

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION
NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Thursday, April 16, 2015

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee members agreed to add restructuring of the Winnipeg School Division to the Agenda of April 16, 2015.

2. STRUCTURE OF DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held November 3, 2014, the Board of Trustees adopted a motion to establish a Special Committee to Review the Existing Structure of the District Advisory Committees to improve participation and communication between the Board of Trustees, School Parent Councils and the community.

The purpose of the Special Committee is to review the existing structure of the District Advisory Committees and to improve participation and communication between the Board of Trustees, School Parent Councils and the community.

Committee members were informed that as a result of discussions regarding the importance of parental involvement within the Winnipeg School Division, a survey has been developed to obtain feedback from parents/parent councils, District Advisory Committee members and community members to improve communication with the Board of Trustees.

Committee members were informed that the Public Relations/Communications Committee has recommended that an area on the Division's website be developed for parent councils. This survey will also be posted on the Division's website under the newly created *Parent Council* subsection under the *Family & Community* tab.

www.winnipegssd.ca/FAMILY%20COMMUNITY/Parent%20Council/Pages/default.aspx

Committee members were asked to share this information with their respective parent councils and include this information and link to the survey in the upcoming May newsletter.

Committee members were informed that feedback will be compiled and given to Trustees for consideration.

3. RESTRUCTURING OF THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

At the request of a parent representative, restructuring of the Winnipeg School Division was added to the agenda for discussion.

Committee members expressed concern on the lack of communication, consultation and transparency that was involved with the elimination of a District Superintendent in the Winnipeg School Division.

Committee members were informed that the elimination of a superintendent position was incorporated as part of the approval of the 2015/2016 Budget to reduce administrative costs and lower property taxes for Division residents.

Committee members commented that the reduction of a superintendent should have been discussed with parents due to potential issues related to the level of service being provided to parents and students.

In response to an enquiry, Trustee Koshelanyk informed Committee members that communication to the parents and the committees was delayed due to the sensitivity of the matter and discussions that needed to occur between the employer and employee.

Committee members expressed concern that there is currently no plan in place for the restructuring. Committee members also expressed concern that there will not be any cost savings in the Budget with the new additional positions.

In response to a parent representative, Trustee Koshelanyk informed Committee members that in terms of timelines, the Chief Superintendent is preparing a restructuring plan that will be presented to the Board for implementation in the new school year.

In response to an enquiry from a parent representative, Committee members were informed that trustees did not reduce Educational Assistants in the kindergarten program and that this provincial decision does not allow allocation of funds to support Aboriginal Academic Achievement Educational Assistant positions. The Division has revised the allocation of funds for these positions.

Trustee Koshelanyk informed Committee members that the purpose of public consultation is to obtain feedback from parents and residents on the importance and priority of programs and services as well as determine what would be an acceptable property tax level.

Committee members were informed that in order to minimize tax implications to residents, the Board of Trustees prioritized the needs of the community and agreed that the expansion of the full day Kindergarten program to five additional schools would be beneficial to parents throughout the Division.

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4. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Champlain School
- Inkster School
- Isaac Newton School
- Ecole Lansdowne
- Meadows West School
- Prairie Rose School
- Ralph Brown School
- Ecole Stanley Knowles School

5. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the North District Advisory Committee will be held at a date to be determined at Inkster School.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives:

Coreena Keeley, Andrew Mynarski School
Danielle Kopychanski, Champlain School
April Macaraig, Garden Grove School
Lena Shore, Inkster School
Lynn Kammerlock, École Lansdowne
Kim Storer, Lord Nelson School
Doreen Perez, Meadows West School
Cyndy Szwaluk, Prairie Rose School
Dave Heaney, Ralph Brown School
Ellen Hrabchak, Robertson School
Saj Smerchanski, St. John's High School
April Bruce, Shaughnessy Park School
Sisler High School
Sheri Pimentel, Tyndall Park School

Alternate Representatives:

Prairie Rose School
Crystal Courtland, Ralph Brown School

Regrets:

Trustee Allan Beach
Faraday School
Isaac Newton School
Luxton School

Trustees:

Dean Koshelanyk

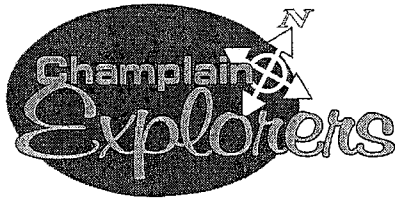
Administration:

Fatima Mota, Superintendent of Schools – North
Rob Riel, Director of Aboriginal Education
Greg Bouchard, Andrew Mynarski School
Kathy Ateah, Vice-Principal, Andrew Mynarski School
Lisa Hasselfield, Principal, Champlain School
James Gray, Principal, Inkster School
Susan Christiuk, Vice-Principal, Isaac Newton School
Ruth Schappert, Vice-Principal, Ecole Lansdowne
Sandra Stevenson, Principal, Lord Nelson School
Amy Karlinsky, Vice-Principal, Lord Nelson School
Ken Romaniuk, Principal, Prairie Rose School
Randy Routledge, Principal, Ralph Brown School
Tony Marchione, Principal, Robertson School
Doug Taylor, Principal, St. John's High School
Cree Crowchild, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School
Cathy Sharrow, Vice-Principal, St. John's High School
Dennis Mogg, Principal, Shaughnessy Park School
George Heshka, Principal, Sisler High School
Madalynne Iannone, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Melody Woloschuk, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Chris Clarke, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Darryl Stevenson, Principal, École Stanley Knowles School
Evelyn Siddall, Vice-Principal, École Stanley Knowles School
Gisele Mospanchuk, Principal, Tyndall Park School
Pat Lewicki, Vice-Principal, Tyndall Park School
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

Community Support Worker, Shaughnessy Park School

North District Advisory Council Report Champlain School

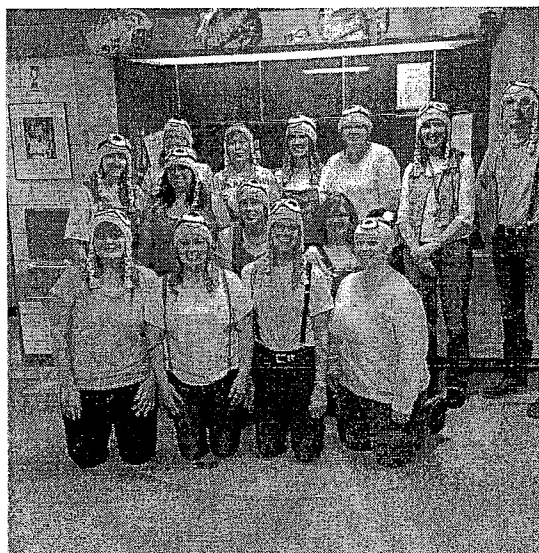
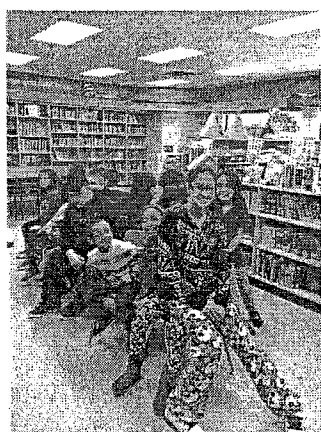


April 16th, 2015

- ***Advanced Placement Program at St. John's*** – Congratulations to the eleven grade six students from Champlain School who were successful candidates for the AP Program going into grade 7 for the 2015-16 school year. Students wrote math and ELA exams in order to qualify. We are very proud of their achievement!
- ***Champlain Spirit Week*** – Champlain School showed it has a lot of school spirit the last week before spring break! Fun activities were held throughout the week and included a theme-focus for each of the following days: Sports Day, Wacky Day, Dress up as a Movie Character Day, Red Carpet Day, and Pajama Day.
- ***Champlain School Clubs*** – During the month of April, students at Champlain School have an opportunity to participate in the following clubs: Babysitting, Basketball, Dodgeball, Photography, Fiddling, Dance, Culture Club, "Stomp" Rhythm Kids Club, Jewellery, Typing, Computer, Rainbow Loom, Running Club, Games, Chess, Knitting, "Ink masters" Newspaper Club and My Voice Club. The Hockey Heroes club finished in March. Students at Champlain have a lot of opportunities for enrichment, engagement and recreation lead by a very talented and committed staff.
- ***ARTshare project*** – Artists Becky Thiessen and Jill Ramsay have completed art projects with grades 4, 5 and 6 students from Champlain School. Between April 9 and April 30, these art projects are being displayed at Ace Art Gallery located at 290 McDermot Avenue.
- ***School-wide snack*** – Thanks to grants received through "Breakfast for Learning" and the "Child Nutrition Council", all students receive

daily fruit and vegetable snacks in the classroom. Thank you to our parent volunteers who help to prepare the daily snack for the students to pick up and distribute to their classrooms. It is a great partnership!

