for September and October- Families came out for the morning 10:00-11:45 AM. Some healthy fun. Nutritious snacks are provided and the prizes are base on the Canada's Food Guide.
- 'Infinity Scarves" Guest learned how to knit using their hands and wrists.
- "All The Right Type' Parents have been practicing their typing skills on the computer in the Family Room at their convenience.

Other Community Connections:

Available during the school year

- Norquay School provides access to a washer and dryer for school families to do laundry. Sign up is in the Parent Room, families bring their own supplies. We have an average of 7 families a month doing laundry.
- Parents were supported to write out, then type up a resumes to apply for community employment.
- Volunteer Sign In- Volunteer's have been signing up and doing jobs for classrooms.
- Koats for Kids (Sept 2015- Feb 2015) applications were sent home with students and the Family Room will continue to advertise and collect applications. 43 families have received their Koats orders to date.
- Eye Examinations for Norquay School Students are scheduled thought out the year.
- The Smile Program once again this school year 2015/16 checked students for cavities and other oral hygiene needs. Every student received a brand new tooth brush to take home. Appointments to follow.
- Sewing machine is available to the school families/community to use as needed with support.

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September/October/November

- For "Meet the Staff" we had 44% of our families attend
- Family Fun/Parent Council - September - Outdoor Literacy/Numeracy Games, we had 33 families made up of 40 adults and 58 children attend.
- Soccer/Choir/Social Justice/Volleyball clubs have all started.
- Increased enrolment led to the opening of a new Grade 3/4 classroom.
- Community Walk with Parents - The Community Support Worker took literacy pictures with parents in the community to create a book using these pictures.
- Fall Field Day at Burton Cummings Community Centre for Grades 1-6 students.
- University of Manitoba Dental Outreach Program - Dental Screening.
- Parent Nutrition and Literacy Bingos.
- Family Fun/Parent Council - October - Halloween Literacy/Numeracy Games, we had 40 families attend made up of 59 adults and 70 children.
- R.R.C.C. Health Fair for Grades 1/2.
- Attended National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.
- Parent Bed Bug Information session for parents.
- Residential/Tenancies information session for parents.
- September - November daily average attendance of 95%.

R.B Russell Vocational High School

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Inner City District Advisory Committee

Wednesday November 18th, 2015

School Report

Believe, Dream, Dare Centre - A student tutoring center staffed with a full time teacher and educational assistant. The center provides extra help to students in a variety of subjects.

Morningstar – An innovative network of student and family support systems based at R.B Russell School. Morningstar provides wrap around student services. Students are referred by a guidance counsellor to one of our Morningstar workers. Morningstar partners with several agencies such as Addictions Foundation of Manitoba, Southern First Nations Network of Care, Manitoba Housing, Manitoba Health, Mount Carmel Clinic and Winnipeg Police Services.

Building Construction – Currently renovating a home on Arlington. Students are continuing to fully renovate a home with the guidance of their teacher. When the project is complete the home will be placed on the market and sold.

Young Mothering Group – In partnership with Mount Carmel Clinic a young mothering group has been developed. This program runs once a week and various topics are covered such as nutrition, addiction, positive parenting and healthy relationships.

Fathering Group – In partnership with Mount Carmel a fathering group has been developed. This program runs once a week and a free lunch is provided. This program covers such topics as sexual health, healthy relationships, traditional roles of men, addictions and positive parenting.

Programs offered:

- Moccasin and Mukluk workshop, this workshop is open to all students, parents and guardians.
- Traditional skirt making, this workshop is open to all students, parents and guardians.
- Various cultural offerings such as sweats, naming ceremony, smudging and Elder Services.

Upcoming events:

- Thursday November 26th - Celebration of Learning.
- December 1st – Parent Council, meeting on the first Tuesday of every month.
- Thursday December 17th - Children's party and the Feast of Generosity.

Nutrition:

- Free hot breakfast for students served 8:15 – 8:45.
- Healthy afternoon snack such as fresh fruit and nuts provided free to students on a daily basis.



