

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – DECEMBER 9, 2014

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Trustee Lisa Naylor welcomed everyone to the first Student Advisory Committee meeting for the 2014/2015 school year.

At the Inaugural Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on November 3, 2014, Trustee Lisa Naylor was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Kevin Freedman was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

The student representative from Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute volunteered to Chair the Student Advisory Committee for the 2014/2015 term.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee members approved the Agenda of December 9, 2014, as distributed.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee members agreed to add the following items for discussion to a future agenda:

- Eco-Friendly Plan
 - Bottle Filling Stations
 - Dual Flush Toilets
 - Solar Panels/Windmills
 - Bio-Degradable Paper Towels
- Technology in Schools (BYOD & WiFi Update)
- Interac payment options/ATMs
- Smoking Policy

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5. 2015/2016 BUDGET

Committee members were informed that in preparation of the 2015/2016 Budget, the Board approved a process that would again enable early discussion with members of the school community and provide additional opportunities for consultation.

Committee members were informed that the Board is seeking input during November/December in the development of the Budget. In Early February, after the provincial funding announcement, Trustees will meet with all District Advisory Committees as well as have an open meeting for residents in the Division. There is a survey posted on the Division's website www.wsd1.org. Another survey will follow in February once the Provincial Funding has been confirmed.

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

Committee members were informed that a Special Board Meeting will be held on February 23, 2015 to receive delegations on the Budget. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until February 27, 2015. All feedback will be considered by the Finance/Personnel Committee. The Board of Trustees will approve the budget at its meeting to be held March 9, 2015. The Board must finalize the budget by March 13, 2015, as required by legislation.

In response to an enquiry from a student representative from Churchill High School regarding having a female health professional attend their school to talk about health and wellness, Julie Millar, Director, Student Support Services directed the school to contact Nori Korsunsky, WSD Health Education Consultant to further discuss and make arrangements.

Committee members discussed the possibility of having emergency blankets available at each classroom/gym door in case of emergency evacuation which does not allow time to get dressed appropriately based on weather conditions.

Committee members indicated that they would like to see additional funding/support for transportation to allow for decreased costs to the students when attending a field trip.

Committee members also indicated they would like to see additional funding for Breakfast and Lunch Programs.

Committee members also indicated they would like to see additional funding for athletic programs, additional language classes, school camera/security, computers and colour printers. In addition, Committee members discussed the upgrades required at schools including water fountains, sinks, plumbing and roofs.

6. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

SCHOOL REPORTS

Student representatives from the following schools provided a written report (attached) on school activities.

- Argyle Alternative High School
- Children of the Earth High School
- Churchill High School
- Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute

Elmwood High School

Committee members were informed of the following events at Elmwood High School:

- WE Day
- Canadian Academy of Travel and Tourism
- Drama Program
- Football Field upgrade

R.B. Russell Vocational High School

Committee members were informed of the following events at R.B. Russell Vocational High School:

- Self-Care groups
- Cooking Groups
- Gay-Straight Alliance
- Drama Club (Plays about bullying awareness)
- Christmas play
- Christmas Party for children and Christmas Feast

Technical Vocational High School

Committee members were informed of the following events at Tec Voc High School:

- Holiday Party
- Bring Your Own Device
- Basketball program
- F1 Team

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7. FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees

The parent representatives received a copy of the Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees for information.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Student Advisory Committee will be held Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

Student Representatives:

Argyle Alternative High School
Children of the Earth High School
Churchill High School
Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute
Elmwood High School
Kelvin High School
R. B Russell Vocational High School
Technical Vocational High School

Trustees:

Lisa Naylor
Kevin Freedman

Administration:

Julie Millar, Director,
Gil Richard, Staff Advisor, Argyle Alternative High School
Dominic Zagari, Staff Advisor, Churchill High School
Kim Bradley, Staff Advisor, Children of the Earth
Lorraine Ilagan, Staff Advisor, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute
Karen Chercoe, Staff Advisor, R. B. Russell Vocational High School
Michelle Sacco, Staff Advisor, Technical Vocational High School
Julie Richard, Recording Secretary
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Grant Park High School
Sisler High School

