

# THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

## SOUTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Tuesday, February 12, 2019

#### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee members approved the Agenda of February 12, 2019, as distributed.

#### 2. 2019/2020 DRAFT BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide an overview of the 2019/2020 Draft Budget. Committee members were informed that on January 9, 2019, the Province of Manitoba announced funding for public education. The increase for all of Manitoba for 2019/2020 is 0.5% or \$6.6 million dollars. Committee members were informed that the portion of the funding allocated to the Division which is based on enrollment, equals a decrease of 0.1% or \$202,963 over last year's funding.

Committee members were informed that the Division's costs increase every year due to inflation on required expenses such as Canada Pension Plan, Employment Insurance Premiums and Payroll Taxes. Committee members were informed that even with the Province's introduction of wage freezes for public sector employees, including teachers, salary increments earned by Division staff must be included in the 2019/2020 budget.

Committee members were informed that the Minister of Education encouraged school boards to limit the special requirement increase to 2.0%. Committee members were informed that special requirement is based on the school year and property taxes are based on a calendar year. The Committee was informed that a 3.0% special requirement equals a 2.9% property tax increase or \$41 on average assessed home at \$214,200. Committee members were informed that the provincial funding for education is based on several factors including student enrolment, capital costs, equalization payments and the phase out of the Tax Incentive Grant.

Committee members were informed that the Board of Trustees is requesting feedback on the following budget additions: autism clinical psychologist, day program supports for students with exceptional needs, additional Early Childhood Inclusive Needs Support, Sound Field Systems, enhanced Wi-Fi, pilot video conference course, expanding Full Day Kindergarten programs, data analytics software, technology, school grounds maintenance and Lunch Program Coordinator.

Committee members were also informed that the Division provides many programs/services for students that are not provincially funded as follows: Intercultural Support Workers, Library Technical Assistants, Computer Technicians, Adult Crossing Guards, School Resource Officers, off campus programs, Home Learning Assistants for Early School Years, Library and Support Services, therapy services, summer school, nutrition programs, nursery, arts performances, special events and programs, milk subsidy, and Attendance Officers. These programs/services cost \$11,415,173 and are areas the Board of Trustees may have to find cost savings if required.

Committee member expressed concern that the wage freeze imposed on the Province of Manitoba may result in a decline of quality staff and classroom teachers within the Division. In response to an enquiry regarding the public sector wage freeze and its affects on Board members, Committee members were informed that Board members are not salaried employees and their honorarium was adjusted due to the revisions to the Income Tax Act.

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Committee members agreed that should reductions be required to balance the budget, the expansion of Full Day Kindergarten sites, the soundfield system, summer school, nursery, milk subsidies and attendance officers should be areas the Board may want to reconsider.

In terms of ground maintenance, Committee members also discussed the possibility of having a student arborist from the University to help with the loss of trees on school grounds. Committee members were informed that in the future, WSD is looking to have a working relationship with universities to assist with long-term plans of urban management.

In response to an enquiry regarding participation of students in the journeyman trade to assist the building department with building/grounds maintenance, Committee members were informed that due to issues related to union groups and Workplace, Safety & Health, WSD was not able to pursue this any further.

In response to an enquiry regarding the role of the Lunch Program Coordinator, Committee members were informed that the Lunch Program Coordinator would help Parent Councils with the business matters such as payroll and audit.

Overall, Committee members supported a 2.9% property tax increase in order to maintain programs and services. There was an overall agreement that more information is needed on programs/services not funded by the Province before prioritizing reductions or additions.

Committee members were informed that the Board is also reviewing the possibility of hiring a development officer to raise funds and establish an endowment fund to support WSD programs and services.

Committee members were informed that the Board continues to advocate on behalf of the Division to continue discussions with the Province and seek alternatives to education funding. Committee members were encouraged to contact their MLA, Premier or Minister of Education to share their opinions of education funding.

Committee members were informed that the Budget presentation is available on the Winnipeg School Division's website along with a property tax calculator and survey.

Committee members were informed that in addition to budget presentations at District Advisory Committee meetings, information is available on the Division's website. A Public meeting will also be held on February 25, 2019 at Administration Building N<sup>o</sup>. 1, 1577 Wall Street East at 7:00 p.m. to provide budget information to the general public and receive feedback from individuals or groups that may wish to attend as well there is a survey posted on the Division's website [www.winnipegssd.org](http://www.winnipegssd.org). The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until March 4, 2019. All feedback will be considered by the Finance/Personnel Committee. The Board of Trustees will approve the budget at the meeting to be held March 11, 2019.

