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Minutes of Regular Meeting
of the
Board of Trustees
of
The Winnipeg School Division

**APPROVED BY THE
BOARD ON
NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

Board Room, Administration Building,
Winnipeg, November 4, 2013.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Winnipeg School Division was held this day at 7:00 p.m.

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order.

Present: Trustees S. Hrynyk (Chair), M. Wasyliw, C. Collins, D. Bautista, R. Hildahl, K. Barr, M. Babinsky, J. Sneesby, A. Ramos

In Attendance: P. Clarke, R. Appelmans, C. Caetano-Gomes, D. Persaud, D. Burgos, E. Barnaby, G. Heath, B. Lapointe

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Hildahl-Wasyliw That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, November 4, 2013, be approved.

Babinsky-Ramos That the order of the Agenda be revised to allow matters identified under item No. 7 – New Business to be discussed prior to item No. 5 – Presentation and Consideration of Reports. – Carried.

Barr-Collins That the Ward Boundaries Committee Verbal Report No. 3-2012 be added to Presentation and Consideration of Reports. – Carried.

READING AND CONFIRMING OF MINUTES

A copy of the minutes to be considered had previously been distributed to the Trustees. A motion was now adopted for these minutes to be taken as read, and approved as follows:

Hildahl-Ramos Regular Meeting – October 21, 2013
Ramos-Hildahl Special Meeting – October 28, 2013

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following reports were considered:

Superintendent's Report No. 14-2013	Dated November 4, 2013
South District Advisory Committee Report No. 2-2013	Dated October 15, 2013
Central District Advisory Committee Report No. 2-2013	Dated October 16, 2013
Public Relations/Communications Committee Report 1-2013	Dated October 22, 2013
North District Advisory Committee Report 2-2013	Dated October 22, 2013
Inner City District Advisory Committee Report No. 2-2013	Dated October 23, 2013
Ward Boundaries Committee Verbal Report No. 3-2013	Dated November 4, 2013

Superintendent's Report No. 14-2013

Collins-Barr	That Clause No. 1 (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. - Carried.
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South District Advisory Committee Report No. 2-2013

Sneesby-Wasyliw	That the South District Advisory Committee Report No. 2-2013 be received. – Carried.
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Central District Advisory Committee Report No. 2-2013

Collins-Bautista	That the Central District Advisory Committee Report No. 2-2013 be received. – Carried.
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Public Relations/Communications Committee Report 1-2013

Ramos-Sneesby	That the Public Relations/Communications Committee Report 1-2013 be received. – Carried.
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Ramos-Sneesby	That Clause No. 3 (Communication Strategy – Open House) be approved. – Carried.
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North District Advisory Committee Report 2-2013

Bautista-Babinsky	That the North District Advisory Committee Report 2-2013 be received. – Carried.
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Inner City District Advisory Committee Report No. 2-2013

Babinsky-Barr	That the Inner City District Advisory Committee Report No. 2-2013 be received. – Carried.
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Ward Boundaries Committee Verbal Report No. 3-2013

Barr-Wasyliw That the Ward Boundaries Committee Verbal Report No. 3-2013 be received. – Carried.

Barr-Wasyliw That Clause No. 1 (Ward Boundaries) be approved. – Carried.

Babinsky-Ramos That a recorded vote be taken. – Carried.

The motion was voted on and declared – Carried, the vote being recorded as follows:

Ayes:	Trustees Hrynyk, Collins, Barr, Bautista, Wasyliw, Hildahl	- 6
Nays:	Trustees Babinsky, Ramos, Sneesby	- 3

ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS78 – WE Day Event

Trustee Barr informed trustees that she was able to attend the We Day Event along with Trustees Ramos, Collins and a number of administration, including the Chief Superintendent. Trustee Barr informed trustees that the event was full of energy with passionate speakers including a rock concert. There were students from 53 different schools who attended the event.

79 – Ward Boundaries

Trustee Barr informed the trustees that she would like to thank the Division staff for all their hard work during the Ward Boundaries review process.

NEW BUSINESS80 - Condolences

The following motion was adopted by a silent standing vote:

That the Board's sympathy be recorded, with regret, in the bereavement of the following:

On September 23, 2013, Amelia Mederski, Retired Clerk, a member of our staff for 25 years;

On September 26, 2013, Michael McBrierty, Retired Assistant Supervisor, Custodial Services Administration, a member of our staff for 24 years;

On October 8, 2013, Ronald Hiebert, School Computer Technologist, a member of our staff for 14 years

and that this motion be adopted by a silent standing vote. – Carried.

81 - By-Law No. 1218 – THIRD AND FINAL READING
Religious Instruction at Greenway School

Ramos-Collins That By-Law No. 1218, a by-law of The Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of permitting religious instruction at Greenway School, be read a third time in short and passed.

Babinsky-Ramos That a recorded vote be taken. – Carried.

The motion, was voted on and declared – Carried, the vote being recorded as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Collins, Bautista, Babinsky, Ramos, Hildahl, Sneesby -6
 Nays: Trustees Barr, Hrynyk, Wasyliw -3

By-Law No. 1218 then read accordingly.

82 - Ward Boundaries / Trustee Representation

Motion, notice of which was given by Trustee Babinsky on October 21, 2013:

a) “That the deadline for feedback on the proposed Ward Boundaries be extended to allow proper research and discussions to take place in a timely manner. – Defeated.

Babinsky-Ramos That a recorded vote be taken. – Carried.

