

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

CENTRAL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Tuesday, November 29, 2022

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. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

Committee members were 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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Committee members approved the agenda of November 29, 2022, as distributed.

4. GUIDELINES FOR BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Committee members received a copy of the Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees.

Committee members were informed that the Guidelines have been developed to assist advisory committees in their deliberations and to provide consistency in meeting and reporting procedures.

Committee members were informed that Advisory Committees may make recommendations to the Board of Trustees. Committee members were informed that in order to make recommendations a quorum must be in attendance at the meeting and a majority of the voting members who are present (1/2+1) at the meeting must agree on the recommendation.

Committee members were informed that one designated parent representative may vote on behalf of their respective school. Alternate representatives may only vote in the absences of the designated representative.

Committee members were informed that Advisory Committees are not permitted to have delegations from the public, however delegations may be received by the Board at regular meetings. Advisory Committees should not discuss personnel matters or individual student concerns and should instead refer any of these issues to the school principal or Superintendent of Education Services.

Committee members were informed that motions presented should be moved and seconded before being discussed to ensure that more than one person is interested in the topic. The Chair should confirm the name of the mover and the seconder for Committee members.

5. WSD 2023/2024 BUDGET CONSULTATION

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

Committee members were 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. Committee members were 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.

Committee members were 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.

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

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

6. POLICY KMB - PARENT COUNCIL LUNCH PROGRAM

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.

A parent representative expressed concerns about consistency in staffing, salaries and hours of lunch program staff, as well as lunch program fees and that it is not sustainable and equitable. Parents also raised concerns that it is not feasible to operate lunch programs as parent councils are not businesses. A parent representative suggested that the Parent Council Lunch Program Policy needs to be reviewed to support students who required additional supports and staffing.

In response to an enquiry, Committee members were 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.

Committee members were encouraged to discuss whether there are things that are working well and the problems certain schools have encountered which can be shared across the school communities. Trustee Chambers encouraged parent representatives to discuss this matter with their respective parent councils and submit feedback to the Board for consideration. The Committee members were 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.

A parent representative from Isaac Brock School recommended that the feedback be shared with parents before finalization by the Board of Trustees.

7. RENAMING OF SCHOOLS

Committee members were informed that during the 2021/2022 school year, the Board of Trustees approved a motion to review all schools named after individuals:

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- a) 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;
 - Of actions that are discriminatory and not in accordance with the principle of Human Rights as identified in the Manitoba Human Rights Code, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- b) That schools, parent councils, families, community members and organizations be invited to submit recommendations and/or feedback to the Board of Trustees regarding schools named after individuals;
- c) That public recommendations and the result of the review be presented to the Building/Transportation Committee for consideration of renaming of schools.

Committee members were 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.

Committee members were informed that the Board of Trustees reviewed the renaming process to ensure that criteria and process to request consideration for renaming a school. Committee members were 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. Committee members were 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.

Committee members were 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.

Committee members were informed that all requests should include:

- a) The contact information of the community member requesting the review;
- b) A narrative explaining the basis for the request;
- c) The actions of the namesake that are not in accordance with WSD values as well as the sources and strength of evidence of the actions;
- d) The harm the continued use of the name may inflict on Winnipeg School Division and its community;
- e) Attachments should be included to support the renaming request.

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

8. 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

9. ENGAGING PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND PARENT COUNCILS AS SCHOOL PARTNERS HANDBOOK

Committee members received a copy of the Engaging Parents/Guardians and Parent Councils as School Partners Handbook that provides information to engage and support student, parent and community involvement in education for information.

A parent representative suggested that a date of when the handbook was prepared be added to the document.

10. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF PARENT COUNCILS (MAPC) MEMBERSHIP

Committee members were informed that the membership requests must be submitted to the Board and Community Liaison Office as soon as possible in order to benefit from membership as well as have voting privileges at the MAPC Annual General Meeting and Conference.

