

# THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

## INNER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Tuesday, February 16, 2021

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#### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee members approved the Agenda of February 16, 2021, as distributed.

#### 2. 2021/2022 Draft Budget Discussion

The Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide an overview on the draft Budget for the 2021/2022 school year.

Committee members were informed that on February 4, 2021, the Province of Manitoba announced an increase in education funding of \$20.8 million dollars. This resulted in a decrease in funding from the province of 1.6% or \$2.9 million dollars and an additional reduction from other revenue resources such as the Federal government of \$1.3 million dollars. As a result, the Board of Trustees is required to reduce almost \$5 million in programs in order to achieve a balanced budget of \$421,039,405. As directed by the Provincial Government, the property tax levy for WSD home and business owners will be frozen at 2020 levels or a decrease of about \$6 a year on the average assessed home value of \$225,700 within in WSD.

Committee members were informed that the reduction in the provincial budget along with the two percent cap on the special levy has created a deficit that requires WSD to reduce programs and/or services in order to achieve a balanced budget for the 2021/2022 school year.

Committee members were informed that the Board of Trustees drafted a proposed list of reductions to be made including School Resource Officers, Unfilled divisional support position vacancies, Occupational/ Physiotherapy, Milk Subsidy Program, Utility savings, School Budgets (non-salary), and School Clerk positions(12 month to 10 month).

In response to an enquiry, Committee members were informed that a list of non-mandated programs is available under Financial Facts on the WSD website.

Committee members discussed each item and expressed concern regarding the proposed reduction to Occupational/ Physiotherapy programming. The Secretary-Treasurer informed Committee members that the Board discussed the possibility of the program being subsidized by Health Services. The Board of Trustees will request a meeting with the province to request that funding be provided by the WRHA for the delivery of the program.

In a response to an enquiry, Committee members were informed that in the event that WRHA is unable to subsidize the costs of the Occupational/ Physiotherapy program the Board of Trustees would need to re-examine the list of non-mandated programs to determine in what other areas reductions could be made to balance the budget.

A Community Support Worker informed Committee members that the Occupational/ Physiotherapy program is more effective when the Occupational/ Physiotherapists are able to observe students in their school environments. As an example, Occupational Therapists are trained to observe students writing and recognize that a small device on their pencil could provide much needed support in developing their writing skills. The Community Support Worker expressed that it is less effective when the students have to leave the school environment to access these resources.

A parent representative expressed concern that access to these programs outside of the school environment is very costly and for many families this is a vital resource which would no longer be available to their children if it is not offered in the school.

A parent representative suggested that a partnership to deliver Occupational/ Physiotherapy programs to students similar to student teachers might be beneficial. Committee members were informed that WSD can explore that option. Committee members also recommended that the Board and the administration consider other options to retain the Occupational/ Physiotherapy program in the event that Health Services is unable to subsidize the program.

In response to an enquiry regarding the SRO program, the Secretary-Treasurer informed Committee members that initially the SRO program began as a tripartite agreement between the City of Winnipeg, the Province of Manitoba and WSD, for the delivery of service and was equally funded by all parties. In recent years, the province does not provide funding to support for any increases and WSD has supplemented the difference to support the continuation of the program. The Board of Trustees will continue discussions with the City and Province regarding alternate options for the SRO program.

In response to an enquiry regarding the proposed school budget reductions, the Secretary-Treasurer informed Committee members that this does not include supports in technology for laptops, iPad's etc. as technology has increased to support remote learning due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Trustee Chen informed Committee members that the Board of Trustees will be hosting a Special meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to receive feedback from delegations regarding the 2021/2022 Budget. Anyone wishing to provide a delegation would need to register with the Board Office prior to February 18, 2021 at noon, and that any feedback in writing should be submitted no later than March 1, 2021. All feedback will be taken into consideration by the Board of Trustees prior to finalizing the Budget. The Budget must be submitted to the Province of Manitoba by March 15, 2021.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 Cecil Rhodes School**

Committee members requested an update on the renaming of Cecil Rhodes School.

The administration informed Committee members that the surveys have been completed and that the administration is reviewing the results of the survey. Committee members were informed that WSD received a good response to the survey. The results of the survey will be presented to the Board of Trustees at a future meeting for review and consideration.