The motion, was voted on and declared – Defeated, the vote being recorded as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Babinsky, Ramos, Sneesby -3
 Nays: Trustees Hildahl, Collins, Barr, Bautista, Wasyliw, Hrynyk -6

b) That the administration be authorized to engage an independent consultant through a Request for Proposals to conduct a review of the Division’s Ward Boundaries and Trustee Representation.” – Defeated.

Babinsky-Ramos That a recorded vote be taken. – Carried.

The motion, was voted on and declared – Defeated, the vote being recorded as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Babinsky, Ramos, Sneesby -3
 Nays: Trustees Hildahl, Collins, Barr, Bautista, Wasyliw, Hrynyk -6

AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

Sneesby-Babinsky That Information Correspondence No. IC33-13 – IC34-13 be received as information. – Carried.

BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 42.7**Committee of the Whole**

Babinsky-Sneesby That the Board recess into Committee of the Whole in camera at this time. - Carried.

The Board then recessed into Committee of the Whole in camera at 8:15 p.m. with Trustee Wasyliw in the Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 9:02 p.m., Trustee Wasyliw, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendations of that Committee:

83 – Leaves of Absence – Without Salary

Wasyliw-Ramos That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated November 4, 2013 be granted. – Carried.

**84 – Administrative Appointment
Teaching Vice Principal - Gordon Bell High School**

Wasyliw-Ramos That effective November 12, 2013 Ms Joan Fransen be appointed to the position of Teaching Vice-Principal at Gordon Bell High School. – Carried.

**85 – Administrative Appointment
- Teaching Vice Principal – École Garden Grove School**

Wasyliw-Collins That effective January 6, 2014 Ms Claudette Warnke be appointed to the position of Teaching Vice-Principal at École Garden Grove School. – Carried.

**86 – Administrative Appointment
- Teaching Vice Principal - École Lansdowne School**

Wasyliw-Bautista That effective January 6, 2014 Ms Ruth Schappert be appointed to the position of Teaching Vice-Principal at École Lansdowne. – Carried.

Trustee Wasyliw, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole reported that there was a discussion regarding the survey for parents/taxpayers and Pre-Budget Consultation 2014/2015.

Committee of the Whole

Sneesby-Ramos That the Board recess in Committee of the Whole in closed camera at this time. – Carried.

The Board then recessed into Committee of the Whole in closed camera at 9:05 p.m. with the Chief Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer and the Director of Human Resources in attendance.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 8:50 p.m., Trustee Wasyliw, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendations of that Committee:

Wasyliw-Sneesby That Fatima Mota be appointed to the position of Superintendent of Schools at a date to be determined by the Chief Superintendent. – Carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 14 - 2013

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg School Board

November 4, 2013

1. **Recognition for Special Accomplishment**

Two students, Kane Kirton and Vanessa Morrisseau, from Argyle Alternative High School's video production program have been selected to attend the American Indian Film Festival in San Francisco November 3-7, 2013. The student film "Blood Memory", wrote and produced through the video production program, has been selected to show at the festival. The film is up for a nomination with the American Indian Motion Picture Awards.

The cost of airfare and accommodations for Kane Kirton and Vanessa Morrisseau is \$800 each (total \$1,600). The students will be chaperoned by a parent.

It is recommended that in accordance with Board policy AGAB – Recognition for Special Accomplishment, that Kane Kirton and Vanessa Morrisseau, students at Argyle Alternative High School receive funding in the amount of \$800 each (total \$1,600) to support their attendance at the American Indian Film Festival from November 3-7, 2013 in San Francisco.

Recommendation:

That in accordance with Board Policy AGAB - Recognition for Special Accomplishment, authority be given for Kane Kirton and Vanessa Morrisseau from Argyle Alternative High School to receive funding in the amount of \$800 each (total \$1,600) to support their attendance at the American Indian Film Festival from November 3-7, 2013 in San Francisco.

Respectfully submitted,

P.E. CLARKE
Chief Superintendent

SOUTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2-2013

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board:

October 15, 2013

Your South District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. Election of Committee Chair

Your Committee was informed that at the First Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 9, 2013, the South District Advisory Committee was reconstituted and the Board named Trustees Jackie Sneesby and Mark Wasyliw as the representatives to the Committee.

The parent representative from Harrow School was elected Chair of the South District Advisory Committee for the 2013/2014 term.

2. 2014/2015 Budget Process and Timelines

The Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide Committee members with an overview of the Division's Budget process and timelines.

Your Committee was informed that the Board of Trustees approved a Budget for the 2013/2014 school year which provided the resources required to support programs and services for students, while being mindful of our financial responsibility to residents and ratepayers in the Division. It is also important to note that many increased costs in school division operations are outside the control of school boards due to changes in student population and enrolment numbers, community needs and expectations, provincial policy directions and legislation, arbitrated salary awards, and inflationary increases for services and commodities all of which have significant financial impacts for school board budgets and property tax levels. Last year, the Division received a slight increase of funding from the Province of Manitoba of \$1.05 million which fell short of the amount of funding necessary to offset the expenditures required for existing programs and services. The Board was able to achieve savings and reductions of over \$2.6 million by reducing school building operating costs through energy management strategies, minor adjustments to school start and dismissal times, improvements and increased efficiencies in technology and reductions to administrative costs and reassigning duties of staff. The Board also allocated additional math supports for students at the elementary level, added additional teaching positions for the provincial class size initiative, and made the necessary investments to maintain school buildings, facilities and equipment. The Board approved a budget totalling \$365 million.

