THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

CENTRAL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS - Thursday, May 3, 2018

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

As there was one voting representative in attendance and seven were required to form a quorum, the parent representatives agreed to proceed with an informal meeting.

2. 2018/2019 FINAL BUDGET

Committee members received an overview of the budget for the 2018/2019 school year.

The final budget approved by the Board of Trustees includes expenditures of \$410,984,800 for the fiscal period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Complying with direction from the Provincial government, the Board approved a 2% increase to the special requirement resulting in a 3.3%, or \$45 a year, increase on property taxes for taxpayers within WSD boundaries. This is based on the average assessed value of \$214,200 on a home in WSD.

Committee members were informed that this year's funding for the International Education Program and the Swimming Counts program and workplace safety enhancements were approved by the Board.

Committee members were informed that several items proposed for consultation as options for cost reductions such as the School Resource Officer Program and Kindergarten program will continue due to support.

In addition, the budget is addressing needs identified for building maintenance and accessibility articulated in the WSD *Building Systems Assessment Report*. Deferred maintenance in the form of building systems exceeding their useful life and capital improvements represents a budgeted deficiency of about \$261 million, 75.5% of which should be supported by Public Schools Finance Board. These funding needs are assumed over a period of 30 years.

Committee members were informed that the Board approved \$1,752,900 in cost savings to achieve a balanced budget without impacting programming for students. These include \$100,000 in travel budgets and \$1,652,900 in vacancy management with savings being achieved through attrition.

Committee members were informed that WSD continues to operate as one of the leanest administration teams in the Province, while providing direction, support and service to the largest school division. WSD administrative costs equal 2.7% of total spending, below the 3% mandated limit for all large urban school divisions in the province.

Committee members were informed that as part of the Division's Strategic Priority, the administration has prepared a Financial Facts document which includes an overview on WSD, review, expectations and the financial position of the Division. WSD Financial Facts can be found at the link below:

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3. SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Committee members were informed that the City of Winnipeg is holding the Municipal and School Board Elections on October 24, 2018. The Winnipeg School Board is established as a corporation under the terms of the Public Schools Act of Manitoba. The WSD has nine trustees based on a nine ward system. The Boundaries of the WSD can be found on the Division's website.

https://www.winnipegsd.ca/Governance/WardBoundariesandMaps/Pages/default.aspx

Committee members were informed that the required qualifications for the school trustees are listed under the Public Schools Act.

Committee members were also informed that an employee of the same school board, school division or school district is disqualified from serving as a trustee unless he or she takes a leave of absence under subsection 48 of the Public Schools Act.

The Committee was informed that the City of Winnipeg Senior Election Official will be accepting Nomination Papers commencing Wednesday, September 12, 2018. During the election period, nomination papers are available from the City of Winnipeg, City Clerk's Department, Administration Building at 510 Main Street, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, as well as the Winnipeg School Division, 1577 Wall Street East. Nomination papers must have 25 signatures of voters whose names appear on the Voters List. Signatures must also be from residents who reside in the ward in which they are seeking election. The deadline to file is Tuesday, September 18, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

4. GREEN PURCHASING AND PROCUREMENT POLICY

Committee members were informed that at a previous meeting, the Board of Trustees approved motions requesting the administration develop a policy in relation to a Green Purchasing and Procurement policy and to refer the draft policy to District Advisory Committees for feedback prior to Board approval. In the meantime, Policy-DJA-Purchasing Authority is being currently reviewed to include a green purchasing and procurement aspect.

Committee members were provided with a copy of Policy DJA-Purchasing Authority and were encouraged to share this information with their respective school and provide feedback on policy revisions to the Board Office at <u>board@wsd1.org</u>.

5. POLICY KMA-COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION

Committee members were informed that at a previous meeting, the Board of Trustees approved motions requesting that administration review and revise Policy KMA-Community Involvement in Education and that the draft policy be referred to the District Advisory Committees for feedback.

Committee members provided with a copy of Policy KMA-Community Involvement in Education and were encouraged to share this information with their respective school and provide feedback on policy revisions to the Board Office at <u>board@wsd1.org</u>.

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6. FOR INFORMATION

6.1 Security Cameras in Schools Policy

Committee members were informed that at a previous meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a motion to develop a policy in relation to security cameras in schools and that the policy be referred to District Advisory Committees for information. A copy of the Security Cameras in Schools Policy was distributed to Committee members for information.

6.2 Policy EEA-Transportation of Pupils

Committee members were informed that at a previous meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the motion that on an interim basis, Policy EEA – Transportation of Pupils be revised to include provisions for Courtesy Transportation Services and that the Board would continue its review of the Fee for Service option for possible implementation in the 2018/2019 school year.

Committee members were provided with a copy of the revised policy which includes provisions for a fee-for-service for those students who meet the criteria under the Courtesy Seat provision. The revisions also include clarification on areas deemed hazardous.

Committee members were advised that the revised policy includes a fee for service cost that would be equivalent to the new City of Winnipeg rates at \$70 per month for a student transit bus pass. The new fees would include a reduced fee of \$35 per month for each additional child effective the 2018/2019 school year.