Sister MacNamara School Report

Fall 2015

We are off to a good start at Sister MacNamara School. Students have settled in to their daily academic routines and there are a variety of extra-curricular options for them to explore. We also have a variety of opportunities for parents to connect with the school and with one another.

September Highlights:

Meet the Staff Night (September 16)
Terry Fox Run at Central Park (September 25)
Numerous Classrooms took part in Culture Days
Pipe Ceremony at Central Park

October Highlights:

Koats for Kids Launch Media Event with Student participation
Parent & Preschool Program Wiggle Giggle Munch Fall Term commences (runs for 11 weeks)
1st Parent Council Meeting, (October 7) election of new executive (total attendance 139 people)
Bonding with Family Bookmaking Program begins for parents (6 weekly sessions)
1st Parent Volunteer Orientation held (October 21)
Various grades enjoyed field trips (Fort Whyte, Birds Hill Park, MTYP, Human Rights Museum,)
Intermediate Girls & Boys Soccer Tournaments
Career Trek, CANU and Run & Read began for students

November Highlights:

2nd Parent Council Meeting, (November 4) (total attendance 95 people)
Patrols & Conflict Managers outing to Wheelies
Remembrance Day Service (November 10)
Kindergarten Hearing Screening completed
Various class Field Trips (Upper Fort Garry, Legislative Building)
Student group attended WE DAY at the MTS Centre
Student Led Conferences (November 26 & 27)

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated, dynamic team; staff, volunteers, students and families working in unison to create success in our school community and beyond!

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École Victoria-Albert School Report

École Victoria Albert School has had a great start to the new school year. Our current enrolment sits at 390 students, many of whom are *English as an Additional Language* learners. Our French Immersion program has expanded this year, and we now have a French Immersion classroom at the Kindergarten- Grade Three levels.

Activities and events at École Victoria- Albert School:

- Our "Meet the Staff" evening in September was well attended by families, and was a great opportunity for parents to acquaint themselves with all our programs and staff working with their children this year.
- October saw everyone "Fall into Reading" as the school celebrated and promoted literacy with a number of activities throughout the month. Our reading celebrations included a Family Literacy night where parents enjoyed a snack while creating a family book with their child.
- An information session was held this month for parents and community members interested in volunteering at the school.
- École Victoria Albert School's Parent Advisory Council continues to have monthly meetings, which are held in the Family Room.
- Nursery to Grade 6 students have been screened through the Children's Variety Dental program, and priority cases will be addressed again this year, free of charge.
- A number of programs and activities are run out of our Family room.
These include: Nutrition bingo
Grandma's group
Clothing depot
Craft activities
Sewing activities

Koats for Kids
Potluck gatherings
Community outings
Workshops on a variety of topics are planned

- Good Food Boxes can be ordered through the school twice a month. It is a great way for our families to consistently have access to fresh fruits and vegetables at a reasonable price.

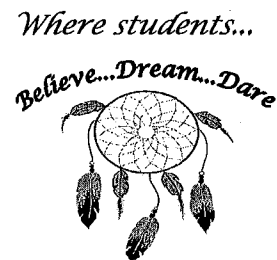
Coming up.....

- Our Parent-teacher conferences are coming up at the end of the week, and we anticipate a very high parental attendance.
- We look forward to our Primary Winter Concert- "Snowmen at Night" in December!

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William Whyte Community School report:

September to November 2015

William Whyte has had a very successful start to the 2015-2016 school year. As part of the second year of our literacy plan, all teachers in grades 1-3 have been using the Tyner model to directly teach reading skills and strategies. All students requiring additional support in reading are receiving daily intervention in small group instruction by a trained literacy support teacher.

Numeracy is being supported by daily timed math drills through the Spirit of Math program, to build rigour and stamina and build confidence as a math learner. This year William Whyte has also implemented the Jump Math program as an additional intervention to support numeracy skills for our students.

Volunteers have increased considerably at William Whyte School with the partnerships of the University of Winnipeg, Department of Education and the WRHA supporting our school wide reading initiative.

Our Community Resource Room continues to provide support and resources for parents and guardians. The Community support workers continue to organize and support events such as F.A.S.T, monthly bingo events and cultural events.

Respectfully submitted by,

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