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### 3. FOR INFORMATION

#### 3.1 District Advisory Reports and Summaries of Discussions

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held December 17, 2018, the Board of Trustees received the South District Advisory Committee Report and Summary of Discussions as information. The Summary of Discussions have been distributed to Committee members the week of December 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

[www.winnipegssd.ca/Parents/Parent%20Council/Pages/Default.aspx](http://www.winnipegssd.ca/Parents/Parent%20Council/Pages/Default.aspx)

### 4. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

#### 4.1 School Reports

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

- Carpathia School

### 5. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the South District Advisory Committee will be held Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at Robert H. Smith School.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

**Voting Representatives:**

Collège Churchill  
Churchill High School  
Earl Grey School  
Gladstone School  
Grant Park High School  
Harrow School  
J.B. Mitchell School  
Kelvin High School  
École LaVérendrye School  
Queenston School  
River Heights School  
École Riverview School  
Robert H. Smith School

**Administration:**

Celia Caetano-Gomes, Superintendent  
Julie Millar, Director of Student Services  
Paul Kochan, Chief Financial Officer & Secretary-Treasurer  
Susan Christiuk, Principal, Carpathia School  
Ryan Hughes, Principal, Churchill High School  
Cristina da Mata, Principal, Gladstone School  
Maria Silva, Principal, Kelvin High School  
Wade Gregg, Principal, Queenston School  
Brad Burns, Principal, River Heights School,  
Jude Guzzi, Vice-Principal, Riverview School  
Andrea Powell, Principal, Robert H. Smith School  
Thérèse Deleurme, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:**

Carpathia School  
Grosvenor School  
Montrose School

**Trustees:**

Trustee Jamie Dumont  
Trustee Mark Wasyliv  
Trustee Linda Schatkowsky



# CARPATHIA SCHOOL

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## February 12, 2019 School District Advisory Meeting Submitted by Susan Christiuk, Principal of Carpathia School

### **Carpathia School Past or Ongoing School Events 2018-2019**

- Extra curricular activities: Grade 5/6 Bell Club at lunch, Recorder club, Intramurals at lunch time Tuesday and Thursday, Grade 1-3 Coding club, MYRCA Book club at lunch hour, and Grade 3/4 Games Club at lunch hour.
- Grade 4 Swimming lessons to Pan Am/Cindy Klassen on three occasions.
- Grades 3-6 Cooking Experience through the WRHA from now until May.
- Fine motor program for Grade K-2 continuing for 6 weeks by Occupational Therapist until Feb 15.
- Student Leadership: Patrols, Library Leaders, NK Gym Helper & Classroom Leaders
- "I love to read & write" events posted around the school and social media
- WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) were at Carpathia in the month of January from University of Manitoba leading activities.
- Feb 12 contemporary dancers concert
- 4 students participated in "Everybody has the Right" Event at the CMHR.
- School visits from River Heights and Grant Park to Grade 6 students.
- Outside of school hour events for students: CAN-U Tuesdays finishing in March, Quantum & WAG Free weekend Art classes for selected students
- Breakfast Program continues 8:30-9:00 daily.
- Continue to use Safe Arrival for absence reporting. Also using School Messenger to phone families for special messages and reminders.
- The November book fair during Student-teachers was successful. We used the funds to purchase more books for the library.
- Winnipeg Police Service gave two presentations in January/February; one to Grade 5/6 on internet safety and the other to patrols on patrol safety and protocol.

### **Upcoming School Events**

- Carpathia Science Fair on March 5<sup>th</sup>
- Report cards go home March 12. Parent Teacher tri conferences scheduled March 14 evening and March 15 from 9:00-2:30. Same time as Scholastic Book Fair.
- Spring Photos March 13
- Open House for Nursery/Kindergarten families on March 20th 5:30-6:30
- Volunteers are needed for scholastic book fair March 14 afternoon & evening and Friday March 15 from 9:00-3:00 pm. Funds raised to go back to library for more books.
- Popcorn fundraiser from PAC in March.



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# CARPATHIA SCHOOL

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- Michael ManyEagles at Carpathia from April 15-18 doing soap stone carving and storytelling with grades 1-6.
- WSO Field trip for Grade 5/6 and May 14
- Grade 6 Farewell in June.
- Multicultural Event organized by teachers on June 12th.

## School Information:

- Website: [www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/Carpathia/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/Carpathia/Pages/default.aspx)
- We post Monthly calendars on website as well as send home paper newsletters
- Twitter: @carpathiaschool
- Instagram: @carpathiaschoolwsd

## Other Community Programs that use the school:

- Boys & Girls Club Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 3:30 – 5:15
- Kids@Play on Thursdays 13 9:30-11:30 in small gym
- Newcomer Literacy Group by Family dynamics: Thursday for 6 weeks starting Jan 31 in the small gym at 10:30am.



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