6.3 Policy IGD-Extracurricular Activities

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held April 9, 2018, the Board of Trustees approved amendments to Policy IGD-Extracurricular Activities to be consistent with provincial curriculum, Division policies and the Manitoba High School Athletics Association. Committee members were provided with a copy of Policy IGD-Extracurricular Activities for information.

6.4 District Advisory Reports and Summaries of Discussions

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held March 5, 2018, the Board of Trustees received the Central District Advisory Committee Report and Summary of Discussions as information. The Summary of Discussions have been distributed to Committee members the week of March 5th.

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.winnipegsd.ca/Parents/Parent%20Council/Pages/Default.aspx

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7. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Daniel McIntyre collegiate Institute
- Isaac Brock School

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Representatives: Liz Jackimec, Isaac Brock School

Alternative Representative

Jolene Schnerch, Isaac Brock School

Trustees: Arlene Reid Cathy Collins

Regrets:

Clifton School Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Glenelm School Greenway School Laura Secord School Lord Selkirk School River Elm School Ecole Sacre-Coeur Sargent Park School Tec Voc High School Wolseley School

Administration:

Julie Smerchanski, Director of Assessment and Instructional Support Services Meghan Davidson, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate, Vice-Principal Tanis Westdal, Vice-Principal, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Melody Woloschuk, Principal, Isaac Brock School Brian Rogowsky, Vice-Principal, Isaac Brock School Rhona Churman, Principal, Laura Secord School Matthew Couture, Vice-Principal, Laura Secord School Cree Crowchild, Principal, River Elm School Suzanne Mole, Principal, Wolseley School Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary





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Parent Advisory School Report for the March – May 2018 Reporting Period

Staff PD:

March 16th

AM - Warren Nickerson and Jon Olafson,

• Taking data from the TTFM survey and discussing the implications for teaching the students of D.M.C.I.

PM – Fiona England, Keith Mandor, Carole Conyers

• Understanding and Responding to the Social-Emotional Needs of Students with a focus on Anxiety and Depression

April 20th

PM - Shawn Rux

• Former administrator from New York, Deputy Superintendent at NYC Department of Education shared his experiences as an administrator changing school culture.

<u>Clubs/Youth Groups:</u>

Student Council

Ongoing work in the planning and implementing of the following:

- Gym Riot
- Pep Rally
- Spirit Week

DMCI Leadership

On-going volunteerism in the Winnipeg School Division and surrounding community such as:

• Participating in the West Central Community Program where students go to Greenway, John M. King and Wellington to act as mentors to younger students.





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- 25 students attending Winnipeg Harvest on a weekly basis.
 - Volunteering and are involvement in our Athletic programs (scorekeeping, admissions attendants for athletic games, running canteens etc.).
 - 8 students volunteering on a weekly basis at the Wild Strawberries Daycare.

McIntyre Anglers Ice Fishing Program

Successful season with several outings to ice fish throughout the winter months

McIntyre Anglers Fishing Program

200 students signed up for the upcoming season

GSA

- Organized DMCI's Rainbow Day with a photo booth and bake sale
- Participated in the Rainbow Resource Centres StandOUT conference
- Organized and facilitated the Day of Pink at DMCI with a pink pancake breakfast

Mindful Mondays

- 10 students involved in weekly lunch hour mindfulness sessions.
- Strategies are explored to support stress management/anxiety related to school.
- Held a lunch-hour session during the division Mental Health and Wellness week.

Athletics

Basketball

- JV Boys and Girls placed as City Champions
- Mark Neves was awarded the JV Coach of the Year from Basketball Manitoba
- Four of our basketball players were chosen for the WSD Basketball All-star Team





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Badminton

- Four teams qualified for the championship tournament at Tec Voc
- Each category had 14 teams competing for top spot in playoffs and DMCI had a fourth place, two 3rd place and a 1st place finish
- The girls doubles category will be represented by DMCI at the provincial badminton tournament in Brandon

Soccer

- JV and Varsity Boys/Girls soccer teams
- Girls attended the soccer jamboree at the University of Winnipeg
- Girls soccer team placed fourth in the Varsity Girls Greenspace Tournament at Gordon Bell

Ultimate

- Participated in the MODS indoor tournament
- Regular season is underway

Academic Programs

Medical Health Professions Program

- Students regularly attending the Health Sciences Centre as an opportunity to visit professional work sites in the medical field.
- A group of students attended Neuro Talks Symposium at the University of Manitoba
- Students attended the WSD Science Fair and lead participants through a number of medically related activities
- Grade 12 Medical students attended the PanAm Research Centre to practice arthroscopic surgery skills

English Language Arts

- Facilitated the CLBC Tea Party exploring classic literature
- The Write Stuff 4th annual Writers Conference (DMCI students along with feeder schools and 17 guest speakers and keynote by University of Manitoba Coach Brian Dobie

