

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – NOVEMBER 28, 2017

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Trustee Arlene Reid welcomed everyone to the first Student Advisory Committee meeting for the 2017/2018 school year.

At the Inaugural Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 11, 2017, Trustee Arlene Reid was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Chris Broughton was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

Two student representatives from Grant Park High School and a student representative from Children of the Earth High School volunteered to Co-Chair the Student Advisory Committee for the 2017/2018 term.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee members approved the Agenda of November 28, 2017, as distributed.

4. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FACEBOOK PAGE

During last year's Committee meetings, members discussed the possibility of creating a Facebook page dedicated to the members of the Committee in order to discuss topics of interest and share ideas that have been implemented and successful in their respective schools.

Committee members were informed that the Division has created a Facebook page as a valuable resource that enables members of high school student councils to connect with other student councils across the Division. The Facebook page is a closed forum that would require anyone interested to currently have a Facebook account and would require a request for membership.

The link is found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/178847305942792/>

Committee members were informed that in addition to communication with other schools, school related matters may be shared on the Facebook page, such as school fundraisers, events and student/school accomplishments.

The Board and Community Liaison Office will remind principals to share this information with their student council.

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5. STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

Committee members were informed that the Board of Trustees approved a motion that the Winnipeg School Division host a Student Sustainability Conference.

The Conference will be held on May 9, 2018, at the Canadian Human Rights Museum and will include three guest speakers.

The Conference is based on the three pillars to Education for Sustainable Development: Environment; Economy; Human Health and Well-Being.

Committee members were informed that invitations to attend the conference is limited due to the size of the venue. Committee members were informed that schools will be advised of the maximum number of participants to be invited per school.

Committee members were advised, that should members of the Student Advisory Committee have any questions or would be interested in participating at the Conference, please contact Rob Riel, Director of Aboriginal Education and Newcomer Services at rriel@wsd1.org.

6. 2018/2019 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

Committee members were informed that the Board is committed to obtain feedback from school communities, parent councils, residents and staff groups for the 2018/2019 school budget. The Advisory meetings will provide parent and student representatives with an opportunity to share feedback, ideas and questions with the trustees in their local area.

Committee members were informed that it is anticipated that the Provincial funding announcement will be made in late January / early February. Once the announcement is received, the Finance/Personnel Committee of the Board will put the final touches to the draft budget. This draft budget will be distributed to all schools, parent councils, student councils, advisory committees, employee groups and others on request, and posted on the Division's website.

Committee members were informed that District Advisory Committee meetings will be scheduled in February to provide an opportunity for dialogue and discussion about the draft budget. A Public Meeting regarding the draft budget will be held on February 26, 2018. The deadline to receive feedback regarding the budget will be received by the Board until March 5, 2018. All feedback will be considered by Finance/Personnel Committee. The Board of Trustees will approve the budget at its meeting to be held March 12, 2018. The Board must finalize the budget by March 15, 2018, as required by legislation.

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7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee members discussed and agreed to add the following topics for discussion at a future meeting:

- ATMs in Schools / Interac Payment
- Nutrition in Schools (cafeteria food, pricing)
- Gender Neutral Washrooms
- Weapons at School (School Safety)
- Student Participation in Extra-Curricular activities and Volunteering

8. 2017/2018 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATES

Committee members were informed of the following schedule of the Advisory Committees for the 2017/2018 school year.

Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

9. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

SCHOOL REPORTS

Children of the Earth High School

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

- Jazz
- Aboriginal Art Co-op
- Thunderbird Café

Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute

Committee members were informed of the following events at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute:

- Welcome Back Event
- Block Party, Sidewalk Chalk Art
- Welcome Back BBQ
- Pep Rally
- Halloween Dance

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Elmwood High School

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

- Aboriginal Youth Leadership Program
- Little Mermaid Production
- Special Olympics Program
- Homework Club
- Grade 12 Career Portfolio interviews
- Social Justice Group
- Aboriginal Awareness
- Cultural Day
- Day for Teachers
- Pep Rallies
- Spirit Week
- Gaming

Grant Park High School

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

- Human Rights Conference with 3 keynote speakers
- Halloween Dance

Sisler High School

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

- Social Justice Group
- Fundraising
- Leadership Conference
- 700 Members on Telegram

Tec Voc High School

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

- Gender Neutral Bathrooms
- Christmas Event
- Stingers Credit Union

10. FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees

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

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11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Student Advisory Committee will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

Student Representatives:

Children of the Earth High School
Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute
Elmwood High School
Grant Park High School
Sisler High School
Tec Voc High School

Regrets:

Trustee Chris Broughton
Churchill High School
Gordon Bell High School
Kelvin High School
R.B. Russell High School
St. John's High School

Administration:

Rob Riel, Director of Aboriginal Education and Newcomer Services
Elaine Mayham, Teacher, Children of the Earth High School
Robyn Harrington, Staff Advisor, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute
Helena Tessier, Recording Secretary

Trustees:

Arlene Reid