

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION
INNER CITY DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Tuesday, November 28, 2023

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Committee members stated that the students, staff and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land and the stories that bring us together. We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory, the homeland of the Red River Métis and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak and Dakota Oyate peoples.

2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

Committee members were informed that at the Inaugural meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 11, 2023, Trustee Dante Aviso was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Tamara Kuly was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

The parent representatives from William Whyte School, Mulvey School and Strathcona School volunteered to co-chair the meetings of the Inner City District Advisory Committee.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Committee members requested that Jordan's Principle be added to the agenda for discussion. Committee members approved the revised agenda for November 28, 2023.

4. WSD 2024/2025 BUDGET CONSULTATION

Committee members were informed that on March 6, 2023, the Board of Trustees approved a budget for the 2023/2024 school year in the amount of \$454,832,200.

The Province of Manitoba established a consultant team to guide the development of a new education funding model which was to be implemented for the 2023/2024 school year. The Province later announced that the new funding model requires more consultation and would not be ready for the 2023/2024 school year as anticipated. The Province has confirmed that the funding model will be the same formula for the 2024/2025 Budget. Committee members were informed the mill rate for WSD is much lower compared to other divisions, which is a benefit under the current funding model. Committee members were also informed that property tax levies have been frozen at 2020 levels and it remains unknown if the special levies will be increasing this year.

In response to an enquiry, the Committee was informed the province delayed the new funding model as it was still proving to be inequitable and was weighted towards rural communities.

Committee members were informed that in preparation of the budget announcement, the

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Board is requesting feedback regarding the priorities for schools and the community that should be considered in the upcoming budget process? Which programs should be expanded in school communities? And how could resources within the budget be better distributed to ensure they are reaching those who need them most? Committee members were informed the Board is requesting feedback be provided by December 15th, 2023, for discussion at the next District Advisory meeting. Committee members were informed that the Division is only beginning budget discussions and that there will be additional meetings for providing feedback regarding the budget. Committee members were also informed that budget feedback may be compiled by the Parent Council, or submitted individually by parents/guardians.

Committee members were informed that currently the Board is in an exploratory phase and that feedback from the community is important for determining where funding will have the maximum impact. The Superintendent reminded the Committee that the budget for WSD is approximately half a billion dollars and stressed the importance of providing feedback to the Board for consideration. The Board of Trustees along with administration are currently developing a utopian wish list for programs and services, which will be paired down once budget numbers are released and it is evident what is feasible and what will provide the greatest return to schools and the community.

Committee members were also informed that the majority of the budget is allocated towards staffing and buildings/maintenance, which increases the importance of being strategic with the remaining funds.

A Committee member suggested that additional funding be provided for cultural programs such as land-based education. Committee members shared that events such as sweats, full moon ceremonies, splitting wood with grandfathers and raising teepees have had a positive impact on both students and staff. Committee members were informed that WSD has been a leader in cultural education, however, there is more that can be done. The Superintendent informed Committee members that decolonization of education is paramount to WSD and that needs to be demonstrated in the budget.

5. LUNCH PROGRAM – UPDATE

At a previous meeting, Committee members were informed that the feedback from sixteen schools demonstrated that overall, parent councils supported the development of a flexible policy or guideline. Parent Councils suggested that WSD provide support to the parent council with staffing, training, financials and human resources. Parent Councils also recommended that WSD provide Educational Assistants (EA's) to assist with staffing needs.

Committee members were informed that the administration was seeking confirmation on the insurance requirements for parent councils functioning as an employee and whether the Division's Insurance Policy would cover any liability concerns. Committee members were informed that the administration recently received clarification on the insurance coverage required for parent councils operating as an employer and MSBA has confirmed that parent councils would be required to purchase their own insurance coverage.

Committee members were informed that at a meeting held November 6, 2023, the Board of Trustees were informed that administration is in the process of examining the potential for

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extending the hours for Educational Assistants to provide support for the lunch programs. The members of the Board were informed that WSD will operate a pilot program for the lunch program at five schools with the greatest need for support. Committee members were also informed that the operation of a division-wide lunch program would be a multi-million dollar cost. The feasibility of offering the program is still under review and has not yet been approved by the Board.

Committee members shared that in some schools EA's work on a lunch rotation to allow for lunch time supervision. Committee members also shared that in lunch programs of approximately 100 students, on average 30-50 students are provided emergency lunches.

Committee members were informed that the Board of Trustees agreed to defer Policy KMB – Parent Council Lunch Programs until after budget discussions have been completed.

6. JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

At the request of Committee members, Jordan's Principle was added to the agenda for discussion.