In preparation of the 2014/2015 Budget, the Board approved a process that would again enable early discussion with members of the school community and provide additional opportunities for consultation.

Your Committee was informed that expenditures in the overall budget includes 81% for Instructional Services and 19% for Support Services. Your Committee also noted that 85% of the budget is related to salaries and benefits for approximately 5,000 staff members representing various employee groups.

2014/2015 Budget Process and Timelines (cont'd)

Your Committee was informed that the Division may be facing challenges such as the level of provincial funding and the expenditures required to maintain programs and services for students. Your Committee was informed that the Division will continue its efforts to control costs and maintain programs and services to meet the changing needs of students.

Your Committee was informed that the budget is being developed to maintain programs and services for students. The Board is hopeful that with appropriate levels of funding, ongoing efforts to control costs and with some growth in the assessment base, the Division would be in a better position to mitigate this year's property taxes.

Your Committee was informed that the budget process will include presentations at the District Advisory Committee meeting as well as to provide schools and members of the community an opportunity to provide input in the development of the Budget.

Your Committee was also informed that as part of the consultation process an Open House will take place in mid-November to receive preliminary information as well as to meet with the members of the Board to discuss the upcoming budget. Your Committee was also informed that presentations, videos, surveys, feedback forms, a tax calculator and budget information will be posted to the Division's website as the information becomes available. Your Committee indicated that information posted to the Division's website is difficult to find and suggested that access to this information be user friendly and easier to locate. Your Committee suggested that budget information be distributed to schools to include in school newsletters.

Your Committee was informed that in addition, a Special Board Meeting will be held on February 24, 2014 to receive delegations on the Budget. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until February 28, 2014. All feedback will be considered by Finance/Personnel Committee. The Board of Trustees will approve the budget at its meeting to be held March 10, 2014. The Board must finalize the budget by March 14, 2014, as required by legislation.

3. Ward Boundaries and Trustee Representation

The Director of Research, Planning & Systems Management was in attendance to provide Committee members with an overview on the existing and proposed Ward Boundaries.

Your Committee was informed that on May 6th, 2013, the Board of Trustees received a petition requesting that the Winnipeg School Division give consideration to changing the wards in the Division. Specifically, the petition requests that the present three ward system with three trustees in each ward be changed to a nine ward system with one trustee representative in each ward.

Your Committee was informed that at a meeting held June 3rd, 2013, the members of the Board adopted a motion to re-establish the Ward Boundaries Review Committee and appointed five trustee representatives to review this matter.

Ward Boundaries and Trustee Representation (cont'd)

Your Committee was informed that Section 58 of the Public Schools Act states that where 10 or more resident voters of a school division or school district aggrieved by the action of a school board under subsection 57(1) or by the failure of the school board to take action within three months next following the making of a request under subsection 57(1) the voters may in writing appeal to the minister against the action, or the failure or refusal to act of the school board and the minister may refer the matter to the Board of Reference. In addition, the City Clerk's Department advised the Division that notice of any changes to the existing ward boundaries/trustee representation must be submitted by mid-March, 2014.

Your Committee was informed that Section 57 of the Public Schools Act also states that the total number of trustees shall not be fewer than five or more than nine, and that each trustee of a school division divided into wards shall represent, in so far as is practicable, approximately the same number of electors. The number of electors per trustee is determined by dividing the total number of resident electors in the Division by the total number of trustees.

The Public Schools Act refers to this number as the "representation quotient". In order to preserve equality by population of wards, the number of electors per trustee in any one or more wards cannot vary by plus or minus 25%.

Your Committee was informed that the total number of electors in the Winnipeg School Division is 135,889 which is higher than the next largest division by 51,428 or 61%. All metro school divisions have 9 trustees. The number of electors, per trustee in the Winnipeg School Division is 15,099, or 2.1 times the suburban average of 7,099. Therefore, based on the current legislation and the total number of electors, it is not possible for the number of voters in the Winnipeg School Division to be in line with or comparable to the suburban divisions. In either scenario, the student population per trustee varies for the three existing wards or the proposed 9 ward system. It is important to note that while the "representation quotient" set forth in the Public Schools Act is based on the average number of resident electors per trustee/ward, once elected, the trustee represents the Division as a whole.

The Public Schools Act requires that candidates for the position of school trustee must live in the Winnipeg School Division. Candidates do not have to live in the ward in which they are running for election.

In response to an enquiry, your Committee was informed that trustees continue to discuss the pros and cons of a one ward/trustee representation with many of the same concerns, such as school locations, student population, and constituents. The discussion involves whether there is merit to a smaller ward system that will allow for less costly campaigns for elected candidates; provide better access to elected candidates; and where there may be opportunities to be more attentive/responsive and accessible to constituents regarding local issues. It may also lead to significant communities of interest who are likely to be better represented. Trustees also continue to discuss the benefits of maintaining the existing ward boundaries/trustee representation which allows residents to have access to more than one elected official; can be perceived as less parochial; and where the catchment areas continue to align with Division ward boundaries.

Your Committee expressed concern that timelines are an issue and may create difficulties in properly exploring the proposed Ward Boundaries with members of the school community.

Ward Boundaries and Trustee Representation (cont'd)

Your Committee also noted that although the proposed boundaries are disproportionate of schools in each ward, the boundaries are drawn to coincide with the City of Winnipeg polling stations.

Your Committee was informed that a Special Board meeting is being held on October 28 at 7:00, 1577 Wall Street East, to receive delegations on the ward boundaries. Please contact the Board Office at (204) 789-0469 to register to make a presentation by noon on October 24th, 2013. Your Committee was also encouraged to submit feedback to the Board Office by the October 31, 2013 deadline.