### **4. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF PARENT COUNCILS (MAPC) MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Committee members received information on the renewal for the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils Membership.

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

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Argyle Alternative High School
- David Livingstone School
- Fort Rouge School
- Machray School
- Mulvey School

**6. DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATES**

Committee members were informed that the next Inner City District Advisory Committee meeting will be held in April (T.B.D.).

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**Voting Representatives**

Argyle Alternative High School  
Children of the Earth School  
General Wolfe School  
Gordon Bell High School  
Hugh John Macdonald School  
John M. King School  
Mulvey School  
R.B. Russell High School  
Sister MacNamara School  
Strathcona School  
William Whyte School

**Regrets**

David Livingstone School  
Dufferin School  
Fort Rouge School  
King Edward School  
Machray School  
Niji Mahkwa School  
Norquay School  
Pinkham School  
Victoria-Albert School  
Wellington School

**Administration:**

Fatima Mota, Superintendent  
Paul Kochan, Secretary Treasurer  
Patricia Mainville, Principal Argyle Alternative High School  
Nichola Batzel, Principal Children of the Earth High School  
Stacie Edgar, Principal Fort Rouge School  
Vinh Huynh, Principal Gordon Bell High School  
Matthew Adkins, Principal Hugh John Macdonald School  
Lucy Schnaider, Principal John M. King School  
Peter Correia, Principal Mulvey School  
Debbie Gould, Principal Niji Mahkwa School  
Debbie Lenhardt Mair, Principal Sister MacNamara School  
Susan Darazsi, Principal Strathcona School  
Brenda Langton, Principal Wellington School  
Wendy Verbong Principal William Whyte School  
Colin Bruce-Smith, Vice-Principal Norquay School  
Daniel Braga, Vice-Principal William Whyte School  
Paul Krowiak, Principal R.B. Russell School  
Tanis Westdale, Principal Machray School  
Cree Crowchild, Principal Norquay School  
Dimitrios Anastasiadis, Vice-Principal Gordon Bell School  
Fernando Batista, Vice-Principal John M. King School  
Jeremy Milford, Vice-Principal Strathcona School  
James Ferguson, Vice-Principal Wellington School  
Keith Bousquet, Vice-Principal Victoria-Albert School  
Lisa Richardson, Vice-Principal David Livingstone School  
Melissa Asmundson, Vice-Principal Dufferin School  
Monique Russell, Vice-Principal Hugh John Macdonald  
Julie Hacro, Community Support Worker  
Terri Chubala, Community Support Worker  
Ciaran August, Community Support Worker  
Ursula Rosseau, Community Support Worker  
Tarin Howard, Recording Secretary

**Trustees:**

Jennifer Chen  
Betty Edel (Regrets)



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Principal : **Pat Mainville**

## **Inner City District Advisory Committee Argyle Alternative High School Report**

### **Wellness Wednesdays**

Wellness Wednesdays with Anna-Maria (Guidance Counsellor) takes place every other Wednesday over the lunch hour on Google classroom. Through virtual meetings, students are invited to learn about opportunities for counselling and other resources available within the community that students can access. Topics include stress, anxiety and personal well-being. Resources are shared with students such as, Nor'West Youth Hub and how they can access this resource. The promotion of positive mental health strategies, encouraging access to programs and resources available within the community.

### **My Blue Print-**

School wide launch of My Blue Print where students can prepare for school to work/post-secondary. Students are also required to complete their resumes and cover letters on My Blue Print along with the surveys to explore possible careers and potential post-secondary options. Students are also required to complete a mock interview with Kathy and Mary.

### **Virtual Parent Gatherings via Microsoft Teams**

### **Virtual Parent Yoga Sessions - Integrating quadrants of the Medicine Wheel**

Early evening yoga practices monthly focusing on relaxation techniques, the importance of self-care, and the teachings of each specific quadrant of the Medicine Wheel.