Programming /initiatives @ Argyle Alternative High School:

- **Family Night:** On the last Thursday of every month, Argyle hosts a family night with invite families students and friends to share a meal prepared by staff and students and also take part in a make and take hosted by our art teacher.
- **Men's group:** Meets monthly to discuss issues and develop relationships amongst the young men in our school.
- **Women's group:** Meets monthly to discuss issues and develop relationships amongst the young women in our school.
- **Sweats:** Offered monthly, where students participate in aboriginal teachings and sweat run by our student support service staff.
- **Healing With Horses:** A 10 week initiative operated by Miracle Ranch and run by or Phys Ed teacher. This is where students were introduced to horses and instructed in the care and grooming of them . The purpose was to have students develop caring and nurturing relationships with each of their horses and also develop and strengthen their own sense of compassion and self care.
- **Guitar Club:** weekly students are invited to join in a informal gathering to learn and play guitars.
- **Fort Whyte Alive Program:** Operates all year. Students who participated were actively involved in the maintenance and care of various areas of the facility including the farm and greenhouse, and are taught about sustainable development.
- **Social Justice Group:** Students are exposed to issues, events and individuals under the umbrella of social justice and human rights,

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- Art Sale organized with Seed Winnipeg for sale of student art
- Leadership Program meets at lunch/twice a week.
- Cats Production – Video Productions
- JASP – leadership program (after school)
- Music Program (lessons and performances) – after school – sponsored by Winnipeg Foundation
- Poverty Conference in Ottawa – 2 students and teacher attended
- Family Cooking Program
- YIP Program – Youth in Philanthropy
- Staff and students are organizing Food for Poverty at Christmas
- Siloam Mission fundraiser
- We also have a medical program where grade 10 – 12 students get to job shadow medical careers at places like Pan Am Clinic, Grace Hospital and others.
- Partnership with CEDA for student tutoring
- Rec & Read – volunteering at Niji Mahkwa
- Playground mentorship and supervision by COTE students at noon for students at Niji Mahkwa
- Computers on Wheels
- Breakfast program
- Cultural Teachings – Sage Picking / Pipe Ceremonies – Grand Chief Nepinak presented

Student Advisory Committee – Churchill High School

SCHOOL REPORT

- HEALTH & WELLNESS WEEK
- LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEER AT FEEDER SCHOOLS
- LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY CLEANUP PROJECT WITH UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA GLOBAL ISSUES CLASS
- THE MADISON PROJECT – SILOAM MISSION WORKSHOP
- ABORIGINAL ORANGE SHIRT DAY
- NEW LOCKERS HAVE BEEN PUT IN THIS YEAR
- GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM
- FWILE CONFERENCE
- YOUTH UNITED WAY CONFERENCE
- YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY – FALL CONFERENCE/YIP FOR ACTION GRANT PROJECTS
- TERRY FOX MARATHON OF HOPE FUNDRAISERS – TEACHER VS STUDENT SCOOTER RACE/BAKE SALE
- FIRST YEAR (IN A WHILE) WITH A VARSITY BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM
- Ten grade 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to attend the Youth Wellness Conference at RB Russell School. The students had the privilege of hearing Guest Speakers such as Honorable Kevin Chief and Chief of Police, Devon Clunis. The message for the day was that the choices and decisions students make now will impact the rest of their lives. There were break out sessions on Cool 2Be Kind, Nutrition and Fitness, a message from the Police Cadets and Street Safety. By far the high point of the day was hearing the Muamba Brothers from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Their message was "Decisions Determines Destiny."
- New digital sign
- Christmas Cheer Board – each classroom is given a decorated box to fill with a list of items and are hand delivered to families in need.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Winnipeg
- Student Council – Fundraisers for Breast Cancer Research (Bake sale)
- Young Leaders Program
- After School Leaders Program