Respectfully Submitted,

JACKIE SNEESBY
Trustee Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:**Voting Representatives:**

Brock Corydon
Collège Churchill
Grosvenor School
Harrow School
École secondaire Kelvin High School
Montrose School
École River Heights School
École Riverview School
École Robert H. Smith School
Rockwood School

Regrets:

Earl Grey School
Gladstone School

Grant Park School

Trustees:

Jackie Sneesby
Mark Wasyliw
Mike Babinsky

Administration:

Robert Chartrand, Superintendent of Schools – South
Ara Morris, Principal, Brock Corydon
Holly Mackie, Principal, Carpathia School
Joyce Wong, Acting Principal, Churchill High School
Elaine McKenna, Acting Principal, Collège Churchill
Donna Miller, Principal, Gladstone School
Yale Chochinov, Principal, Grant Park School
Leslie MacGillivray, Principal, Harrow School
Wade Gregg, Principal, Queenston
Grant Bridgeman, Principal, École Riverview School
Tom Rossi, Principal, École Robert H. Smith School
Sharon Labossiere, Vice Principal, École Robert H. Smith School
Rene Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer
Doug Edmond, Director, Research, Planning & Systems
Management
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

CENTRAL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2-2013

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board:

October 16, 2013

Your Central District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. Election of Committee Chair

Your Committee was informed that at the First Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 9, 2013, the Central District Advisory Committee was reconstituted and the Board named Trustees Cathy Collins and Darlyne Bautista as the representatives to the Committee.

The parent representative from Lord Selkirk School was elected Chair of the Central District Advisory Committee for the 2013/2014 term.

2. Ward Boundaries and Trustee Representation

The Director of Research, Planning & Systems Management was in attendance to provide Committee members with an overview on the existing and proposed Ward Boundaries.

Your Committee was informed that on May 6th, 2013, the Board of Trustees received a petition requesting that the Winnipeg School Division give consideration to changing the wards in the Division. Specifically, the petition requests that the present three ward system with three trustees in each ward be changed to a nine ward system with one trustee representative in each ward.

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In response to an enquiry, your Committee was informed that trustees continue to discuss the pros and cons of a one ward/trustee representation with many of the same concerns, such as school locations, student population, and constituents. The discussion involves whether there is merit to a smaller ward system that will allow for less costly campaigns for elected candidates; provide better access to elected candidates; and where there may be opportunities to be more attentive/responsive and accessible to constituents regarding local issues. It may also lead to significant communities of interest who are likely to be better represented. Trustees also continue to discuss the benefits of maintaining the existing ward boundaries/trustee representation which allows residents to have access to more than one elected official; can be perceived as less parochial; and where the catchment areas continue to align with Division ward boundaries.

Your Committee expressed concern that timelines are an issue and may create difficulties in properly exploring the proposed Ward Boundaries with members of the school community and questioned whether the deadline could be extended.

Your Committee also noted that although the proposed boundaries are disproportionate of schools in each ward, the boundaries are drawn to coincide with the City of Winnipeg polling stations.

In response to an enquiry, your Committee was informed that all feedback will be collected and analyzed and provided to trustees for their consideration in November. Once a decision is made, information will be available on the Division’s website and included in the minutes.

Your Committee was informed that a Special Board meeting is being held on October 28 at 7:00, 1577 Wall Street East, to receive delegations on the ward boundaries. Please contact the Board Office at (204) 789-0469 to register to make a presentation by noon on October 24th, 2013. Your Committee was also encouraged to submit feedback to the Board Office by the October 31, 2013 deadline.

3. 2014/2015 Budget Process and Timelines

The Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide Committee members with an overview of the Division's Budget process and timelines.

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Your Committee was informed that the Division may be facing challenges such as the level of provincial funding and the expenditures required to maintain programs and services for students. Your Committee was informed that the Division will continue its efforts to control costs and maintain programs and services to meet the changing needs of students.

Your Committee was informed that the budget is being developed to maintain programs and services for students. The Board is hopeful that with appropriate levels of funding, ongoing efforts to control costs and with some growth in the assessment base, the Division would be in a better position to mitigate this year's property taxes.

Your Committee was informed that the budget process will include presentations at the District Advisory Committee meeting as well as to provide schools and members of the community an opportunity to provide input in the development of the Budget.

Your Committee discussed and recommended that information related to technology in schools, access to schools, the Nursery/Kindergarten program, Aboriginal programs and supports for newcomers be reviewed during future budget discussions.

2014/2015 Budget Process and Timelines (cont'd)

Your Committee was also informed that as part of the consultation process an Open House will take place in mid-November to receive preliminary information as well as to meet with the members of the Board to discuss the upcoming budget. Your Committee was also informed that presentations, videos, surveys, feedback forms, a tax calculator and budget information will be posted to the Division's website as the information becomes available.

