

**THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION**  
**STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – May 1, 2019**

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**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

As there were three voting representatives in attendance and six are required to form a quorum, the student representatives agreed to proceed with an informal meeting.

**2. 2019/2020 FINAL BUDGET**

Committee members received an overview of the budget for the 2019/2020 school year.

The final budget approved by the Board of Trustees includes expenditures of \$417,444,400 for the fiscal period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Complying with Provincial government guidelines, the Board has approved a 2% increase to the special requirement resulting in a 2.45%, or \$35 a year, increase on property taxes for taxpayers within WSD boundaries. This is based on the average assessed value of \$214,200 on a home in WSD.

The Board is dedicated to continue advocating on behalf of the Division and students and will continue to attempt communication with the Province to ensure education funding and the needs of our communities are sufficiently met.

The members of the Board appreciate all feedback in the development of the 2019/2020 budget.

**3. PROVINCIAL K-12 EDUCATION REVIEW**

Committee members were informed that on January 23, 2019, the Province of Manitoba announced a New Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education. Nine Commissioners will guide a comprehensive, independent review of Manitoba's Education System.

The Manitoba Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education is requesting feedback on the future of the educational system in Manitoba.

Committee members were informed that the Commission will consult with students, parents, educators, school boards, academics, Indigenous organizations, la Francophonie, municipal councils, professional organizations, the business community and members of the public from across Manitoba.

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Committee members were informed that throughout the review process, the Commission will focus on:

- **A long-term vision** – Given how rapidly the world is changing, what should our goals and purpose be for Kindergarten to Grade 12 education?
- **Student learning** – How do we help our students achieve excellence?
- **Teaching** – How can we help teachers and school leaders to achieve better outcomes?
- **Accountability for student learning** – How do we develop a stronger sense of shared accountability for student learning and an understanding that every member of the education team (e.g., principals, teachers, maintenance staff, bus drivers, administration staff) has an important role to play?
- **Governance** – What governance structures do we need to put in place to make our education system more relevant and better coordinated?
- **Funding** – How do we ensure that our education system is sustainable, and that it provides equitable learning opportunities for students of all ages?

Committee members were encouraged to participate in the consultation process, which will run from February to May 2019, by submitting a written report, attending a public consultation, or filling out the online survey. Written submissions may be emailed to [K12educationcommission@gov.mb.ca](mailto:K12educationcommission@gov.mb.ca) or via mail to Manitoba's Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education 470-800 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3G 0N4. The deadline for receipt of written submissions is May 30, 2019.

Committee members were also informed that the Province is providing workshops for anyone who may be interested. The workshops will offer an informal and interactive way for Committee members to share their thoughts. The Province has indicated that the feedback will help the commission develop its recommendations as part of a comprehensive, independent review of Manitoba's elementary and secondary education system. Committee members were informed that two online surveys are available; one for the public, the second survey for teachers.

In addition, Committee members were provided with information regarding the Local Voices, Local Choices campaign which was developed by the Manitoba School Board Association to assist parents/guardians in providing responses to the Education Review Commission.

Committee members were informed that the Province is hosting a full-day student forum scheduled on May 3<sup>rd</sup> comprised of students from Manitoba. Committee members also heard that nine student representatives from WSD have been selected to speak at the commission.

Additional information on upcoming consultations, online survey and in-person meetings will also be added to the Division's website as information becomes available.

#### 4. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

##### SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Collège Churchill

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Elmwood High School

Committee members were informed of the following events at Elmwood High School:

- Elmwood Health & Wellness Expo
- Multi-Cultural Pot Luck Dinner

Gordon Bell High School

Committee members were informed of the following events at Gordon Bell High School:

- Spring Fling Dance Thing
- Rent a Grad

Sisler High School

Committee members were informed of the following event at Sisler High School:

- Mental Health Awareness Week

**5. FOR INFORMATION**

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held March 4, 2019, the Board of Trustees received the Student Advisory Committee Summary of Discussions as information. The Summary of Discussions have been distributed to Committee members the week of March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Once reviewed by the Board, Student Advisory Committee Reports and Summaries of Discussions are posted on the Division's website under the Family and Community tab.

<https://www.winnipegsd.ca/students/studentinformation/Pages/StudentAdvisoryCommittee.aspx>

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Student Representatives**

Elmwood High School  
Gordon Bell High School  
Sisler High School

**Trustees**

Yijie (Jennifer) Chen  
Betty Edel

**Administration**

Wayne Wyke, Acting Director, Aboriginal Education & Newcomer Services  
Thérèse Deleurme, Recording Secretary, Board Office

**Regrets**

Argyle Alternative  
Daniel McIntyre School  
Grant Park High School  
Kelvin High School  
R.B. Russell Vocational High School  
St. John's High School  
Tec Voc High School

## Collège Churchill School Report

Collège Churchill is a grade 7-12 school with many learning opportunities and experiences, with a 2020 trip to Germany along with band and choir trips every year. As well, we have musicals put on by students! Our grade 12 leadership class often organizes activities inside and outside school to encourage school spirit and a sense of community. Cleaning up the river trail is a longtime school tradition and it helps encourage environmental responsibility for our students. An advantage of our school is the small class sizes, ensuring that our students are in the best possible environment for their success. Over the years, our students learn a strong sense of responsibility and community, being able to balance their leadership abilities and academics once they reach their final year.

Some specific events that are happening this month:

April 30-May 2 – Musical production – “Little Shop of Horrors”

May 9 – Mini-Olympiques

May 10-12 – Chorale et Orchestre à Minneapolis

May 23 – Nettoyons-athon (cleaning the Riverbank)