

# THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

## CENTRAL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Wednesday, February 8, 2023

#### 1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF CANADA

Committee members were informed that the meeting of the Central District Advisory Committee is taking place on Treaty One Land and the traditional homeland of the Red River Métis.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Committee members approved the agenda of February 8, 2023, as distributed.

#### 3. 2023/2024 DRAFT BUDGET

Committee members received a copy of the 2023/2024 Draft Budget for review.

Committee members were informed provincial funding has increased in the amount of \$8,314,777 or 4.1%.

A parent representative shared concerns regarding the availability of an off-campus option for children who require inclusion support while transitioning from elementary to junior high. The parent representative recommended that there should be an option to open Grade 7 and 8 schools to accommodate children transitioning from elementary school.

Committee members discussed the need for additional bus drivers and improved service for transportation, crossing guards, nursery programs and mental health and learning supports for reading and math recovery. Committee members discussed the recovery of post-COVID and how it has affected the children and parent's mental health. It was also discussed that multiple children are falling behind in school as there is not enough Educational Assistants to support children. Committee members recommended that more Educational Assistant support is required for children who are undiagnosed and require support. Committee members recommended that the allocation of Education Assistants should be based on equity.

A parent representative recommended not spending the budget on wages, new programs (unless it's sustainable) and suggested leaning towards infrastructure in schools including purchasing new buses, fixing windows or insulation. Committee members were informed that it takes \$30,000 to assess a school for repairs.

Parent representatives recommended that schools should be offering the lunch program instead of parent councils. Committee members also suggested that lunch programs should not be fee based and that lunch program staff should be trained to supervise children in the lunch program. Committee members were informed that the Board of Trustees received a lot of information and feedback from schools and parent councils regarding lunch programs. The feedback on lunch programs will be received by the Board of Trustees at a future meeting.

A parent representative informed Committee members that the Seven Oaks School Division does not charge fees for lunch programs and suggested that WSD obtain information on how they manage their lunch program. Committee members were informed that each lunch program runs differently and that school divisions spend their budget depending on their priorities.

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Committee members also discussed the School Resource Officer program and requested that this be added to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

A parent representative commented that there is not enough Educational Assistants (EAs) in schools to support the inclusive classrooms. Committee members were informed that additional funding has been allocated to assist with hiring staff.

Committee members discussed the grade levels in schools and agreed that middle schools (Grade 7 to 8) should be separate from high school (Grade 9 to 12).

**4. ENQUIRES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS**

SCHOOL REPORTS

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

- Isaac Brock School
- Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute High School

**5. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Committee members were informed the next Central District Advisory Committee meeting will be held in May (T.B.D.).

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In Attendance:

**Voting Representatives**

Clifton School  
Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute  
Elmwood High School  
Glenelm School  
Isaac Brock School  
Keewatin Prairie Community School  
Laura Secord School  
Lord Selkirk School  
Sargent Park School  
Tec. Voc. High School

**Administration**

Celia Caetano-Gomes, Superintendent of Education Services  
Dino Di Fabrizio, (Acting) Director  
Joyce Wong, (Acting) Director  
Ara Morris, Principal Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute High School  
Jennifer Donachuk, Vice-Principal Elmwood High School  
Chris Goring, Principal Isaac Brock School  
Amie Johnston, Principal Lord Selkirk School  
Tyler Vanderberg, Vice-Principal Lord Selkirk School  
Malyssa Brown, Secretary Lord Selkirk School  
Dennis Mogg, Principal Technical-Vocational High School  
Kristine Carino, Vice-Principal Technical-Vocational High School  
Michelle Lejano, Recording Secretary

**Regrets**

Ecole George V School  
Greenway School  
Kent Road School  
Principal Sparling School  
École Sacré-Coeur School  
Weston School  
Wolseley School  
W.A.E.C.

**Trustees**

Rebecca Chambers  
Tamara Kuly  
Perla Javate  
Kathy Heppner  
Ann Evangelista

# Isaac Brock school report Feb 8 2023 (CDAC Meeting)

At the school level, the staff at Isaac Brock are continuing to support their "One School Vision" through classroom Feasts. Feasting is foundational in all relationships – with one's self, each other, our community and the natural world- and as they Feast together they support our school community. A deliberate effort is being made to have a English classroom paired with a Cree or Ojibwe bilingual classroom to share the experience. Family is invited to attend as it shows our students that our home school connection is strong.

February is also I love to Read month with various activities and guest readers planned throughout the month. Extra-curricular activities in sports are in full swing. Isaac Brock is also engaging the students in whole school STEAM Instant Challenges.

At the parent council level, we are working towards offering more activities for our families this year than has been done in previous years. We are finalizing our plans for the following:

- giving our maturing students the opportunity to take the Red Cross Babysitting course.
- implementing a few movie nights for our families.
- a book fair in the planning stages for March.
- brainstorming has begun for our annual spring carnival.
- details about our spring plant fundraiser will be sent out to families in the coming weeks.