**Youth in Philanthropy** – a likeminded group of five students in grades 10-12 who envision a safe, strong community where everyone from any culture and background can work together. Argyle's YiP committee received \$7,693.17 from The Winnipeg Foundation to distribute to charities of their choice this school year. Each committee member helps to decide which charities will receive grants, how much money each will receive, and how it will be spent. Our chosen charities this year include Healthy Start for Mom and Me, Main Street Project, The Dream Factory Foundation, Pan Am Place, Villa Rosa, and Winnipeg Pet Rescue Shelter.

### **Grad Lunches**

Small groups of 3 students gather in our Multi-purpose Room to ensure that they have the required courses and all that they need for life after high school.

### **Career Café**

Canadian Armed forces meet students outside in our outdoor classroom to provide them the information to join the reserves.

Career Café has moved to virtual presentations for our students

### **Emergency hampers- Food insecurity**

Continue to provide emergency hampers upon need to our students and families.





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### **Free Shop**

We have food, personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies available for students in the library where they can shop for a meal when in need.

### **Holiday feast with stockings for ALL**

Argyle Food Coordinator, prepared a holiday feast with turkey and all the trimmings. Delivery of food was sent home for families that could not participate. All student were gifted a holiday stocking filled with socks, personal hygiene products, chocolates and oranges.

### **Cheekbone Beauty- Student Engagement**

Many students are looking for inspiration and HOPE during COVID. Jennifer Harper from Cheekbone beauty engaged them with her story of success and her time on the Dragons Den TV show. Virtual Event during the lunch hour.

### **University of Manitoba Rec & Read mentorship program (cohort)**

In early September, Argyle met with the university team to ensure that all students would be safe. We decided that we would run the program in our beautiful outdoor classroom. The Argyle team is connected with David Livingstone School and to maintain that relationship, Argyle students have become Pen Pals with a group of students in grade 4. Upon entering code Orange, we had virtual meetings to stay connected.

Blair Robillard will be joining us this month to play Indigenous games in our outdoor classroom ensuring that social distancing and safety protocols are in place. Students in this cohort will have the opportunity to participate in Healthy Virtual Cooking classes and receive training in CPR.

### **Virtual Paint Night with Jackie Traverse**

Parent/Guardians and students will have the opportunity to participate in a virtual paint night with Indigenous painter Jackie Traverse. We will be hosting one in February and another in March.





# David Livingstone Community

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Ms. Lisa Richardson, Vice Principal



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## REPORT FOR INNER CITY DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE February 16, 2021

**Parent Representative:  
Acting Principal  
Vice-Principal**

**Alexa Rosentreter  
Chris Clarke  
Lisa Richardson**

### January

After a much needed and well-earned break over the winter holiday, we welcomed back our staff, parents, community members and students. They have returned with a great deal of enthusiasm and readiness for learning.

- 3 Food donations have been organized by WSD and RB Russell School. This provided our school community with dozens of whole chickens to give away to families in need.
- 4 Students in Grade 7 and Grade 8 were at home for Remote Learning from Jan 4-18/2021. Our students had practiced using the online learning platforms and processes with their teachers. Parents were offered online instruction in how to use the remote learning platforms and how to help their children with remote learning. Also, all computer devices were picked up by families to support home learning.
- 5 Weekly Yoga sessions continue for our Bridges Program students.
- 7 Students are now able to use the community skating rink. Teachers have been enjoying the mild weather and taking students out for skating during Phys ed. class or at other times of the day. Students are always safe with the provided skates and helmets.
- 12 Nursery and Kindergarten Hearing Screening was conducted from Jan 12-15/2021. This identified students who have hearing deficits that may affect learning.
- 22 A group of students were organized to attend at the Variety Dental Outreach Program. This program provides free dental screening, dental cleaning, assessment, and minor dental work for our students.  
'Wear your DL Swag' Day. Those who wear their DL apparel will have their name placed in a draw for a prize.
- 25 Food donations continue to come in from various businesses. These donations have been arranged by the WSD and RB Russell School. Our Community Support Worker organizes and schedules families to receive these donations.

