

**NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2-2022**

To the Chair and Members  
Winnipeg Public School Board:

December 6, 2022

The North District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Peoples of Canada

The Committee was informed that the meeting of the North 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 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 Classroom Cap Size be added to the agenda for discussion. The revised agenda for December 6, 2022, was approved by the Committee.

4. WSD 2023/2024 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.

5. 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 draft 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.

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The Committee 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 and that it is not feasible for parents to operate. The Committee suggested that the Parent Council Lunch Program Policy needs to be reviewed to support students who required additional supports and staffing.

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 Edel 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](mailto: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.

### 6. 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.

### 7. Classroom Cap Size

A parent representative from Luxton School indicated that the previously all classrooms were capped to a limit of amount of students per teacher and if a certain classroom exceeded the cap, an additional teacher or educational assistant would be assigned to support students in that classroom. However, the classroom caps have been removed which results in larger classrooms with only one teacher.

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In response to an enquiry, the Committee was informed that this was implemented by the provincial government and they provided additional funding to school boards to reduce class sizes. However, the province has since removed that funding support. The Committee was informed that concerns may be raised with their principal to determine whether additional resources can be allocated to support the classroom. The Committee was informed that the classroom size at Luxton School is under review.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Evangelista  
Trustee Representative

In Attendance:

**Voting Representatives**

Andrew Mynarski School  
Champlain School  
Ecole Lansdowne  
Inkster School  
Lord Nelson School  
Luxton School  
Ralph Brown School  
Robertson School  
St. John's High School  
Tyndall Park School

**Administration**

Rob Riel, Director  
Tony Marchione, (Acting) Director  
Amanda Mannes, Vice-Principal, Waterford Springs School  
Paulo Teixeira, Principal, Champlain School  
Pat Graham, Principal, Sisler High School  
Gisele Mospanchuk, Principal, Tyndall Park School  
Paul Ong, Vice-Principal, Garden Grove School  
Alison Petrelli, Vice-Principal, Roberston School  
Christina Da Mata, Principal, Andrew Mynarski School  
Ryan Erichsen, (Acting) Vice-Principal, Tyndall Park School  
Melissa Asmundson, Principal, Lord Nelson School  
Douglas Taylor, Principal, St. John's High School  
Joy Perrott, Principal, Luxton School  
Elizabeth Thomson, Community Social Worker, Champlain School  
Michelle Lejano, Recording Secretary

**Regrets**

Ecole Stanley Knowles School  
Faraday School  
Garden Grove School  
Isaac Newton School  
Meadows West School  
Prairie Rose School  
Shaughnessy Park School  
Sisler High School  
Stanley Knowles  
Waterford Springs School

**Trustees**

Ann Evangelista  
Betty Edel