Committee members were informed that should their parent council wish to become a member, to email their registration form to Tarin Howard at thoward@wsd1.org as soon as possible.

In response to an enquiry, Committee members were informed that previously MAPC fees were covered by WSD, however, this year there is no cost to become a member.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

Committee members were informed the next Central District Advisory Committee meeting will be held in February (T.B.D.) to continue discussions on the WSD 2023/2024 Budget Consultation.

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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
Kent Road School
Laura Secord School
Ecole Sacre-Coeur
Sargent Park School
Tec. Voc. High School

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 Boulton, 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

Regrets

Ecole George V School
Greenway School
Lord Selkirk School
Principal Sparling School
River Elm School
Weston School
Wolseley School
W.A.E.C.

Trustees

Rebecca Chambers
Tamara Kuly
Lois Brothers

At the school level, the admin and staff continue to work towards their One School Vision which focuses on relationships and unifies the Cree and Ojibwe bilingual programs with the rest of our culturally diverse school. The school has been granted money through the Manitoba's Teachers' Idea Fund which will allow them to expedite their efforts around reconciliation and laying a strong foundation of community building. They are elbows deep in preparing for our first winter concert in several years and continue to plan toward adding those extra curricular team building experiences that the children are in so desperate need of after the last few years of Covid regulations.

At the parent council level, we are sharing a similar approach to our focuses this year. We will continue to fundraise to provide our students with the extras that our funding provides. We are planning workshops, actives and events to help engage our students and families with a sense of community, which is just as important as academics.

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SCHOOL CULTURE

STUDENT COUNCIL WELCOMES BACK DMCI STUDENTS

A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO SPEND TIME OUTDOORS FOR OUR WELCOME BACK BBQ. DMCI STUDENT COUNCIL AND MANY STAFF MEMBERS WORKED HARD TO PREPARE FOR A WELCOME BACK BBQ WHICH INCLUDED FOODS, DRINKS, AND A LOT OF FUN. STUDENTS PLAYED INTERACTIVE GAMES INCLUDING GIANT JENGA, MUSICAL HULA HOOPS AND MUCH MORE. IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE OUR DMCI STUDENT BODY COME TOGETHER FOR SOME FUN IN THE SUNSHINE ON A BEAUTIFUL SEPTEMBER DAY.



THIS OCTOBER, STUDENT COUNCIL HOSTED OUR FIRST IN PERSON PEP RALLY AFTER 3 YEARS! THE TRADITION CONTINUED WITH A PERFORMANCE BY DMCI'S FINEST AND THE INTRODUCTION OF OUR SCHOOL TEAMS AND CLUBS! A PACKED GYM ENJOYED ALL SORTS OF GAMES BETWEEN THE GRADES AND CHEERS AND SINGING ADDED TO THE AMAZING SCHOOL SPIRIT!



DMCI LEADERSHIP

THIS YEAR DMCI LEADERSHIP STUDENTS HAVE BEEN BUSY MAKING POWERFUL CONNECTIONS IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. WE ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE EVERMORE PROGRAM WHICH IS AN AFTER-SCHOOL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM WITH WELLINGTON SCHOOL, GREENWAY SCHOOL AND JOHN M KING SCHOOL. WE ARE ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THE POWER UP PROGRAM WHICH RUNS OUT OF SEVERAL SCHOOLS AROUND THE CITY WHERE OUR STUDENTS ARE PLACED AS TEEN MENTORS WITH YOUTH WHO LIVE IN THAT COMMUNITY IN A SCHOOL SETTING. WE HAVE ALSO PARTNERED WITH STRAWBERRIES DAYCARE WHERE WE HAVE TWO STUDENTS, ONCE A WEEK, VOLUNTEERING AT ONE OF THREE DAYCARE CENTERS GAINING EXPOSURE TO CHILD-CARE AND MANAGING A CENTER. THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR WE PLAY A PROMINENT ROLE IN A VARIETY OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS SUCH AS HELPING WITH VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL AS SCOREKEEPERS AND RUNNING TOURNAMENTS. WE ASSIST STAFF WITH EVENT-RELATED TASKS. WE WERE ALSO A PART OF LARGE EVENTS WITHIN THE CITY SO FAR THIS YEAR. WE SENT 87 STUDENTS TO COMIC-CON AND 45 STUDENTS TO THE WFPS MARATHON. DMCI LEADERSHIP STUDENTS SHOULD BE PROUD OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY IN SO MANY WAYS!