- ***Hug a Tree Program***— On March 27th, students in grades one to four received a presentation on search and rescue safety rules to follow if a situation arises where they get lost or separated from an adult.
- ***Quantum and Career Trek*** – Two Champlain students participated in drama at the Prairie Theatre Exchange and two students participated in art classes at the Winnipeg Art Gallery every Tuesday and Thursday since January 27th. They showcased their achievements on March 19th at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. We also have three students participating in the Career Trek program on weekends.



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INKSTER SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

April 16, 2015

Our current student enrolment is 272 students.

- Celebrations:

- We continued our PBIS common area training just after spring break and all students and staff are practicing the appropriate behaviour expectations. Students are doing a great job of demonstrating how to be safe, responsible and respectful citizens of Inkster School.
- The Frontier Fiddlers Violin Concert was a great success as was the performance by the grade 5 students in the Inkster School Violin Program. It was wonderful to see how much our students have gained in their violin playing skills during the performance. The violin program at Inkster is new this year and is possible with the funding collaboration from the Manitoba Conservatory of Music, Inkster Parent Advisory Council, Inkster School and the Winnipeg School Division North District Superintendent.
- We had an 86% turn out for our Student-led Conferences which took place in late March. We also had successful IEP meetings in March with very supportive feedback from parents. Inkster is one of the schools piloting the new IEP format.
- Several students from Inkster participated in the Divisional Science Fair.
- Classes are heading out over the next few weeks on educational field trips which include classes going to The Canadian Museum for Human Rights, The Manitoba Museum, The Assiniboine Zoo and Sports Manitoba.
- May 7th Inkster School students will be participating in a Sustainability Conference with a focus on Human Rights.
- We are pleased to announce the installation of new flooring and new windows in all classrooms has been completed at Inkster School. ☺

Parent Advisory Council News:

- We are getting ready for our bi-annual Camp Fundraiser – the Beverage, Spud and Steak, at The Canad Inn, Garden City on April 24th. The funds raised will go towards the cost of camp for our grade 5/6 students so all children have this great opportunity at a reduced cost. The ticket sales for this event are going well. The regular cost of camp is \$120.00. It is our hope that our students will only have to pay \$25 with the balance being paid from our fundraising. This is what we have done in past years. If you are interested in attending our fundraiser, call the school for tickets at 204-589-4383. We are very grateful to the Inkster Parent Community who has been very generous in their support of school events and field trips during the past school year.



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



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ISAAC NEWTON - A PLACE TO BELONG; A PLACE TO SHINE



April 16, 2015

Isaac Newton Highlights for North District Advisory Committee

- True North Foundation Jets Hockey Academy has 25 Grade 7 students practicing hockey every Monday until May 4th.
- A mid-morning snack of fresh vegetables and fruit is given out three times per week to students as part of our grant from Manitoba Nutrition Council.
- 12 Grade 9 students are attending the Asper Foundation Holocaust program, which culminates with a trip to Washington, DC April 26-28.
- Our Basketball & Volleyball teams are involved in tournaments and league play. Softball, soccer and ultimate teams are starting next week.
- Our indoor track team attended meets at the University of Manitoba.
- February was "I Love to Read" month at Isaac, with activities and contests for reading.
- Grade 9 students are involved in the Medical Careers Exploration program at the Pan Am Clinic.
- Tara Berthette and Quincy Thomas were the recipients of the Job Yellowhead Scholarship.
- The Winter Night of Arts performance and art show was well attended. Family Night of the Arts is on May 28th at 7pm. Our Band is participating in the Level 1 Band Festival on April 16th.
- Spirit Week was a huge success with many contests and activities to highlight school spirit.
- Our Social Justice group is working on many initiatives, including raising money for the Humane Society and Programs for Girls in Developing Countries.
- Our ongoing commitment to taking students on outdoor education experiences continues with field trips to Birds Hill Park and Fort Whyte.
- Our Grade 9 students have started visiting schools in anticipation of moving onto Grade 10.
- Students participated in a song writing workshop with musicians from the Folk Festival.
- Grade 6 students from catchment area schools have visited Isaac Newton and are currently handing in applications.





