

**STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2017**

To the Chair and Members  
Winnipeg Public School Board:

November 28, 2017

The Student Advisory Committee reports as follows:

**1. Election of Committee Chair**

The Committee was informed that at the Inaugural Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 11, 2017, Trustee Arlene Reid was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Chris Broughton was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

Two student representatives from Grant Park High School and a student representative from Children of the Earth High School volunteered to Co-Chair the Student Advisory Committee for the 2017/2018 school year.

**2. Student Advisory Committee Facebook Page**

The Committee was informed that during last year's Committee meetings, members discussed the possibility of creating a Facebook page dedicated to the members of the Committee in order to discuss topics of interest and share ideas that have been implemented and successful in their respective schools.

The Committee was informed that the Division has created a Facebook page as a valuable resource that enables members of high school student councils to connect with other student councils across the Division. The Facebook page is a closed forum that would require anyone interested to currently have a Facebook account and would require a request for membership.

The link is found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/178847305942792/>

The Committee was informed that in addition to communication with other schools, school related matters may be shared on the Facebook page, such as school fundraisers, events and student/school accomplishments.

The Committee was informed that the Board and Community Liaison Office will remind principals to share this information with their student council.

**3. Student Sustainability Conference**

The Committee was informed that the Board of Trustees approved a motion that the Winnipeg School Division host a Student Sustainability Conference.

The Conference will be held on May 9, 2018, at the Canadian Human Rights Museum and will include three guest speakers.

The Conference is based on the three pillars to Education for Sustainable Development: Environment; Economy; Human Health and Well-Being.

The Committee was informed that invitations to attend the conference is limited due to the size of the venue. The Committee was informed that schools will be advised of the maximum number of participants to be invited per school.

The Committee was advised, that should members of the Student Advisory Committee have any questions or would be interested in participating at the Conference, please contact Rob Riel, Director of Aboriginal Education and Newcomer Services at [rriel@wsd1.org](mailto:rriel@wsd1.org).

#### **4. 2018/2019 Budget Development**

The Committee was informed that the Board is committed to obtain feedback from school communities, parent councils, residents and staff groups for the 2018/2019 school budget. The Advisory meetings will provide parent and student representatives with an opportunity to share feedback, ideas and questions with the trustees in their local area.

The Committee was informed that it is anticipated that the Provincial funding announcement will be made in late January / early February. Once the announcement is received, the Finance/Personnel Committee of the Board will put the final touches to the draft budget. This draft budget will be distributed to all schools, parent councils, student councils, advisory committees, employee groups and others on request, and posted on the Division's website.

The Committee was informed that District Advisory Committee meetings will be scheduled in February to provide an opportunity for dialogue and discussion about the draft budget. A Public Meeting regarding the draft budget will be held on February 26, 2018. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until March 5, 2018. All feedback will be considered by Finance/Personnel Committee. The Board of Trustees will approve the budget at its meeting to be held March 12, 2018. The Board must finalize the budget by March 15, 2018, as required by legislation.

#### **5. Future Agenda Items**

The Committee discussed and agreed to add the following topics for discussion at a future meeting:

- ATMs in Schools / Interac Payment
- Nutrition in Schools (cafeteria food, pricing)
- Gender Neutral Washrooms
- Weapons at School (School Safety)
- Student Participation in Extra-Curricular activities and Volunteering

#### **6. 2017/2018 Advisory Committee Dates**

The Committee was informed of the following schedule of the Advisory Committees for the 2017/2018 school year.

Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARLENE REID  
Trustee Representative

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**Student Representatives:**

Children of the Earth High School  
Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute  
Elmwood High School  
Grant Park High School  
Sisler High School  
Tec Voc High School

**Regrets:**

Trustee Chris Broughton  
Churchill High School  
Gordon Bell High School  
Kelvin High School  
R.B. Russell High School  
St. John's High School

**Administration:**

Rob Riel, Director of Aboriginal Education and Newcomer Services  
Elaine Mayham, Teacher, Children of the Earth High School  
Robyn Harrington, Staff Advisor, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute  
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

**Trustees:**

Arlene Reid