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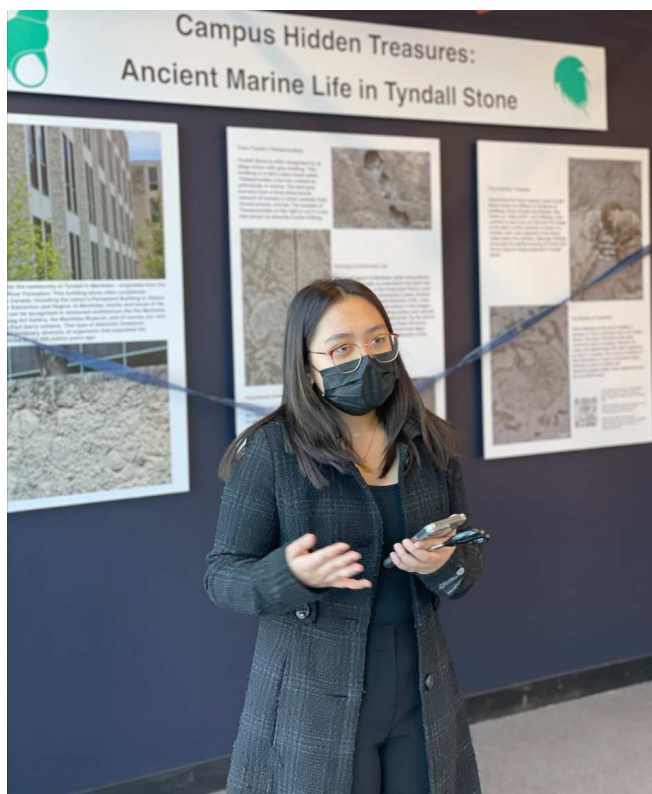
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Vice-Principal

## Central District Advisory Report

*February, 2023*

### DMCI Capstone Student Honoured at University of Manitoba



A DMCI grade 12 AP Capstone student from last year was honoured at the University of Manitoba on February 16th based on her original research and discovery of rare Ordovician fossils embedded within architecture at the University of Manitoba and DMCI's quadrangle. Gjana Millar's project was just 1 of 3 to not lose a single point in the College Board's grading system, which puts her in the top 1.14% of AP Research students globally. In partnership with the Dean of Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth and Resources, a 3-panel museum float of Gjana's research will be officially unveiled in the Cretaceous Menagerie in the Wallace Building, where it will be permanently located. The ceremony will feature various university dignitaries and professors as well as invitations to the media including various newspapers and CBC News.

The unveiling took place at 2:30 pm on Thursday, February 16th. In addition to the display, the U of M's first-year paleontology curriculum will also be revised going forward to include Gjana's findings with an assignment where students will have to re-discover and re-classify fossils on campus and duplicate her research.

## **DMCI's Medical Professional Program (MPP)**

On Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> students in our Grade 12 Medical Professional Program took part in some skills workshops arranged through a DMCI alumnus, Dr. Francis Diaz. The day started off with lunch and a panel style Q & A with Dr. Diaz and 4 other young healthcare professionals. The students then went into the Clinical Learning and Simulation Facility, where the professionals and our students completed a number of specific medical skills.

### **“Campus Visit Exposes High School Students to Rady Faculty Programs”**

After listening to a panel of recent University of Manitoba medicine and nursing grads speak, Grade 12 student Isabella Dalisay had a better sense of what it takes to become a health-care professional. Dalisay was one of 24 Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute (DMCI) students who visited the Bannatyne campus in January for an afternoon of health-care-related activities.



The students are enrolled in DMCI's Medical Professionals Program, a three-year program which prepares learners for post-secondary education in the health sciences, and to work in careers related to health care and the biomedical industry. The eager students took part in a Q&A session with two physicians, two nurse practitioners and one nurse. Read the full article in the link below from the University of Manitoba News from the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences:

<https://news.umanitoba.ca/campus-visit-exposes-high-school-students-to-rady-faculty-programs/>

## **DMCI Art Students Access WAG Art Classes**

Some gifted grade 10, 11, and 12 art students jumped at the opportunity to take part in the Winnipeg Art Gallery's Teen Artists' Program. In partnership with and funded by the Winnipeg School Division, the WAG offers free Sunday afternoon art classes to selected art students with a talent and passion for art. Through this program, students are encouraged to explore various materials and techniques, expand upon their skills and imaginations, while working on group and individual projects. Students from this program will present their work and participate in the installation of an Art Show that takes place at the WAG studio in March, 2023.





## **DMCI Presents: Maroon Market!**



The Applied Commerce Technology and Digital Media (ACT-DMCI) Department and Daniel McIntyre Collegiate are excited to share the successful opening of Maroon Market, our new school store. Maroon Market is a student-led, hands-on learning experience for students participating in business and digital media courses in the ACT-DMCI program. Maroon Market provides a unique opportunity for the students at DMCI, as well as the teachers in our program by providing cross-curricular opportunities and an understanding of the *why?* driving student learning.