Your Committee was informed that in addition, a Special Board Meeting will be held on February 24, 2014 to receive delegations on the Budget. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until February 28, 2014. All feedback will be considered by Finance/Personnel Committee. The Board of Trustees will approve the budget at its meeting to be held March 10, 2014. The Board must finalize the budget by March 14, 2014, as required by legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY COLLINS
Trustee Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:**Voting Representatives:**

Cecil Rhodes School
Daniel McIntyre
Elmwood High School

École George V School
Greenway School
Isaac Brock School
Laura Secord School
Lord Selkirk School

Regrets:

Glenelm School
Kent Road School

Trustees:

Mike Babinsky
Cathy Collins
Suzanne Hrynyk

Administration:

Celia Caetano-Gomes, Superintendent of Schools – Central
René Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer
Doug Edmond, Director, Research, Planning & Systems Management
Val Georges, Director, Aboriginal Education
James Gray, Vice-Principal, Cecil Rhodes
Lorne Belmore, Principal, Daniel McIntyre
Dino DiFabrizio, Vice-Principal, Daniel McIntyre
Mike Babb, Principal, Elmwood High School
Rick Horaska, Vice-Principal, Elmwood High School
Nichola Batzel, Vice-Principal, Elmwood High School
Manuel Silva, Principal, George V School
Stormie Duchnycz, Principal, Lord Selkirk School
Denise Smith, Principal, Interdivisional Student Services
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

WTA Representative
Elmwood High School – Student Representatives

PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2013

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board

October 22, 2013

Your Public Relations/Communications Committee reports as follows:

1. Review of Terms of Reference

Your Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Public Relations/Communications Committee and agreed that no changes were required.

2. Communications Plan

Your Committee received an overview of the various objectives of the Communications Plan, including maintaining media relations; creating a regular flow of information to media and maintaining accurate up-to-date information about schools and trustees.

Your Committee noted that additional resources may be required to support and raise awareness of the Division's internal and external publics, as identified in the Communications Plan.

Your Committee suggested that as much as possible informational brochures, fact sheets, pamphlets and other forms of written and/or electronic communication about the Division and its schools be posted on the Winnipeg School Division website to help reduce the usage of paper.

Your Committee was informed that the Communications Department is currently reviewing the tools and resources that are required to maintain and update the website on a regular basis and continuing to improve communications with the school community.

Your Committee agreed that it is important to continue supplying public information to media about the school division and its programs and services.

Your Committee also recommended that schools be encouraged to maintain up to date information on all schools.

3. Communication Strategy – Open House

Your Committee discussed the Open House for the community regarding the 2014-2015 Budget process. The purpose of the Open House will be to provide an opportunity for the community to learn about the Division and the Budget and to meet with trustees to share their ideas/concerns about the budget. Your Committee recommended that the Special Board Meeting be held on Monday, November 25th, 2013 at Tec Voc High School.

Public Relations/Communications Committee Report 1-2013

Your Committee was informed that the evening could include themes related to the Division's Guiding Principles for the development of the budget.

Your Committee requested that the Open House be promoted to parents during parent/teacher interviews as well as posted on the Division website. Your Committee also recommended that administration seek the possibility of having a Public Service Announcement and advertising via brochures, posters and placing advertisements in the local newspaper.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees hold an Open House for the community on Monday, November 25, 2013 to discuss the 2014/2015 Budget.

Respectfully submitted

ANTHONY RAMOS
Committee Chair

In Attendance:

Trustees:

A. Ramos, J. Sneesby R. Hildahl,

Administration:

P. Clarke, R. Appelmans, C. Caetano-Gomes (12:30), D. Burgos, K. Stuart

NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2-2013

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board:

October 22, 2013

Your North District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. Election of Committee Chair

Your Committee was informed that at the First Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 9, 2013, the North District Advisory Committee was reconstituted and the Board named Trustees Darlyne Bautista and Suzanne Hrynyk as the representatives to the Committee.

The parent representative from Andrew Mynarksi School was elected Chair of the North District Advisory Committee for the 2013/2014 term.

2. Ward Boundaries and Trustee Representation

The Director of Research, Planning & Systems Management was in attendance to provide Committee members with an overview on the existing and proposed Ward Boundaries.

Your Committee was informed that on May 6th, 2013, the Board of Trustees received a petition requesting that the Winnipeg School Division give consideration to changing the wards in the Division. Specifically, the petition requests that the present three ward system with three trustees in each ward be changed to a nine ward system with one trustee representative in each ward.

Your Committee was informed that at a meeting held June 3rd, 2013, the members of the Board adopted a motion to re-establish the Ward Boundaries Review Committee and appointed five trustee representatives to review this matter.

Your Committee was informed that Section 58 of the Public Schools Act states that where 10 or more resident voters of a school division or school district aggrieved by the action of a school board under subsection 57(1) or by the failure of the school board to take action within three months next following the making of a request under subsection 57(1) the voters may in writing appeal to the minister against the action, or the failure or refusal to act of the school board and the minister may refer the matter to the Board of Reference. In addition, the City Clerk's Department advised the Division that notice of any changes to the existing ward boundaries/trustee representation must be submitted by mid-March, 2014.

Your Committee was informed that Section 57 of the Public Schools Act also states that the total number of trustees shall not be fewer than five or more than nine, and that each trustee of a school division divided into wards shall represent, in so far as is practicable, approximately the same number of electors. The number of electors per trustee is determined by dividing the total number of resident electors in the Division by the total number of trustees.

The Public Schools Act refers to this number as the "representation quotient". In order to preserve equality by population of wards, the number of electors per trustee in any one or more wards cannot vary by plus or minus 25%.

Ward Boundaries and Trustee Representation (cont'd)

Your Committee was informed that the total number of electors in the Winnipeg School Division is 135,889 which is higher than the next largest division by 51,428 or 61%. All metro school divisions have 9 trustees. The number of electors, per trustee in the Winnipeg School Division is 15,099, or 2.1 times the suburban average of 7,099. Therefore, based on the current legislation and the total number of electors, it is not possible for the number of voters in the Winnipeg School Division to be in line with or comparable to the suburban divisions. In either scenario, the student population per trustee varies for the three existing wards or the proposed 9 ward system. It is important to note that while the "representation quotient" set forth in the Public Schools Act is based on the average number of resident electors per trustee/ward, once elected, the trustee represents the Division as a whole.