## February

- 1 Start of the Talk To Me Program which involves early literacy intervention for Nursery and Kindergarten students.
- 8 Staff participated in a professional development day to discuss math goals and to receive a workshop on new math strategies such as Thinking Classrooms (vertical non-permanent surfaces) and new software call Dreambox which has been purchased for every classroom.
- 18 100 day celebrations. Students and staff celebrate 100 days of school, its successes, and student achievement.  
Way mark of the school year.
- 26 Faculty of Dentistry – Variety Dental Outreach Program

Respectfully submitted,

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Learners today, Leaders tomorrow.

### **School Report for the Inner City District Advisory Committee Meeting Date: February 16, 2021**

During the winter months, many programs and opportunities were cancelled for students and families due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. However, students were able to participate in or were supported by the following:

- Breakfast Program (in classrooms)
- Snack Program for all students Nursery to Grade 6
- Pancake Breakfast for all students on the last day December
- Parent Advisory Council Meetings
- Parent Advisory Council Lunch Program
- Student Nurses (2 groups) from the University of Manitoba
- I Love to Read Month – Virtual Principal Read Aloud every Friday
- Cool 2Be Kind student prepared Valentine's Day gift for all adult staff members
- Virtual Assemblies
- Spirit Week – December 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

Through the Family Room, parents and guardians were able to participate in the following by picking up supplies when they dropped off their children in the morning:

- Cooking Classes
- Adult Painting Classes
- Family Wellness Sessions
- Read Me A Story
- Handle With Care
- Portfolio Building

In addition, via phone call or physically distancing, our Community Support Worker offered:

- Second Harvest food donations
- I Love to Read Month daily book giveaways





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### **Parent Advisory School Report (September 2020 – February 2021)**

#### **1. Staff PD:**

- September 2,3,4
  - All staff at Machray in attendance
  - Review of Covid guidelines/protocols and resulting changes in the building, etc.
  - Recovery Learning Discussions
  - Learning Anytime, Anywhere virtual P.D. for all staff
  - Review of School Preparedness for all levels of Covid response
  - Review of school online learning platform (Seesaw)
  
- October 23
  - M.T.S. – P.D. Day
  - Staff choose a pertinent area of interest and attended a virtual session for the day
  
- November 30
  - In-School P.D. Day
  - All staff at Machray in attendance
    - AM – focus on Seesaw
    - PM – focus on Google Meets (synchronous and concurrent teaching)
  
- December 7
  - In-School P.D. Day
  - All staff at Machray in attendance
    - AM – staff meeting and Code Red practice reflection
    - PM – Focus on Wellness (led by our CSS and guidance team)
  
- January 22
  - In-School P.D. Day
  - All teaching staff in attendance
    - AM – Focus on synchronous teaching and learning
    - PM - Focus on school goals in committees
  
- February 8
  - In-School P.D.
  - All teaching staff in attendance
    - AM – Focus on the provincial Remote Learning Framework
    - PM – Focus on school goals, Literacy and Numeracy P.D. Planning





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### 2. **School Presentations:**

#### **Orange Shirt Day**

- September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Microsoft Teams Video Presentation
  - School-Wide
  - Led by two Grade 6 students
    - What does Orange Shirt Day Mean?
    - Reading of a story
    - William Prince song – 7

#### **Remembrance Day**

- November 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Microsoft Teams Video Presentation
  - School-Wide
  - Full participation – led by the grade 4/5 class
    - Showing class wreaths
    - War Facts
    - Flanders Fields

#### **Royal Winnipeg Ballet**

- November 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Microsoft Teams Video Presentation
  - School-Wide
  - Full participation
    - Students watched live dance performances
    - Students asked questions via Chat

#### **R.B. Horticulture Collaboration**

- December 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Grade 5 and 6 students
  - Created floral centerpieces to take home
  - Virtual instruction via zoom

#### **Breakfast with Santa**

- December 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Pancake Breakfast delivered to each classroom
  - Visit from Santa Claus





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### 3. **Student Council:**

- Wrote thank-you notes to a school for a donation
- Planning Spirit Week
- Planning Fitness Fridays – over the intercom for classes to participate

### 4. **Athletics:**

- September 24
  - Terry Fox Walk
  - Participation in class cohorts
- October 31
  - Halloween-themed gym activities
  - Following all Covid-related protocols/guidelines
- December
  - Christmas-themed gym activities
  - Following all Covid-related protocols/guidelines
- Bi-monthly Fun Fridays
  - In class cohorts

### 5. **Math:**

- Numeracy goals for 2020-21 School year:
  - To continue to develop best numeracy practice through:
    - Further development and use of common math language
    - Continued use of the school Math Wall
    - Student conferencing to set personal math goals
  - February 8 – School P.D.
    - Looking at the school continuous improvement report
    - Looking at numeracy goals
- Planning ahead
  - March 8 – School P.D.