Committee members were informed that Jordan's Principle is a program offered in partnership with the Southern Chiefs Organization at no cost to WSD to provide assistance for Indigenous students. Jordan's Principle was developed to ensure that First Nations children can access the products, services and supports they need, when they need them and to develop long-term approaches to help better address the unique needs of First Nations children.

In response to an enquiry, Committee members were informed that Jordan's Principle EA's were eligible for all the same WSD compensation and benefits.

7. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- King Edward Community School
- Sister MacNamara School
- Pinkham School
- William Whyte School

8. FOR INFORMATION

Committee members were provided information on Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees, COVID update/Ventilation information, School Grants/Proposals, New Structure/Clusters, as well as Lead in Drinking Water Testing and Mitigation Results.

Committee members were informed that Schools or Parent Councils looking for assistance with navigating and writing grants or proposals may contact Cristina Cruz at

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In Attendance:

Voting Representatives:

David Livingstone School
General Wolfe School
Gordon Bell High School
Machray School
Mulvey School
Niji Mahkwa School
R.B. Russell High School
Sister MacNamara School
Strathcona School
William Whyte School

Regrets:

Argyle Alternative High School
Children of the Earth High School
Dufferin School
Fort Rouge School
Hugh John Macdonald School
John M. King School
King Edward School
Norquay School
Pinkham School
Victoria-Albert School
Wellington School

Administration:

Matthew Henderson, Superintendent
Rob Riel, Assistant Superintendent
Mohammad Rezai, Assistant Superintendent
Christopher Clarke, Principal, David Livingstone School
Susan Darazsi, Principal, General Wolfe School
Vinh Huynh, Principal, Gordon Bell High School
Claudia Martinez, Vice-Principal, King Edward School
Daniel Braga, Principal, Machray School
Peter Correia, Principal, Mulvey School
Ruben Boulette, Principal, Niji Mahkwa School
Leigh Ann Dysart, Vice-Principal, Niji Mahkwa School
Mercy Sackey, Principal, Pinkham School
Paul Krowiak, Principal, R.B. Russell High School
Sonia Medagila Dos Santos, Vice-Principal, Sister MacNamara School
Helen Savater-Fixe, Vice-Principal, Strathcona School
Daniel Keith, Principal, William Whyte School
Lindsey Trudeau, Vice-Principal, William Whyte School
Tarin Howard, Recording Secretary

Non-Voting/Resource Members:

Community Support Worker, William Whyte School
Community Support Worker, General Wolfe
Community Support Worker, Strathcona
Community Support Worker, Norquay School
Community Support Worker, R.B. Russell
Community Support Worker, Machray

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November 2023

KING EDWARD INNERCITY PARENT ADVISORY MEETING SCHOOL REPORT

- A new projector and sound system have been installed in the gym. It is used for assemblies, gym class and meetings.
- We received several art donations from our community members – mostly abstract masks made from recycled material.
- We held Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, September 21st.
- Our Gym teacher organized our Terry Fox Run for the whole school on Friday, September 22nd
- Orange Shirt Day was observed during the week of September 25th -29th.
- Dental Screening for King students took place, September 26th
- Our Public Health nurse held a Grade 6 Immunization September 26th
- School wide Evacuation Drill was held October 12th.
- Bus ridership was held on Thursday, October 17th.
- Flora House is up and running for afterschool program.
- Our Community Support Worker continues to run our Koats for Kids program, provide food donations for our families.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony was attended by community members – it was a success.
- November 3rd Public Flu Clinic was highly attended.

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VICE PRINCIPAL

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Sister MacNamara Inner City Parent Advisory Meeting School Report

- Welcome Back to School celebration on CBC news – September 6th
- Meet the Staff- September 21st
- Donations received for back to school from Souper Ladies, Fed Ex, Uzoma Asagwara, Running and Reading Club and Quadrant Private Wealth
- Terry Fox Run – September 22nd
- Lunch at the Governor General House with students- September 27th
- Orange Shirt Day- September 29th
- Bus Ridership- October 25th
- Remembrance Day Service- November 10th
- Winnipeg School Division Inner City Indoor Soccer League - Nov. 7 and 16th
- Hearing Screening- November 7-9th
- Welcome to Kindergarten – November 16th, 2024
- OurSchool Student Survey for Grades 4-6- November 20th-December 15th

Upcoming Events:**December**

- Pictures with the Santa
- Patrol Pizza Lunch
- Grade 1-6 Winter Concert – 19th
- Nursery and Kindergarten Winter Concert- 20th
- Several activities and events offered in the Family Room.

March

- School Photos



PINKHAM SCHOOL

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Date: November 28, 2023

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Pinkham School is a Nursery – Grade 6 school. We support many exciting academic and extracurricular programs for our students.