The Public Schools Act requires that candidates for the position of school trustee must live in the Winnipeg School Division. Candidates do not have to live in the ward in which they are running for election.

In response to an enquiry, your Committee was informed that trustees continue to discuss the pros and cons of a one ward/trustee representation with many of the same concerns, such as school locations, student population, and constituents. The discussion involves whether there is merit to a smaller ward system that will allow for less costly campaigns for elected candidates; provide better access to elected candidates; and where there may be opportunities to be more attentive/responsive and accessible to constituents regarding local issues. It may also lead to significant communities of interest who are likely to be better represented. Trustees also continue to discuss the benefits of maintaining the existing ward boundaries/trustee representation which allows residents to have access to more than one elected official; can be perceived as less parochial; and where the catchment areas continue to align with Division ward boundaries.

Your Committee expressed concern that timelines are an issue and may create difficulties in properly exploring the proposed Ward Boundaries with members of the school community.

Your Committee also noted that although the proposed boundaries are disproportionate of schools in each ward, the boundaries are drawn to coincide with the City of Winnipeg polling stations.

In response to an enquiry, your Committee was informed that Trustee remuneration would remain the same if there were any changes to the trustee representation.

Your Committee was informed that a Special Board meeting is being held on October 28 at 7:00, 1577 Wall Street East, to receive delegations on the ward boundaries. Please contact the Board Office at (204) 789-0469 to register to make a presentation by noon on October 24th, 2013. Your Committee was also encouraged to submit feedback to the Board Office by the October 31, 2013 deadline.

3. 2014/2015 Budget Process and Timelines

The Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide Committee members with an overview of the Division's Budget process and timelines.

Your Committee was informed that the Board of Trustees approved a Budget for the 2013/2014 school year which provided the resources required to support programs and services for students, while being mindful of our financial responsibility to residents and ratepayers in the Division. It is also important to note that many increased costs in school division operations are outside the control of school boards due to changes in student population and enrolment numbers, community needs and expectations, provincial policy directions and legislation, arbitrated salary awards, and inflationary increases for services and commodities all of which have significant financial impacts for school board budgets and property tax levels. Last year, the Division received a slight increase of funding from the Province of Manitoba of \$1.05 million which fell short of the amount of funding necessary to offset the expenditures required for existing programs and services. The Board was able to achieve savings and reductions of over \$2.6 million by reducing school building operating costs through energy management strategies, minor adjustments to school start and dismissal times, improvements and increased efficiencies in technology and reductions to administrative costs and reassigning duties of staff. The Board also allocated additional math supports for students at the elementary level, added additional teaching positions for the provincial class size initiative, and made the necessary investments to maintain school buildings, facilities and equipment. The Board approved a budget totalling \$365 million.

In preparation of the 2014/2015 Budget, the Board approved a process that would again enable early discussion with members of the school community and provide additional opportunities for consultation.

Your Committee was informed that expenditures in the overall budget includes 81% for Instructional Services and 19% for Support Services. Your Committee also noted that 85% of the budget is related to salaries and benefits for approximately 5,000 staff members representing various employee groups.

Your Committee was informed that the Division may be facing challenges such as the level of provincial funding and the expenditures required to maintain programs and services for students. Your Committee was informed that the Division will continue its efforts to control costs and maintain programs and services to meet the changing needs of students.

Your Committee was informed that the budget is being developed to maintain programs and services for students. The Board is hopeful that with appropriate levels of funding, ongoing efforts to control costs and with some growth in the assessment base, the Division would be in a better position to mitigate this year's property taxes.

Your Committee was informed that the budget process will include presentations at the District Advisory Committee meeting as well as to provide schools and members of the community an opportunity to provide input in the development of the Budget.

In response to an enquiry, your Committee was informed that the management of classrooms pertaining to inclusion and less segregated classrooms are a school based decision and parents are encouraged to contact their principals with concerns or suggestions. Your Committee was informed that there are many programs and services provided by the Division to support students with special needs.

Your Committee recommended that consideration be given to an additional French Immersion Program at the high school level in the North District as Sisler High School is the only available option. Your Committee also suggested the consideration to increase supports for high risk students.

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2014/2015 Budget Process and Timelines (cont'd)

Your Committee was also informed that as part of the consultation process an Open House will take place in mid-November to receive preliminary information as well as to meet with the members of the Board to discuss the upcoming budget. Your Committee was also informed that presentations, videos, surveys, feedback forms, a tax calculator and budget information will be posted to the Division's website as the information becomes available.

Your Committee was informed that in addition, a Special Board Meeting will be held on February 24, 2014 to receive delegations on the Budget. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until February 28, 2014. All feedback will be considered by Finance/Personnel Committee. The Board of Trustees will approve the budget at its meeting to be held March 10, 2014. The Board must finalize the budget by March 14, 2014, as required by legislation.

4. New Business

Your Committee suggested that the distribution of printed materials to District Advisory Committees be reduced and that a recommendation be adopted to request that the Board of Trustees review the distribution process of printed materials through a survey to all Parent Advisory Groups.

Your Committee suggested that one copy be provided to the school administrator to be emailed to Parent Councils and members of the District Advisory Committee.