Ecole Lansdowne School



SPORTS REPORT

- Grade 5 & 6 intramural basketball is being held during the month of April at lunch hour.
- Grade 6 Outdoor Education had the opportunity to roller skate at Wheelies Roller Rink.
- Indoor track athletes had an amazing and successful season this year. Outdoor Track and Field season will begin shortly and will have the opportunity to compete against other schools at Winnipeg School Division meets held at the University of Manitoba.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Congratulations to the Ecole Lansdowne School Choir who was awarded a gold medal at the City Wide competition held at Westminster Church this past March. The Divisional 5/6 Immersion Choir will be practicing and performing at our school and visiting Ecole Sacre-Coeur and Ecole LaVerendrye in April and May.
- PBIS Training for the Lansdowne Community (students, teachers, volunteers and parents) continues and is reviewed after each school break.
- Our new Green Team is starting a composting program and assisting the Lansdowne Community Gardens Committee this Spring.
- There will be an arson awareness presentation at our school this month.
- Student Led Conferences will be held on the evening of April 23 and during the morning of April 24th. Our Book Fair will take place during this time.
- Our school had 13 students from grade 3-8 represent their classes at Ecole Lansdowne "Concours d'Art Oratoire" competition in March. Five of these students went on to represent Ecole Lansdowne at Ecole Riverview at the Divisional level.
- Grade 7 & 8's have been busy with fundraising activities for their week long Quebec Trip at the end of April.
- The Parent Council has been actively fundraising and grant writing for the new Play Structure. To date, approximately \$86,000.00 of the \$113,000.00 has been secured. Parent Council has also been busy with rewriting their constitution and the formation of a Nutrition subcommittee to ensure compliance with the new Provincial Guidelines are met.

Meadows West School North District Advisory Report

April, 2015

Focused on Learning.

- Our Local ESD Group organized a Food Drive to support Winnipeg Harvest.
- Meadows West Global Group planned and implemented a mini WE DAY for our Grades 5 to 8 students. Panel discussions and break out discussions given by students informed us of the effects of poverty, clean water initiatives, violence toward women and environmental concerns. The students learned the importance of education and how learning about others and their lives enriches their own lives. Many students are planning initiatives to turn their ideas into actions.
- "Seussical the Musical is being presented on May 13th in our school gym. The students are singing and dancing their way to class every day! Lots of excitement.
- We look ahead to our Junior High Track Meet at Northwood Community Center in early May. We were second in boy's indoor track and field this year. One of our girls' teams took a banner this year in basketball too!
- Planting will start soon in our school gardens. Spring has sprung.
- Our Bike Cage is being well used as we continue to encourage students to walk or bike to school and not get driven to school every day.
- Our Science Challenge Club will be competing in the Provincial Science Challenge the last week of April at the University of Manitoba. Go team!
- Meadows West Parent Association had a successful fundraiser. Hot Dog Days are as popular as ever.

Meadows West School is focused on learning. We learn. We do our best. We treat each other with respect. We are Meadows West!



North District Advisory Committee April 2015 Report

Prairie School continues to enjoy a busy and productive second and third term of school. The academic achievements were shared at Student Led Conferences in March and students continue to focus on their learning goals for this last block of school.

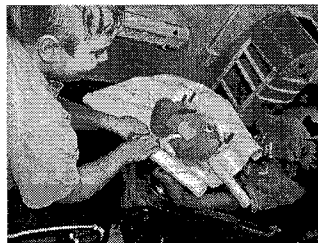
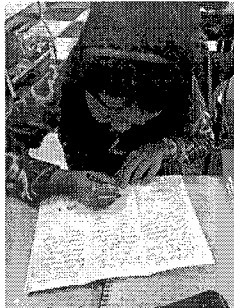
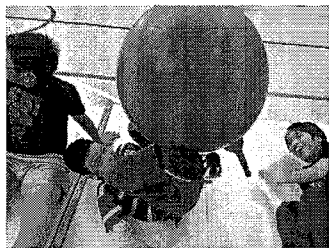
Our school is very busy with extracurricular events as well. They include the Winnipeg Music Festival where our Intermediate Choir won a Gold Medal and our Primary School received a Silver Medal. Our students also had a very successful season in Track and Field and competed in two Track Meets at the U of M. Students continue to enjoy a wide range of activities that include hand ball and yoga.