Pinkham November Highlights:

School Highlights:

1. Monthly Assembly - C.A.R.E Awards:

Every month, all of the faculty, staff, and students gather in the gym for the Assembly. Since Pinkham's core values are C.A.R.E. (C. Come prepared to learn, A. demonstrate active listening, R. Ready to Participate and Inquire, and E. Everybody belongs), students are encouraged to demonstrate CARE in all they do.

Each month, a student is chosen from all classrooms based on their behaviour, and they are recognized and awarded at the monthly Assembly. The principal shares the school's values and knowledge with everyone and reminds them of the school expectations.

2. Remembrance Day Assembly (November 10):

Every month, all of the faculty, staff, and students gather in the gym for the Assembly. Donations were accepted, and students and staff members received poppies to wear to the Assembly on the day of remembrance. We honoured everyone who lost their life defending our nation in battle.

3. Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences:

On November 16 and 17, we held our Parent-Teacher conferences, where teachers had the opportunity to meet with parents and talk with them about their child's behaviour and academic performance. It was great to see so many parents and caregivers in our building!

4. Intramurals

Students at Pinkham School are able to take part in the intramurals held inside the school. Tuesdays are for Grades 1 and 2, Wednesdays are for Grades 3 and 4, and Thursdays are for Grades 5 and 6, during which students remain in school for lunch.

5. Performing Arts Club

Every Tuesday, interested students engage in various activities like acting, dancing, and singing at the performing arts club for the lunch hour.

6. Chess Club

Students learn how to play chess in a School Chess Club every Wednesday. Some students take the lead in the group and manage the entire club with the help of the teachers.

7. Can U program

Some of our students visit the University of Manitoba every Wednesday after school to talk with mentors about career choices and get new experiences.

8. Little Red Spirit Program

Our Community Support Worker runs this program every Thursday, where students learn about the Indigenous culture and language. Also, the members share their knowledge and experience with the students.

9. Winter Wonderland- A Variety Holiday Celebration

Pinkham School was invited to this year's Variety Holiday Celebration. Grade 1-6 students and staff members attended this event on November 21 at R.B.C. Convention Centre. Students returned with presents and face paintings, expressing how much they had enjoyed the event.

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The last Wednesday of every month is Pinkham's parent council meeting. We provide food and childcare to allow parents to join the great conversations. We have had a huge increase in numbers at our Parent Council meetings; we accommodate approximately 20 people once a month.

We are pleased that the community members attend our meetings and contribute their involvement with the school.

William Whyte School

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



1

2

3

Beading at 130 pm

6
CSW meeting at 8-12

7
CSW meeting at 8-12

8

Kids in the Kitchen
130-3

9

Frontier Collage literacy
program for ages 0-6
1-3

10

Beading at 130 pm

13
Safe Talk 930-3
All day , lunch will be
provided

14
AWAY

15
AWAY

16

17
NO SCHOOL
9-3
Babysitting training for
7/8 students

20

Book Club 130

21
Parent craft Calming Jars
130-3

22
Parent Advisory Meeting
at 4=6 light supper and
child minding

23

Frontier Collage literacy
program for ages 0-6
1-3

24
Bingo at 930 am

Beading at 130 pm

27

Book Club 130

28
Parent /Child Craft ALL
DAY
Sock snowman

29

Kids in the Kitchen
130-3

30

William Whyte School

DECEMBER

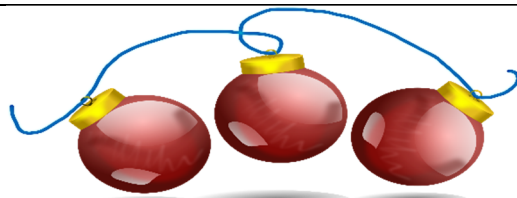
MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



1

Hockey Hero's
2:00 -7:00

4
CSW meeting 8:30-11:30

Ribbon skirt making 1:00 pm @Prairie Keewatin

5

Music Equals 1:00-3:00

Hockey hero's 3:30-6:30

6

Adult Craft
Ornament wreath

Museum 3:30-6:00

7
Christmas breakfast
8:00-9:30

Frontier College
1:00-3:30

8

Bingo at 9:15 AM

Beading at 1:30 PM

11

Ribbon skirt making 1:00 pm @Prairie Keewatin

12

Hockey heroes/ dinner
3:30-8:00

13
Cooking with kids and
parents 10:00-11:30

Museum 3:30-6:00

14

Winter Concert 5:30

15

Beading at 1:30PM

18

Ribbon skirt making 1:00 pm @Prairie Keewatin

19
CSW meeting 8:30-11:30

Music Equals 1:00-3:00

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Cooking with kids and
parents 10:00-11:30

Museum 3:30-6:00

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Frontier College 1:00-3:30

22

Beading at 1:30 PM

Christmas break