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### **6. English Language Arts:**

- Literacy goals for 2020-21 School Year:
  - To continue to develop best literacy practices through:
    - Increased understanding of the new ELA curriculum
    - Developed use of the school Literacy Wall
    - Continued implementation of Levelled Literacy Intervention
    - Showcasing student success through literacy lunches, the writing showcase, and the writing staircase
  - February 8 – School P.D.
    - Looking at the school continuous improvement report
    - Looking at literacy goals
- Planning ahead
  - March 8 – School P.D.

### **7. School Clubs:**

- Girls Group
  - Peer and community-building
  - Participating in Wellness activities

### **8. Breakfast Program:**

- Daily free program, serving approximately 100 students.
- Program runs from 8:30 – 9:30 am daily.
- In-class delivery due to Covid guidelines

### **9. Snack Program:**

- Daily program.
- Snacks delivered to the classroom before or after morning recess.

### **10. Lunch Program:**

- Free program for this school year.
- Milk subsidy program in
- To return to \$1.50 per day next school year.
- 30-60 students in attendance daily.



# **Mulvey School Community Report November 2020 – March 2021**

## Here are some highlights at Mulvey School from November 2020 – March 2021

**Parent Teacher Student Conferences - Thursday, Friday, November 21 & 22 and March 18 & 19**

**The Mulvey Parent Council raised money in November/December/January/February/March by holding monthly Pizza Lunches as well as a popcorn Kernels day. Next fundraiser Plan is 20<sup>th</sup> annual spring raffle draw. 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, playground enhancements, nutrition programs and initiatives.**

**Healthy Treat Day and school wide breakfast on December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Literacy, 3 books in all, PJs and special treats went home in Holidays Packages with all students**

**Winter Concert took place on December 18<sup>th</sup> - Virtually**

**Remembrance Day Service took place on November 10<sup>th</sup> - Virtually**

**All grades Nursery to Grade 6 students scheduled to participate in the MTYP in the Spring. Take Pride Winnipeg will have 2 ESD presentations in April with them of Earth Wellness**

**Parent sponsored Valentine Day treat. Parent Council sponsored Teacher Appreciation Day.**

**Intermediate Team participated in the CancerCare Walk during their Physical Education Classes.**

**I Love to Read Month, Black History Month Presentation planned, Manitoba Inclusive Education Month, Louis Riel Day, Chinese New Year and International Woman's Day were promoted and celebrated in February.**

**Youth to Youth with Balmoral Hall and Mulvey Grades 5 & 6 students partnered virtually to make cards for the Misericordia Health Centre**

**Cohort Sports taking place throughout the year to keep students active.**

**Patrol Training and Lunch events and hot chocolate**

**I love to read month activities, MP Gazan, Lisa Naylor, MLA, Mayor Bowman, Harvest MB CEO, Local Guests, and Parent Council President Tai Pu.**

**Early Intervention Support Team, Fountas and Pinell, Dr. Kilpatrick, Technology for Staff, Math, Mindfulness and Creating positive relationships and supporting students PD also took place as PD**

**Constables Cross and Kellas on Personal Safety and Internet Safety / Bully Proofing**

**2 Buddy Benches placed in school from RB Russell High School in the interim before placing them in Outdoor Classroom Outdoor classroom to be built in June 2021**

**Staff Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by Parent Council. Parent Council has also put together appreciation packages for teachers, EAs and clerk custodians.**

**NEEDs Centre Program at the school Tuesdays and Thursdays**



**Mulvey Annual Talent Show coming up on March 26, 2021.**

**Report Cards and Parent Teacher Student Conferences – Term 2 coming up**

**Students, parents, staff attended the Make and Take Evening and Winter Concert.**

**Mulvey Student art displayed at WSD Board Office**