Prairie Rose School enjoyed an Artist in the School Program delivered by Stan Lesk a local artist who shared Theatre Sports and Improv with our students.

We just finished our Reading Club that was held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch time where 33 students spent their lunch hour reading and talking about the books they just read. Thank you to the staff for volunteering their time to make this possible.

We have students participating in the Division and Regional Science Fair and Heritage Fair. We are also pleased to present Wiggle Giggle & Munch sponsored by the Inkster Parent Child Coalition. This Pre-School Parent Child drop in provides learning and entertainment in a fun and safe environment. It runs Every Thursday from 1:15 to 3:15 in our MPR until May 14. We also had Constable Ken Waskul of the Winnipeg Police Service present to all our students on Community and Personal Safety and also Internet and Cyber Safety.

The school just finished a fundraiser to raise money for school activities and new technology and the Parent Staff Advisory has just started a Seed Sale Fundraiser to raise money for our new Play Structure.



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION
 INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

North District Advisory Committee

Respectfully Submitted by Dave Heaney, April 16, 2015

Ralph Brown School Parent Council Representative



Rocket Highlights:

- An exciting event: 'Celebration of Learning-Retro Rocket Night of the Arts' will be on Thursday April 23rd, 2015 from 5:30 – 7:00 for all families. All grade 5-8 and grade 4 Ukrainian students will perform dances, songs and display their art. Everyone is encouraged to dress up retro, from 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's. This event is aimed to showcase our students' talents and to bring the community together!
- Twelve of our students were selected to attend the 'right to Play Academy' on March 11th. They learned how to facilitate games with their peers and lead critical discussions around children's rights.
- Our Minds in Motion room continues to grow. We received a Cool 2Be Kind award from the Winnipeg Police Service for the amount of \$500 which is to be used for our Minds in Motion/Mindfulness program.
- The Social Action Team continues to take up causes on a local and global front. They are collecting used books for children in the Ukraine.
- Staff will be attending a Cultural Proficiency in-service on April 24th at Stanley Knowles School with a cluster of other schools.
- Due to the efforts of our teachers, students and parents from the Ukrainian Bilingual program, the Ukrainian Easter Breakfast was a huge success on Wednesday April 15th. Dances and songs were presented for all in attendance before a lovely meal was enjoyed!
- The Ukrainian Bilingual Program will be looking for new students for the 2015-2016 school year. New brochures have been developed for the distribution of information.
- The Nursery/Kindergarten information and registration evening on Thursday April 9th was well attended and we were happy to meet some of our new students!
- Our Family Room is open to the community with lending books and toys, activities, parent information and crafts. Some activities this month are: Arts and Crafts and Egg Hunt, Clothing exchange, ADHD presentation, Good Food orders, ABC Read to Me morning, Nutrition Bingo, Wiggle Giggle & Munch,
- We are very happy to share our school with the Ralph Brown Community centre and continue to work closely with them in programming for our families. We have planned to increase the size of our butterfly garden!
- A big thank you goes out to Tara Plexman and Dave Heaney who come every day to assist with the snack and nutrition program.

ESKS

ND Advisory Council- April 16, 2015

- Fundraising- cookie dough- Deadline for orders is April 15.
- Music festival- all our choirs earned either silver or gold standings
- Concours d'art oratoire- French speeches contest- students presented to their classrooms, 2 representatives were chosen from each class to present to judges, those winners then went on to divisionals at Riverview. Two of our students, Kayla and Simran, won for the division and will be going on to the provincials in May.
- Science fair- Some teachers opted in their class, some not. All classes this year chose to do full class participating in singles, or groups of 2 or 3. Teachers Gr 5-6 that participated in the fair chose 2 projects from their room (8 projects in total) to advance to divisionals and grade 7/8 have 10 projects going
- SKS idol- a great performance that was again enjoyed by all. We have a very talented student body
- Marathon Club- almost 100 students participating in training for either the 10km or ½ marathon for the Manitoba Marathon.
- Cultural Proficiency PD workshops- April 24- we are hosting a variety of speakers/presenters with an estimated 350 staff members from 4 other schools along with ours attending.
- AristoCats musical- April 29 and 30th for grade 4 and 5
- Outdoor mural from Artists in the Schools (Karen Cornelius) was just installed.