LEARNING

Students from our grade 12 Medical Professional Program spent Thursday, Nov. 10th at the University of Manitoba Bannatyne Campus for the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Discovery Day in Health Sciences. They took part in workshops designed to give them a better understanding of careers in Health Sciences.



DMCI Law Students were able to attend the MB Law Courts to observe an active trial, watching as two crown witnesses took the stand. They were also able to see the defense cross examination which was fascinating to watch. During a break, both lawyers spoke to the students and gave them the background of the case, as well as what drew them to careers in the justice sector. In the afternoon, students went on a tour of the building, including the Hollywood favourite, courtroom 210 (Capote/Burden of Proof, among others), the Manitoba Court of Appeals and the Great Library.



DMCI'S STUDENTS RECEIVE HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT BURSARIES/SCHOLARSHIPS

Over 30 DMCI Maroons were chosen to represent the school at the Schroeder Foundation dinner at the Club Regent Event Centre. This group is just a small representative of our high achieving students. We thank the Schroeder Foundation for their ongoing support to our students in providing them wonderful opportunities such as bursaries and post-secondary scholarships.



DMCI'S ROAD TO TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

As part of our Academic Success Learning Series, DMCI staff have started exploring pathways to reconciliation in an attempt to honour Indigenous perspectives and incorporate Indigenous values and culturally responsive pedagogy and land-based teachings in our curriculum, school and community.

- This year's first step in DMCI's road to Reconciliation was to create a welcoming display outside our main office in the Indigenous languages of our area. This is being created by students in our fine arts department, with the guidance of their teacher.
- In September 2022, staff participated in Teepee Teachings on our school grounds with our own DMCI teepee, which we recently purchased. Groups of students also participated with these teachings approaching the second National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.
- In 2022-23 DMCI staff and students are continuing to work towards developing and executing targets to guide our school community along our road to Reconciliation.



STEM PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP

DMCI's 6-week STEM Mentorship Program with Sargent Park School recently concluded. Attendance was nearly perfect, and as parents heard about the program, they contacted DMCI to get their kids involved. In total, there were 16 participants who attended the program after school weekly. Students participated in a variety of STEM focused activities including biology and anatomy of the brain, interactive chemistry labs, exploring solutions, math races and solar panel-powered robots. We had a future engineering student walk the kids through some basic robotic principles including electricity and circuit building. Kids were also treated to pizza on the final day. Overall, the program was a huge success. The AP Research kids enjoyed planning and facilitating the labs and the Sargent kids were sad that it was all coming to an end. After the holidays, we're hoping to do it all again but with General Wolfe!



CLUBS & GROUPS

The Board Game Club of DMCI

Bored with your life? Add some Board in your life! The Board Game Club of DMCI meets twice a week; this group is open to like-minded students who want an opportunity to connect, learn strategies and problem solve through gaming-using team building games, coding skills, role-playing games and creating "house rules" and game modification. The group focuses on helping students develop logical and critical thinking capabilities through mediums not typically used in the classroom. The goal this year is to host a game night open to feeder school students to help foster community.



THE RUN CLUB

Congratulations to DMCI's run club who have run 2 km at Ted's Run for Literacy, 5 km at the virtual Pumpkin Spice Run and are training to run a 5 km at the Santa Shuffle in December. These races have supported CanU, Good Neighbours Canada and the Salvation Army respectively. Well done team!



