

**NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3-2023**

To the Chair and Members  
Winnipeg Public School Board:

November 21, 2023

The North District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. Land Acknowledgement

The Committee 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

The Committee was informed that at the Inaugural meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 11, 2023, Trustee Ann Evangelista was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Betty Edel was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

The parent representative from St. John's High School volunteered to Chair the meeting.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Committee recommended that School Resource Officers (SRO) Program and additional North District Advisory Committee meeting dates be added to the agenda for discussion. The revised agenda for November 21, 2023 was approved by the Committee.

4. WSD 2024/2025 Budget Consultation

The Committee was 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 Committee was informed that the Province of Manitoba, after establishing a consultant team for a new education funding model which was to be implemented for the 2023/2024 school year, announced a delay due to the need for additional consultation. The Province has confirmed that the current funding model formula will be continued for the 2024/2025 Budget.

The Committee was informed that the Board is actively seeking input from parents/guardians on budget priorities by December 15, 2023, for consideration at the next meeting. The Committee was informed that the administration will incorporate community feedback to refine the draft budget, considering past years, changes, and directives from the Board. The Committee was informed to expect more detailed information on numbers, programs, and budget specifics for the February consultation.

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5. Lunch Program - Update

The Committee was informed that at a meeting held November 6, 2023, the Board of Trustees agreed to run a pilot program for the operation of a lunch program at schools with the greatest need for support. The administration is in the process of examining the potential for extending the hours for Educational Assistants to provide support for the lunch programs. The Board of Trustees agreed to defer Policy KMB – Parent Council Lunch Programs until after budget discussions have been completed.

The Committee was informed that previous Boards had explored possibilities for collaboration with parents and the exploration of alternative models over time. Based on the discussions and feedback from parents, the Board agreed to initiate the process of a pilot program. The Committee was informed that the ongoing discussions included gathering information for the pilot program. The Committee suggested broad data collection to understand the spectrum of existing lunch programs, including what parents are paying and the financial dynamics.

The Committee was informed that the pilot program would likely commence this school year. The Committee was informed that the pilot program would include less than 10 schools and that the selection will be based on the current needs and challenges of schools. The Committee agreed to continue discussion on the process of the pilot program at the next meeting.

6. School Resource Officers (SRO) Program

The Committee agreed to add the School Resource Officers (SRO) program to the agenda for discussion. The Committee expressed concern about the status of the incident reports that were submitted, as well as the next steps for schools. The Committee was informed that the incident report has been shared with the Board, highlighting the prevalence of incidents involving weapons and individuals under the influence, and can be accessed in public documentation.

The Committee proposed a pilot project for SROs and questioned the necessity for additional studies and surveys, suggesting that action is needed to address increased violence. The Committee was informed that the Board plans to engage with communities rather than conduct more studies as survey results are not statistically significant. The Committee was informed that the upcoming budget and strategic planning discussions is to provide an opportunity for community input on school safety priorities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Evangelista  
Trustee Representative

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Attendance:

**Voting Representatives**

Champlain School  
École Lansdowne School  
Faraday School  
Garden Grove School  
Isaac Newton School  
Lord Nelson School  
Prairie Rose School  
Ralph Brown School  
Robertson School  
St. John's High School  
Tyndall Park School  
Waterford Springs School

**Regrets**

Andrew Mynarski School  
École Stanley Knowles School  
Inkster School  
Luxton School  
Meadows West School  
Shaughnessy Park School  
Sisler High School

**Administration**

Celia Caetano-Gomes, Assistant Superintendent  
Christina Da Mata, Principal, Andrew Mynarski V.C. School  
Nopharat Kousonsavath, Vice-Principal, Andrew Mynarski V.C. School  
Paulo Teixeira, Principal, Champlain School  
Jessica Mayor-Rodrigues, Principal, Ecole Lansdowne  
Ashley Morrison, Vice-Principal, Ecole Lansdowne  
Andrea Hinthier-Janus, Vice-Principal, Ecole Stanley Knowles  
Nichola Batzel, Principal, Isaac Newton School  
Ti-Oluwani Friesen, Community Support Worker  
Trevor MacVicar, Principal, Ralph Brown School  
Tanis Westdal, Principal, Shaughnessy Park School  
Crystal Dalke, Covering Support Worker, Shaughnessy Park School  
Pat Graham, Principal, Sisler High School  
Luc Buller, Vice-Principal, Sisler High School  
Douglas Taylor, Principal, St. John's High School  
Gisele Mospanchuk, Principal, Tyndall Park School  
Ryan Erichsen, Vice-Principal, Tyndall Park School  
Michelle Lejano, Recording Secretary

**Trustees**

Ann Evangelista  
Tamara Kuly