Business and digital media students can apply their entrepreneurial skills in a cooperative student-led experience and showcasing those skills as *Dedicated Maroons through Collaborative Innovation.*

Maroon Market is committed to contributing real life work experience through innovative hands-on learning while unlocking endless potential.

Maroon Market's primary focus will always be providing DMCI students products at a fair price, gaining

occupational experience, as well as providing a recreational space for the lunch hour. It also allows students and staff to purchase a variety of products and provide a lunch space for our ever-growing student body. Students who take business courses are taught how to handle the high-pressure situations a business presents: decision-making, mediation, collaboration, and communication skills. Maroon Market aims to offer a diverse, distinctive menu of food and apparel products available to the students of DMCI. We are so excited to see all that Maroon Market will bring to the DMCI community.



## DMCI Maroon Athletics



The **DMCI Boys' Soccer** Team has been in fantastic form this year! They are currently two wins away from securing a Semi-Final spot in the Championship Division of the WYSA League.

The team has really gone from a group of individuals to a team of brothers who really play as a unit and fight for each other on the field! Watching them grow as athletes and people has been wonderful to see!

-Coach Danny & Coach Oleh

The **JV Girls'** basketball team started the season with little numbers and the possibility of not having a team, in late December we were able to create a roster. Despite multiple adversities throughout the season the team continues to have a positive outlook. They've developed individually as players and together as a team. This season was a great experience into high school basketball and will help them continue to grow on and off the court.



With a DMCI roster of young players that have not played varsity basketball, some for their first year of playing high school basketball, the **DMCI Varsity Girls** have been consistently ranked top 6 in the province. A lot of learning has taken place and the girls have risen to the challenge. We are looking forward to the playoffs!





The **JV Boys Basketball** team has had a successful year so far. The team has a 6-3 record in the Winnipeg West Athletic Conference. We have finished second in the Junior Winnipeg Invitational Tournament and in the Daniel McIntyre Invitational Tournament. Next up are the conference playoffs and then on to Provincials.



The **DMCI Varsity Boys** basketball team is currently ranked number nine in the province. The team is made up of grade 11 & 12 boys, and have become a second family to each other. They attribute their success from all support they have received from the school's staff and students, and are looking forward to working hard in their league playoffs.

## Honoured DMCI Student Opens the Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children



DMCI was pleased to have our exceptional student, Ian Dyck, assist with the opening ceremonies at the Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children conference, at the Victoria Inn Hotel & Conference Centre; Ian had a stand-out performance introducing the day's keynote speaker.

At the podium for almost five minutes and in front of a crowd of over two hundred educators, Ian was truly in his element. After introducing himself, highlighting his academic accomplishments and transition programming at DMCI this year, Ian launched into some of his trademark "dad joke" humour, which quickly had the pleasantly surprised audience in stitches. He then rounded out his task of introducing the keynote speaker by easily reading through a fairly lengthy biography. Ian did a fine job of representing himself as well as

DMCI at this event and we should all be very proud of him!

## DMCI Community Connections: DMCI Jr. High Tours/Open House/Community Access Fair

DMCI was proud to welcome a variety of groups into our school to learn about all the fabulous educational and extracurricular opportunities our school offers its students. This included groups of our feeder school grade 9's, whom we scheduled tours for, an evening Open House for any interested students to learn more about DMCI, as well as an Access Fair to support community members in accessing a variety of resources in one convenient location.

Having the opportunity to have conversations with potential students and converse with community members is something we have surely been missing these past few years. We are happy to continue to work towards making more of these connections, and continuing DMCI's tradition of serving its community's needs to the best of our ability.

### ACCESS FAIR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH  
FROM 4 PM TO 8 PM

Open to all children,  
youth, and families

- Apply for a Birth Certificate and Social Insurance Number
- Apply for your SCIS (Status) Card with Indigenous Services
- Open a bank account and a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) on site (with a parent or guardian), apply for the Canada Learning Bond (CLB)
- Connect with youth serving organizations and community resources

Visit [yesmb.ca](http://yesmb.ca) or the Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute website for details.



### DANIEL MCINTYRE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

## OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH  
6 PM TO 8 PM

Come explore DMCI's Exceptional Academic, Athletic, and Performing Arts Programming.

Join us to learn more about the educational opportunities at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute. Take a tour of our classes and visit our new school store. See performances by our Choir, Band, and Finest Dance Troupe. Meet our teachers and visit our classrooms to see how we are integrating innovative technology to enhance academic programming. Learn about our school's mission and how we help students reach their full potential.

- A Tradition of Academic Excellence
- Safe, Caring Environment
- Advanced Placement Program
- AP Capstone Certified School
- Medical Professionals Program
- Champion Sports Teams
- Award-Winning Performing Arts
- Wide selection of Extra-Curricular Activities

Visit our website at [www.danielmac.ca](http://www.danielmac.ca) for more information. We look forward to meeting you!



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