THE EAL/NEWCOMER CLUB

Over the lunch hour, EAL/Newcomer students are engaged in UNO to build community, make new friends and practice numeracy skills.



Student Vote

On October 26th, DMCI saw 224 students participate in a Student Vote mock election, which paralleled the 2022 Manitoba municipal and school board elections. Mr. Enns and Ms. Dennis once again prepared their Lifeworks/ Law students to run the mock polling location set up in Mr. Enns' classroom, in accordance with program protocols approximating those set out by Elections Canada, in order to give DMCI students the truest sense of the experience. Results from various Manitoba schools and school divisions may be accessed by using the following link: <https://studentvote.ca/results/mbmuni2022>

DMCI ATHLETICS & E-SPORTS

E-SPORTS



Huge congrats to the DMCI E-Sports team for being named the League of Legends Fall 2022 Provincial Champs! The team defeated the #1 Seed JH Bruns 2-0, with a nail-biter of a second game. Huge congrats to the team and big thank you for everyone's support. Thank you to Mike for working so hard to get all the PCs up and running for us every year. On to the Spring 2023 Season with new games and new challenges!

Boys Soccer

The DMCI soccer team is currently playing in the Winnipeg youth soccer association - Indoor High School League and plays once to twice a week. Our soccer season has been an amazing experience so far. We have had some great performances and are among the top teams in our division. We have really grown close as a group and have become almost like a soccer family. We beat Churchill last night who was 7-0 and first place in our division. That was definitely our highlight so far. It has been great to see our hard work paying off.



Varsity Boys Volleyball



The Varsity Boys Volleyball team coached by Mr. Cheyne, Janus Altasin, Bruce Akubukaka, Shawn Masesar and Michael Sa, had a successful season. Throughout league play and tournaments they played well, developed many volleyball skills and grew as a team. Going into league playoffs they were ranked third and played an amazing game and upset the second ranked Sisler Spartans. During the championship game at DMCI the team fell a little short and lost to Kelvin. The coaches are so proud of what these young men did on and off the court.

Varsity Girls Volleyball

We have had the privilege of coaching these young ladies this fall volleyball season. Fully coming out of covid restrictions, they were eager to learn and hone their volleyball skills. This is a talented, hard-working and passionate group of athletes who laid it all on the line this season- and made it to the semi-finals. We are proud of all your accomplishments, off and on the court. Thank you for giving us your best efforts and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.



Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball



The 2022-2023 JV girls volleyball team had a very successful season this year. The team came out on top in several tight matches and finished first after round robin play. In the playoffs the team sailed past Grant Park in the semi-final defeating them 3-0. In the City Championship Final against Kelvin the team fought hard but fell short and placed second overall. Although not the outcome they were hoping for, the girls played an amazing game and should be very proud of the progress they made throughout the season.

Junior Varsity Boys Volleyball

The DMCI JV boys volleyball team had an excellent season. They went 8-0 in league play and defeated Sisler three straight sets in front of a packed crowd in the championship final. Throughout the season they competed in five tournaments and captured two tournament titles and one second place finish. The team travelled to Brandon for the MHSAA provincial championships. In the round robin, they defeated the 6th, 7th and 8th seed without dropping a set. The team faced the 4th seed, Garden City in the quarterfinals and defeated them in four sets. In the provincial semi final, they played River East and lost in a close four set match. Overall, the team worked incredibly hard and showed exceptional dedication throughout the season.



Fall Ultimate Frisbee



This year's fall Ultimate Team was able to return to league play before participating in the annual Hold Back the Snow Tournament. The present and future look bright for DMCI Ultimate as the team was able to capture the Consolation Championship, while winning the tournament's sportsmanship award for fair play/mindedness. Look for a competitive and spirited spring season as DMCI attempts to crack the Top-8 at provincials for the 3rd consecutive year.