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To the Chair and Members Winnipeg Public School Board:

November 29, 2022

The Central District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Peoples of Canada

The Committee was informed that the meeting of the Central District Advisory Committee meeting is taking place on Treaty One land and the traditional homeland of the Red River Métis.

2. Election of Committee Chair

The Committee was informed that at the Inaugural meeting of the Board of Trustees held on November 7, 2022, Trustee Rebecca Chambers was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Tamara Kuly was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

The parent representative from Technical Vocational High School volunteered to Chair the meeting.

3. WSD 2022/2023 Draft Budget

The Committee received an overview on the Budget Consultation for the 2023/2024 school year.

The Committee was informed that on March 15, 2022, the Board of Trustees approved a budget for the 2022/2023 school year in the amount of \$437,118,200, which included \$13,217,517 in one-time funding and \$525,358 from accumulated surplus to offset a budgeted deficit. The Committee was informed that the baseline funding decreased by 1.3 percent (or \$2,325,238) and property tax levies for education remain frozen at 2020 levels.

The Committee was informed that on November 18, 2021, the Province of Manitoba announced the creation of a consultant team to guide the development of a new education funding model.

The Committee was informed that the Province stated that the new funding model is expected to be implemented by school boards for the 2023/2024 school year.

The Committee was informed that once the new funding formula is delivered by the Province, information will be shared with District Advisory Committees.

4. Policy KMB - Parent Council Lunch Program

The Committee was informed that at a meeting held May 16, 2022, the Board of Trustees approved a motion to refer new Policy KMB – Parent Council Lunch Programs to the District Advisory Committees for review with their respective parent councils and provide feedback no later than January 31, 2023.

The Committee expressed concerns about consistency in staffing, salaries and hours of lunch program staff, as well as lunch program fees; the proposed lunch program model is not sustainable or equitable; and that it is not feasible for parents to operate. There were also concerns raised that parent councils are not businesses and should not report lunch programs. The Committee suggested that the Parent Council Lunch Program Policy needs to be reviewed to support students who required additional supports and staffing.

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The Committee was informed that the policy was developed to provide guidance and support on the responsibilities and acceptable practices for Parent Councils providing lunch programs in schools.

Trustee Chambers encouraged parent representatives to discuss this matter with their respective parent councils and submit feedback to the Board for consideration. The Committee was also informed to provide feedback to the Board and Community Liaison Officer via email at brlapointe@wsd1.org not later than January 31, 2023 for review and consideration by the Board of Trustees.

The Committee recommended that the feedback be shared with parents before finalization by the Board of Trustees.

5. Renaming of Schools

The Committee was informed that during the 2021/2022 school year, the Board of Trustees approved a motion to review all schools named after individuals with a history of actions that are not in accordance with WSD values of inclusiveness, diversity, reconciliation and respect for the rights and human dignity of others.

The Committee was informed that all schools, parent councils, families, community members and organizations were invited to submit recommendations and/or feedback to the Board of Trustees regarding the names of schools.

The Committee was informed that the Board of Trustees recently reviewed and revised the renaming process to ensure that criteria and process to request consideration for renaming a school. The Committee was informed that the process for renaming may be initiated in response to a request from staff, students, parent councils, community members or a member of the Board of Trustees. The Committee was informed that all requests must be submitted in writing to the Board including contact information, a rationale including evidence/supporting documentation for the renaming of the school.

The Committee was informed that requests to begin the process to rename a school may also be initiated by the Board of Trustees or in response to a request from staff, students, parent councils or community members.

Attachments should be included to support the renaming request.

The Committee was informed that the Board of Trustees will refer the request to the Building/Transportation Committee for review and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Chambers Trustee Representative Central District Advisory Committee Report No. 2 -2022

In Attendance:

Voting Representatives

Clifton School

Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute

Elmwood High School

Glenelm School

Isaac Brock School

Keewatin Prairie Community School

Kent Road School

Laura Secord School

Ecole Sacre-Coeur

Sargent Park School

Tec. Voc. High School

Regrets

Ecole George V School

Greenway School

Lord Selkirk School

Principal Sparling School

River Elm School

Weston School

Wolseley School

W.A.E.C.

Administration

Celia Caetano-Gomes, Superintendent of Education Services

Dino Di Fabrizio, (Acting) Director

Susan Drysdale, Principal Clifton School

Christopher Torrance, Vice-Principal Elmwood High School

Jolene Boult, Principal Greenway School

Christopher Goring, Principal Isaac Brock School

Misty Perrun, Vice-Principal Keewatin Prairie Community School

Michelle Sacco, (Acting) Principal Kent Road School

Wade Gregg, Principal Laura Secord School Lisa Richardson, Principal Weston School

Michelle Lejano, Recording Secretary

Trustees

Rebecca Chambers

Tamara Kuly

Lois Brothers