Daniel McIntyre Collegiate – School Report

Student Advisory Committee Meeting

1) McIntyre Event

- David Rich, great grandson of Dr. McIntyre contacted the school to make arrangements to donate his Great-grandfather, Daniel McIntyre's watch
- The Alumni Board made arrangements with the family and held a ceremony in their honour on Oct. 16.
- The event started with a school tour for the McIntyre Clan, who came from the US, Sweden, and Toronto
- After the tour, a ceremony took place in the library where the family presented the Alumni Board with Dr. McIntyre's pocket watch, that was given to him when he retired
- Home Ec. and Leadership students helped out with preparing food, trays and serving; DMCIce (Vocal Jazz Group) performed
- The McIntyre Family was truly impressed with our school and our students – expressing their gratitude that the school is upholding the legacy and beliefs that Dr. McIntyre held

2) YiP – Youth in Philanthropy

- Bake sale for Koats for Kids: proceeds used to buy coats/winter gear at Value Village. In total: 15 jackets, 2 boots, 10 gloves, 6 hats donated
- Collected and donated feminine products for RAY
- Raised \$154 for Siloam Mission to feed 50 people Thanksgiving Dinner
- attended We Day and then participated in We Scare Hunger; collected canned goods for Winnipeg Harvest
- planning a cake auction for Christmas Cheerboard and organizing a toy and clothing drive for December
- Dec. 2 volunteering at the We Care event at Safeway for Christmas Cheerboard

3) Choralfest

- The Choir and Vocal Jazz performed at Choralfest on Nov. 26; at Sturgeon Creek Mennonite Church and Canadian Mennonite University, respectively

4) Robb Nash Presentatiion

- Came to perform for the school on Oct. 27
- A concert which addresses adolescent struggles through music and presents youth with a positive message about having strength and perseverance

- Very good feedback from staff and students regarding how the topic was presented and the quality of the performance
- 5) JV Boys Volleyball
 - Won the Winnipeg School Division City Championships
 - This is the 9th straight city championship for the JV Boys Volleyball
 - 6) 2 Plays presented at the School
 - Drama and the EAL had MTYP at the school to present "Jabber" on Nov. 12. "Jabber" is a play about a Muslim girl and a teenaged boy whose friendship blossoms into romance. They are forced to confront stereotypes, boundaries, and the consequences of their actions.
 - Grade 11 English had Shakespeare in the Ruins present come to the school to present "Macbeth"
 - 7) BBoy Flexum visit
 - All the way from the U.S Dancer BBoy Flexum paid a visit to DMCI
 - DMCI dancers had a blast learning from him as they practiced top-rocking and threading
 - He also showed them really fun dancing drills
 - 8) DMIT Tournament
 - Hyped week long basketball tournament from Dec. 15-19
 - 14 teams will be playing including schools DMCI, Sturgeon, Westgate and more
 - Great to kick off the last week of school before winter break
 - 9) EAL Students celebrating human rights week
 - Students have opportunities throughout the week to:
 - Monday: Students are making badges to come up with their own definition of Human Rights.
 - Tuesday: Gallery day - students' work will be displayed in Room 49 for other EAL students to view
 - Wednesday - Rainbow Resource centre coming to hold workshops about LGBT issues.
 - Thursday - Aboriginal Drumming and storytelling workshop
 - Friday - Teen talk to do a workshop on "Appreciating Diversity"
 - 10) Anime Club
 - Newly launched anime club has sprung at DMCI
 - Anime fans are able to explore anime by participating in activities, games and contests
 - 11) Spoken Word
 - Students get to practice their poetry writing skills in the spoken word
 - members write their own poetry and put it to beatbox music
 - members get an opportunity to share it with the group

12) School Store

- In the spring of 2015 DMCI will open its very first school store
- Students will be able to purchase a variety of materials from school supplies to DMCI wear and much more.

13) Christmas Concert

- On Dec. 10, DMCI's holding its annual Christmas concert in the gymnasium

14) Remembrance assembly

- DMCI students remembered fallen soldiers as Vice President Whitney Anderson lead the ceremony as the DMCI choir performed
- Video presentation was played to remember those who fought during the World War
- “DMCI Spotlights” drama club performed

15) Nutrition Program

- a breakfast and lunch program is run daily for students who for whatever reason are not able to have a nutritious breakfast or lunch