Math

- Math Help is provided by teachers on a daily basis in a variety of locations around the school including the library and several classrooms
- Organized and facilitated Pie Day with several activities and math competitions





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Science

received a gold medal in the WSD divisional science fair

Business/Computer Science

- 3 students received a gold and silver standing at Skills Manitoba in the 2D animation competition
- Gold winner Denise Villaneuva will be representing DMCI at the National Competition in June

EAL

- 4 students attended and spoke about their experience on a panel at the Everybody Has The Right Conference at the Human Rights Museum
- EAL student Hibo Mohammed was awarded the 2018 City of Winnipeg Youth Role Model Award for Community Volunteering
- Mentorship program with General Wolfe (Students attending 2 times/week to work with younger students in their EAL classroom)
- Former students of DMCI attended classes to speak about their experiences after high school and life in University

Performing Arts

Dance

- DMCI's finest earned an Elite Gold Medal and third place finish at "The Canadian National Dance Championships"
- DMCI's finest won 1st place in the 5,6,7,8 showtime competition and received an invitation to the world cup. They received the highest score in the competition out of 400 dance numbers
- DMCI's dancers took part and performed in the STEPZ divisional dance day

Music

- Jazz band received the highest adjudicating standings at the Brandon Jazz Festival and the Jazz/funk band received special recognition from the festival director
- MBA Jazz Award was awarded to our Jazz Band in recognition for their exemplary performance, commitment to the Optimist





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Festival and the development of an outstanding band program
Students participated in Choral Fest

Other

- Zoe Quill won the University of Manitoba BMO Financial Group Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship
- 4 Daniel McIntyre Collegiate students were cast as lead roles in the divisional musical production of The Lion King



Isaac Brock School Central Advisory Parent Council Report

May 3, 2018

Literacy

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• Literacy assessments to celebrate progress, share learning with parents/guardians and plan next steps in students' learning

<u>Numeracy</u>

• Numeracy/Math concepts assessed to celebrate progress, share learning with parents/guardians and plan next steps in students' learning

Indigenous Perspectives

- Continue to infuse the 7 teachings in our daily practices
- Students celebrated the Goose Moon and Spring Solstice with Pipe ceremony and feasts
- Junior High invited to participate in Smudging
- Regalia are being made for special ceremonies for language students (skirts and bibs with ribbons for girls and shirts with ribbons for boys)
- WSD Indigenous Youth Empowerment Gathering- select students attended March 22

Education for Sustainable Development

- The Green Team continues to meet to plan initiatives
- Everybody Has the Right continues to meet
- Everybody Has the Right visited CMHR April 10th
- Student Council continues to fundraise through Friday Pizza Lunches
- Students will soon be involved in rejuvenating the Butterfly Garden
- Composting will resume shortly
- Crayola Marker recycling campaign continues
- 2 students were tasked with writing a letter to our Superintendents to invite them to the Divisional Youth 4 Sustainable Development Conference to be held May 9th (select students will be attending)
- April School-wide Litterless Lunch Campaign with students running mini assemblies

Addressing Barriers to Learning

- Isaac Brock has assembled their PBIS Team to create a school wide approach to promote positive behaviour. Signage of expectations for common areas are posted throughout the school.
- WRENCH Build a Bike program (second round) to learn how to build and maintain bicycles. Select students in the program will build and keep the bikes they make.
- Report Cards went home and Tri-Conferences were held in March

- Planning initiatives for Healthy Minds Week in May: Grade 5/6 students reading positive morning messages over announcements, and are delivering positive message grams and treats
- Gr. 9's went to the Career Symposium April 18th
- Young Women's Conference (4 Gr. 8 students) April 12th

Extra-curricular/Other

- Echo had 2 Gold standard performances and Resound a Silver performance at the Divisional Music Festival
- Isaac Brock's Heritage Room video is featured on the Winnipeg School Division website
- Junior High inter-school badminton
- Drama Club continues on Wednesdays from 3:45-5:45and will continue until the end of April
- Grade 5/6 Dodgeball Intramurals
- Junior High Soccer Intramurals
- Junior High Open Gym (Tues and Thurs mornings starting at 8:15 am)
- Gr. 9 students toured Tec Voc and DMCI
- Gr. 1-6 students enjoyed The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe presentation
- Gr. 4 Swimming Counts Program was in March
- Gr. 5 Swimming Program started April 4th for 9 lessons
- Grade 4-6 Fit Run
- Grade 2 and 3 Coding Club
- Junior High Softball
- Grade 4 Lego Club
- Junior High Soccer
- Junior High Track and Field

Looking Ahead

- Select rooms to attend U of M Opera; Hansel and Gretel May 4
- Grades 7-9 to watch U of W production of Little Shop of Horrors
- Youth 4 Sustainable Living Conference for select Junior High students May 9
- Spring Concert (Sweet Sounds Dessert Café) May 17
- Isaac Brock Talent Show May 18
- Valour Community Carnival June 6
- Junior High Exam Week- June 11-22
- WSD Pow Wow May 30
- N/K Tea June 26
- Grades 5-9 Awards Ceremony June 27