(Please Note: When possible and if required, material is currently being distributed through emails to Parent Councils, Principals and members of the Committees. A number of factors are considered such as, size of agenda, as large files exceed homeowners email capacity, as well as access to computers and printers. The 2014/2015 District Advisory Committee membership forms will be revised to include an email for the delivery of materials. Individual members currently identify their preference of receiving materials. Each member will be asked to verify their choice of delivery.)

Respectfully Submitted,

DARLYNE BAUTISTA
Trustee Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:
Voting Representatives:

Andrew Mynarski School
Champlain School
Inkster School
Isaac Newton School
Ecole Lansdowne
Lord Nelson School
Meadows West School
Prairie Rose School
Ralph Brown School
Robertson School
Sisler High School
St. John's School
Tyndall Park School

Regrets:

Faraday School
Shaughnessy Park School
Stanley Knowles School

Trustees:

Darlyne Bautista
Suzanne Hrynyk
Mike Babinsky
Anthony Ramos
Rita Hildahl

Administration:

Greg Bouchard, Principal, Andrew Mynarski School
Maxine Geller, Champlain School
Sandy Intrater, Principal, Inkster School
Randy Routledge, Vice-Principal, Isaac Newton School
Chantelle Deslauriers, Principal, Ecole Lansdowne
Claudette Warnke, Vice-Principal, Ecole Lansdowne
Amy Karlinsky, Vice-Principal, Lord Nelson School
Roger LeGrand, Principal, Meadows West School
Tony Marchione, Principal, Robertson School
Donny Zoochkan Wyke, Acting Vice-Principal, Robertson School
George Heshka, Principal, Sisler High School
Madalynne Iannone, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Ken Reimer, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Melody Woloschuk, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Dennis Mogg, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School
Doug Taylor, Principal, St. John's School
Cree Crowchild, Vice-Principal, St. John's School
Darryl Stevenson, Principal, Stanley Knowles School
Andrea Powell, Vice-Principal, Stanley Knowles School
Gisele Mospanchuk, Principal, Tyndall Park School
Julie Millar, Director, Student Support Services
Rene Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer
Doug Edmond, Director, Research, Planning & Systems Management
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

INNER CITY DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2-2013

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board:

October 23, 2013

Your Inner City District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. Election of Committee Chair

Your Committee was informed that at the First Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 9, 2013, the Inner City District Advisory Committee was reconstituted and the Board named Trustees Kristine Barr and Mike Babinsky as the representatives to the Committee.

The parent representatives from Dufferin School and R.B. Russell Vocational High School volunteered to co-Chair the Inner City District Advisory Committee for the 2013/2014 term.

2. Ward Boundaries and Trustee Representation

The Director of Research, Planning & Systems Management was in attendance to provide Committee members with an overview on the existing and proposed Ward Boundaries.

Your Committee was informed that on May 6th, 2013, the Board of Trustees received a petition requesting that the Winnipeg School Division give consideration to changing the wards in the Division. Specifically, the petition requests that the present three ward system with three trustees in each ward be changed to a nine ward system with one trustee representative in each ward.

Your Committee was informed that at a meeting held June 3rd, 2013, the members of the Board adopted a motion to re-establish the Ward Boundaries Review Committee and appointed five trustee representatives to review this matter.

Your Committee was informed that Section 58 of the Public Schools Act states that where 10 or more resident voters of a school division or school district aggrieved by the action of a school board under subsection 57(1) or by the failure of the school board to take action within three months next following the making of a request under subsection 57(1) the voters may in writing appeal to the minister against the action, or the failure or refusal to act of the school board and the minister may refer the matter to the Board of Reference. In addition, the City Clerk's Department advised the Division that notice of any changes to the existing ward boundaries/trustee representation must be submitted by mid-March, 2014.

Your Committee was informed that Section 57 of the Public Schools Act also states that the total number of trustees shall not be fewer than five or more than nine, and that each trustee of a school division divided into wards shall represent, in so far as is practicable, approximately the same number of electors. The number of electors per trustee is determined by dividing the total number of resident electors in the Division by the total number of trustees.

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In response to an enquiry, your Committee was informed that trustees continue to discuss the pros and cons of a one ward/trustee representation with many of the same concerns, such as school locations, student population, and constituents. The discussion involves whether there is merit to a smaller ward system that will allow for less costly campaigns for elected candidates; provide better access to elected candidates; and where there may be opportunities to be more attentive/responsive and accessible to constituents regarding local issues. It may also lead to significant communities of interest who are likely to be better represented. Trustees also continue to discuss the benefits of maintaining the existing ward boundaries/trustee representation which allows residents to have access to more than one elected official; can be perceived as less parochial; and where the catchment areas continue to align with Division ward boundaries.

Your Committee expressed concern that timelines are an issue and may create difficulties in properly exploring the proposed Ward Boundaries with members of the school community and questioned whether the deadline could be extended.

Your Committee also noted that although the proposed boundaries are disproportionate of schools in each ward, the boundaries are drawn to coincide with the City of Winnipeg polling stations.

Your Committee expressed concern that the proposed changes to the trustee representation would not ensure better communication by having only one trustee representative per ward. Specifically, the needs of the school community in one ward would greatly differ from another.

Your Committee expressed concern that the school locations and catchment areas are unclear in the proposed Ward Boundaries.

In response to an enquiry, your Committee was informed that the proposed Ward Boundaries would not affect how property taxes are collected.

