

**NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3-2015**

To the Chair and Members  
Winnipeg Public School Board:

November 17, 2015

Your North District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

**1. Election of Committee Chair**

Your Committee was informed that at the Inaugural meeting of the Board held on September 14, 2015, Trustee Mike Babinsky was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Dean Koshelanyk was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

The parent representative from Meadows West School volunteered to Chair the North District Advisory Committee for the 2015/2016 term.

**2. 2016/2017 Budget Development**

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

Your Committee was 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.

Your Committee was 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.

Your Committee was 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. Your Committee was also 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.

Your Committee was 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 your Committee with respect to the development of the 2016/2017 Budget Development. Your Committee was informed that feedback will be compiled and given to Trustees for consideration.

Your Committee felt the survey was not well worded and results would not reflect useful feedback. Your Committee felt a lot of questions were irrelevant as there are standard areas of teaching that are part of the curriculum.

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Your Committee discussed the importance of maintaining programs and services such as Special Education, school safety, music programs, nursery program, libraries and mental health programs.

Your Committee discussed what other supports or services for students should be included in the 2016/2017 budget. Your Committee discussed the need to increase classroom supports to upgrade technology, sustainability including environmentally friendly supplies, up-to-date textbooks and resources, increasing transportation to include nursery students and lunch supervision for special education students.

Your Committee discussed the need for developing partnerships with government agencies with respect to Syrian refugees, your Committee also stressed the importance of transparency within the Division.

### 3. 2016/2017 Budget Process and Timelines

Your Committee was 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.

### 4. 2015/2016 Advisory Committee Dates

Your Committee was 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

**5. Parent Run Lunch Programs**

Your Committee was informed that at a Central District Advisory Committee meeting last year, your Committee discussed concerns 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 forum was held on October 14, 2015, to discuss Parent-Run Lunch programs. The forum included panel presenters who shared their practices of staff training, collection of program fees and policy procedures.

Your Committee held a breakout session to discuss the operation of the parent-run lunch program and provide feedback on training and whether other areas need to be addressed, such as space and what support if any is required to help with the collection of fees. Your Committee indicated that standardized training for lunch program staff, obtaining discounts for volume purchasing to reduce school costs, and improving efficiencies such as accessibility to e-transfers would be useful. Your Committee was informed that feedback will be compiled and given to Trustees for consideration.

Your Committee also expressed concern that microwaves were no longer available for students in the lunch program. Your Committee was informed that a health report prepared by Manitoba School Boards Association indicated that the use of microwaves in the classroom was a risk and hazardous to students. It was recommended that microwaves be stored outside the classroom when not in use as a safety precaution.

**6. Recording of District Advisory Meetings**

Your Committee was 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.

Your Committee expressed concern on the impact it may have on the attendance of parents at future meetings. Your Committee expressed concern related to confidentiality and parent comfort and agreed that it would not be appropriate to livestream meetings.

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**IN ATTENDANCE:****Voting Representatives:**

Danielle Kopychanski, Champlain School  
 Marivic Sofronio, Faraday School  
 Marleen Pollok, Garden Grove School  
 Linda Schatkowsky, Garden Grove School  
 Sam Krahn, Inkster School  
 Michelle McIvor, Inkster School  
 Lynn Kammerlock, École Lansdowne  
 Kim Storer, Lord Nelson School  
 Jennifer Mitchell, Meadows West School  
 Dave Heaney, Ralph Brown School  
 Crystal Courtland, Ralph Brown School  
 Ellen Hrabchak, Robertson School  
 Bernice Rempel, St. John's High School  
 Sharon Machinski, Sisler High School  
 Sheri Pimentel, Tyndall Park School

**Regrets:**

Andrew Mynarski School  
 Luxton School  
 Prairie Rose School  
 Shaughnessy Park School

**Trustees:**

Mike Babinsky  
 Dean Koshelanyk

**Administration:**

Fatima Mota Superintendent  
 René Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer  
 Christine Rhodes, Director  
 Kathy Ateah, Vice-Principal, Andrew Mynarski School  
 James Gray, Inkster School  
 Ryan Hughes, Principal, Isaac Newton School  
 Susan Christiuk, Vice-Principal, Isaac Newton School  
 Sherry Jones, Vice-Principal, École Lansdowne  
 Sandy Stevenson, Principal, Lord Nelson School  
 Amy Karlinsky, Vice-Principal, Lord Nelson School  
 Randy Routledge, Principal, Ralph Brown School  
 Judith Guzzi, Vice-Principal, Robertson School  
 Doug Taylor, Principal, St. John's High School  
 Cree Crowchild, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School  
 Joan Fransen, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School  
 Dennis Mogg, Principal, Shaughnessy Park School  
 Angela Perez, Vice-Principal, Shaughnessy Park School  
 George Heshka, Principal, Sisler High School  
 Madalynne Iannone, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School  
 Paul Krowiak, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School  
 Darryl Stevenson, Principal, Stanley Knowles School  
 Evelyn Siddall, Vice-Principal, Stanley Knowles School  
 Ruth Schappert, Vice-Principal, Stanley Knowles School  
 Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

**Non-Voting/Resource Members:**

Community Support Worker – Champlain School  
 Lorrie Guilbault, Community Support Worker – Shaughnessy Park  
 Community Members

Respectfully Submitted,

MIKE BABINSKY  
 Trustee Representative