

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – December 4, 2018

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Trustee Yijie (Jennifer) Chen welcomed everyone to the first Student Advisory Committee meeting for the 2018/2019 school year. At the Inaugural meeting of the Board held on November 5, 2018, Trustee Yijie (Jennifer) Chen was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Betty Edel was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

The student representative from Grant Park volunteered to Chair the Student Advisory Committee for this meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee members approved the Agenda of December 4, 2018, as distributed and agreed to proceed with an informal meeting.

4. STUDENT LEADERSHIP FORUM

Rob Riel, Director of Aboriginal Education & Newcomer Services provided information regarding the Student Leadership Forum. Committee members were informed WSD is looking for eight students from Grade 9 to 11 to represent the school division at this forum. Committee members agreed to provide the information to their Student Councils. Student Councils will then forward the names of interested students to Rob Riel. Additional information will be sent to Principals and Vice-Principals.

5. 2019/2020 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

Committee members received an overview on the Budget Development for the 2018/2019 school year.

Committee members were informed that this year, the Budget process included discussions at District Advisory Meetings, which began in November. The purpose of these discussions was to create a general understanding of the budget and the anticipated challenges in developing a sustainable budget for programs and services as well as to provide an opportunity for schools and communities to give/share input in the development of the Budget.

Committee members received a survey to facilitate discussions on the 2019/2020 Budget which identified topics for feedback on programs and mental health supports.

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Committee members discussed programs which have most impacted their schools. Committee members discussed the importance of the Leadership Program, Reading Program, Sports Program, IBM Program as well as having Guidance and Career Counsellors.

Committee members were in support of exploring additional support for mental health and social emotional needs.

Committee members were 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 prepare final recommendations for approval by the Board of Trustees. Budget information will be distributed to all schools, parent councils, student councils, advisory committees, employee groups and others on request, and posted on Division's website.

Committee members were informed that District and Student 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 25, 2019. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until March 4, 2019. All feedback will be considered by Finance/Personnel Committee. The Board of Trustees will approve the budget at its meeting to be held March 11, 2019. The Board must finalize the budget by March 15, 2019, as required by legislation.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- LGBTQ
- Dress Code

7. 2018/2019 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATES

- Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the Winnipeg School Division Administration Building, ANNEX.

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8. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute
- R.B. Russell Vocational High School

9. FOR INFORMATION

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

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Student Advisory Committee will be held Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Student Representatives:

Argyle Alternative High School
Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute
Elmwood High School
Grant Park High School
Kelvin High School
St. John's High School
Sisler High School

Trustees:

Trustee Yijie (Jennifer) Chen

Administration:

Rob Riel, Director of Aboriginal Education and Newcomer Services
Sarah Babson, Staff Advisor, Argyle Alternative High School
Lorraine Ilagan, Staff Advisor, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute
Thérèse Deleurme, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Trustee Betty Edel
R. B Russell Vocational High School
Tec Voc High School

Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute

Student Council Events

2018-2019

September:

1) Welcome Back Day

- had student council direct new students around the school and to their classes
- gave out snacks and had music in our quad

2) Pep Rally

- School club introductions
- Had games for students to play like limbo, finish the lyric, egg toss, and paper dance
- Also had bring me and a line dance

October:

3) Halloween Events (Dance, Cafe, and Movies)

- school dance with a best costume and dance contest
- cafe with board games and food to buy
- showed movies *Insidious*, *Caroline*, and *Paranormal Activity*

4) Halloween Spirit Week

- had a variety of dress up days/ spirit week where students dressed up, and earn a chance to get a raffle ticket to our gift card draw

December:

5) Christmas Spirit Week

- different theme days

6) Christmas Cafe

- board games and food to buy

7) Craft Activity with Kids

- student council makes ornaments with kids from Wellington

Student Advisory Committee

RB Russell Committee Report

Completed by Everitt Porter

Student Voice has organized a variety of activities for RB Russell School:

Our first school wide activity of the year was Orange Shirt Day. On Friday, Sept 28th our student voice committee organized the daily events. Students hung orange ribbons from our tipi in the court yard. The students and staff were asked to write messages to the survivors of residential schools. All staff and students wore orange shirts that day as well. All classes were called down in front of the courtyard throughout the morning to watch a video on Phyllis' story (the reason we acknowledge Orange Shirt Day) and then they were asked to trace their hand and write an inspiring message. They would get an orange t-shirt if they didn't have one already. Statements were displayed for several weeks after.

Our second activity was Spirit Week which was held the week of October 23rd. Our purpose was to get everyone into the Halloween, school and community spirit and to take a break from some of the stresses of school. Each day we had a theme. Some examples were Mr. Strang Day, PJ day, and Decade day. Students were given prizes for their attempts.

Plans for coming weeks or months:

The children's Xmas Party and Feast will be held on the morning of Dec 20th. We invite children of staff, students and the local community. The purpose is to give back to our community and celebrate together. During the party, senior students and staff organize craft and activity tables. Some planned activities are face painting, cookie decorating and various Christmas tree ornaments making. Santa will be there and we will have a bouncy castle for children as well. This will be followed by a huge Christmas feast put on by our senior culinary arts students.

The 12 days of Christmas: Students will be able to participate in 12 days of lunch time activities leading up to the Christmas holidays with different themes. Prizes will be awarded to some students for participating in the activities. Student voice is organizing themes for each day.

Many students volunteered at Christmas cheer board last week to help organize and pack hamper for those in need. Our school also gives 12-15 hampers to families in the community in need.

GSA initiative: We are looking at moving the gender inclusive washroom to a more central location from the basement. This is being debated currently.

Community Action group will be performing their annual Christmas play next week. The play is called "The Gift". There will be an evening performance for the community.

Girls Group is connecting with other schools in the community this year. Over the next two months, we will be doing some fun Christmas and cultural activities at Children of the Earth School. The group has been focusing on mindfulness and positive thinking activities so far this year.