Your Committee was informed that a Special Board meeting is being held on October 28 at 7:00, 1577 Wall Street East, to receive delegations on the ward boundaries. Please contact the Board Office at (204) 789-0469 to register to make a presentation by noon on October 24th, 2013. Your Committee was also encouraged to submit feedback to the Board Office by the October 31, 2013 deadline.

3. 2014/2015 Budget Process and Timelines

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Your Committee was informed that the Division may be facing challenges such as the level of provincial funding and the expenditures required to maintain programs and services for students. Your Committee was informed that the Division will continue its efforts to control costs and maintain programs and services to meet the changing needs of students.

Your Committee was informed that the budget is being developed to maintain programs and services for students. The Board is hopeful that with appropriate levels of funding, ongoing efforts to control costs and with some growth in the assessment base, the Division would be in a better position to mitigate this year's property taxes.

Your Committee was informed that the budget process will include presentations at the District Advisory Committee meeting as well as to provide schools and members of the community an opportunity to provide input in the development of the Budget.

Your Committee discussed the importance of providing after-school programs for our students and to maintain programs and services. Your Committee also expressed concern regarding the staffing, transportation and space required to meet the smaller class size mandate for K-3 classes as well as increases in enrolment. Your Committee also requested that workshops be available for staff and parents of special needs children.

2014/2015 Budget Process and Timelines (cont'd)

Your Committee was also informed that as part of the consultation process an Open House will take place in mid-November to receive preliminary information as well as to meet with the members of the Board to discuss the upcoming budget. Your Committee was also informed that presentations, videos, surveys, feedback forms, a tax calculator and budget information will be posted to the Division's website as the information becomes available.

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Respectfully Submitted,

MIKE BABINSKY
Trustee Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:**Voting Representatives:**

Argyle Alternative High School
Children of the Earth High School
David Livingstone School

Dufferin School
General Wolfe School
Gordon Bell School
King Edward School
Machray School
Niji Mahkwa School
Norquay School
Pinkham School
R.B. Russell School
Ecole Victoria-Albert School
William Whyte School

Regrets:

Mulvey School
Strathcona School

Trustees:

Mike Babinsky
Cathy Collins
Suzanne Hrynyk
Rita Hildahl
Darlyne Bautista

Administration:

Karin Seiler, Superintendent of Schools – Inner City
René Appelmans, Secretary-Treasurer
Doug Edmond, Director, Research, Planning & Systems Management
Pat Graham, Principal, Argyle Alternative High School
Chris Goring, Principal, Children of the Earth High School
Wayne Wyke, Principal, Dufferin School
Michelle Namaka, Vice-Principal, Dufferin School
Gwen McLean, Principal, General Wolfe School
Mohammad Rezai, Vice-Principal, General Wolfe School
Tim Cox, Vice-Principal, Gordon Bell High School
Lisa Hasselfield, Vice-Principal, Hugh John Macdonald
Aaron Benarroch, Principal, King Edward School
Gordon Armstrong, Principal, Machray School
Peter Correia, Principal, Mulvey School
Bonnie McEachern, Vice-Principal, Mulvey School
Leslie Last, Principal, Norquay School
Jackie Connell, Acting Principal, R.B. Russell School
Paulette Huggins, Principal, Ecole Victoria-Albert School
Kathleen Kozak, Vice-Principal, Ecole Victoria-Albert School
Dennis Perron, Principal, William Whyte School
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

WTA Representative
David Livingstone – Community Support Worker
Dufferin School – Community Support Worker
Hugh John Macdonald School – Community Support Worker
Machray School – Community Support Worker
Niji Mahkwa School – Community Support Worker
Norquay School – Community Support Worker
Pinkham School – Community Support Worker
Strathcona School – Community Support Worker
Ecole Victoria-Albert School – Community Support Worker

WARD BOUNDARIES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3-2013

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board:

November 4, 2013

Your Ward Boundaries Committee reports as follows:

1. Ward Boundaries

At a meeting held September 23, 2013, the Board of Trustees adopted a motion that a proposal for 9 single trustee wards and an updated map of the ward boundaries be distributed to all parent councils, board advisory committees, employee groups, schools, student councils, and others upon request for feedback by October 31st, 2013.

The results of the feedback from Individual Rate Payer/Residents, Parent Councils, Board Advisory Committees and Staff/Employee Groups were discussed at the meeting.

Your Committee was informed that as of November 1st, 2013, 149 results were obtained from an on-line survey and paper surveys which consisted of 74 on-line surveys and 75 paper surveys.

Your Committee was informed that most respondents were responding as individuals (68%); another 30% were representing parent councils. Your Committee was also informed that two parent councils provided separate responses for each member and eight others included a single response for their council and 48% of respondents preferred the existing 3 ward scenario, 50% preferred the 9 ward scenario and 2% of respondents chose neither option.

Your Committee agreed to proceed with the 9 wards with one trustee representative per ward.

Recommendation:

That a by-law identifying the boundaries for 9 electoral wards which provide for 1 trustee representative per ward be prepared for approval by the Board of Trustees as required in accordance with the Winnipeg School Division Procedural By-Law 1203.

Respectfully Submitted,

KRISTINE BARR
Committee Chair

IN ATTENDANCE:

Trustees:

Administration:

K. Barr, R. Hildahl, S. Hrynyk, C. Collins, M. Babinsky, M. Wasyliv, J. Sneesby
R. Appelmans, P. Clarke, C.G. Gomes, D. Persaud, E. Barnaby, D. Edmond,
D. Burgos, B. Lapointe, K. Stuart