#### THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

#### NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Tuesday, December 6, 2022

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

Committee members were informed that the meeting of the North 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 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 AGENDA

Committee members recommended that Classroom Cap Size be added to the agenda for discussion. Committee members approved the revised agenda of December 6, 2022.

#### 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.

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#### WSD 2023/2024 BUDGET CONSULTATION

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.

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.

A parent representative from St. John's High School indicated that all Parent Council Lunch Programs differ at each school and certain sections of the policy may not be suitable based on the current operations and whether it could be considered a guideline to assist schools and included in the Engaging Parents/Guardians and Parent Councils as School Partners Handbook.

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 briapointe@wsd1.org not later than January 31, 2023 for review and consideration by the Board of Trustees.

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# 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:

- 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.

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#### 8. 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.

In response to an enquiry, Committee members were 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. Committee members were informed that concerns may be raised with their principal to determine whether additional resources can be allocated to support the classroom. Committee members were informed that the classroom size at Luxton School is under review.

## 9. ENQUIRES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS

### SCHOOL REPORTS

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

Inkster School

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

Committee members were informed that the Engaging Parents/Guardians and Parent Councils as School Partners Handbook provides information to engage and support Student/Parent/Community involvement in education for information.

Trustee Edel ensured that the Engaging Parents/Guardians and Parent Councils as School Partners Handbook is only a handbook and that a date of when the handbook was prepared, reviewed and submitted will be updated consistently.

# 11. 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 WSD covers the cost of MAPC memberships for Parent Councils interested in becoming a member, however, this year there is no cost to become a member.

## 12. NEXT MEETING DATE

Committee members were informed the next North District Advisory Committee meeting will be held next year (T.B.D.) to continue discussions on the WSD 2023/2024 Budget Consultation. Tyndall Park School has volunteered for the next meeting location.

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#### 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



November / December 2022



Principal: Ms. J Carvalho

# Principal's Message

I cannot believe that we are at the beginning of December already. It seems as if the school year began a moment ago!

Our students and staff have made this a semester to remember, from the start of school, to Room 8's "haunted hallway," to welcoming family and friends to the Remembrance Day assembly. Our students and the entire Inkster community continue to come together in a variety of ways, and I can hardly wait to see what we can do in 2023.

The calendars attached are current to date with events that have already been scheduled; events may be added as the year continues. The last day of school before the winter break is Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, with dismissal at 3:30pm. School will resume on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 9am.

As we move toward the winter break I would like to take a moment to wish all of our students, staff, parents/guardians and community members a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season.

See you in the new year!

Ms. J. Carvalho

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# PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Meet your child's teachers in person!

Parent-Teacher conferences are taking place on **Thursday, December 1**<sup>st</sup>, **from 4pm to 8:00pm**, and **Friday, December 2**<sup>nd</sup>, **from 9am to 12pm**. This is a great chance to meet your child's teacher, and discuss your child's work and accomplishments since September!

Use the link sent via School Messenger to sign up, then come to Inkster School in person at your chosen time to speak with your child's teacher. If you do not have internet access to book your timeslot, please call the school directly.

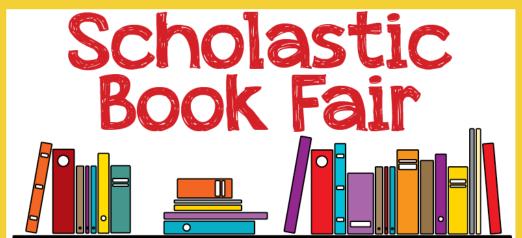
All Inkster teachers are available to speak with parents and guardians: Classroom, Resource, Phys-Ed, and Music teachers are all happy to meet with you at the times you choose. Please note that if you wish to speak with more than one teacher, each timeslot must be booked individually; reserving a time to meet with your child's Classroom teacher does not auto ratically reserve a time to meet with any other staff you may wish you meet.

Thurs, Dec.1<sup>st</sup>: 4pm-8:00pm



Fri, Dec.2<sup>nd</sup>: 9am-12pm







Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Inkster!
Students and adults can visit the book fair in our school library during Parent-Teacher: Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 4pm to 7:45pm, and Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9am to 12pm.

Please be sure to accompany your child to the book fair if they are in Grade 2 or under.





# **STAFF NEWS**

Head Custodian Mr. Lukaszewicz is leaving Inkster School and going to Lord Nelson! Night Custodian, Mr. Soriano will be filling in as Head Custodian until a new staff-member joins the team.

Night Custodian, Ms. Forusinska is also leaving Inkster, and going to River View / Ashland.

We wish both Mr. Lukaszewicz and Ms. Forusinska the best in their new adventures!

# **December Charity Drives**

# **Coin Drive!**

Last year Inkster School raised over \$800 for Willow Place and K9 Advocates Manitoba. This year we're hoping to beat that record in support of Ronald McDonald House!

There will be prizes for winning classrooms – and, if we raise enough money, there will be participation gifts for all students! So, start searching those sofa cushions, and get ready to bring your coins to Inkster School!

**WHEN:** Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Results will be announced on the last day before winter break!

WHO WINS: Prizes are guaranteed for the classrooms that

- Raise the heaviest amount of money
- Raise the highest dollar-amount of money
- Bring in the largest number of like-new clothes



# GOAL: WHERE IT GOES:

Up to \$500 . . . . 95% to charity, 5% toward prizes for winning classrooms

\$500-\$699 . . . . . . 95% to charity, 5% toward prizes for all students

\$700 and up . . . . 90% to charity, 5% toward prizes for all students, and 5% toward funding

something to benefit ALL Inkster students (e.g. equipment, special guest, etc.

# **Clothing Drive!**

Last year we gathered over 400 blankets for K9 Advocates Manitoba. This year we are looking for clothes in "like-new" condition to support the Children's Hospital through the Nearly New Shop! All clothing items in "nearly new" condition is welcome, but there is a special need for women's tops, as well as mittens and gloves. The classroom that brings in the highest number of clothing items in "like-new" condition will win prizes on the last day of school before winter break!

# YES PLEASE:

Women's tops
Mittens & gloves
Men's, women's,
and kids' clothing

#### YES PLEASE:

Freshly washed Clean Perfect condition Looks like new!



# **NO THANKS:**

Electronics
Furniture
Sweat stains
Broken zipper



#### **NO THANKS:**

Missing button Faded colours Worn fabric Holes

# Ronald McDonald House Charities

# **About Our Charities**

Winnipeg has had a Ronald McDonald House for years, but demand was so high a new Ronald

McDonald House has been built on Juno Street, just three blocks from HSC Children's Hospital. Up to 40

families can stay in the new house!

Ronald McDonald House supports families who need to come to Winnipeg for their child's treatment. Children receiving chemotherapy, undergoing transplant surgery, and in the NICU are just some of the patients who are able to have their parents and even siblings close by as they go through their medical journey, thanks to Ronald McDonald House Winnipeg and its supporters.

For more information, visit https://www.rmhcmanitoba.org/











Winnipeg's **Nearly New Shop** supports HSC Children's Hospital and the Winnipeg community. The shop, located at 961 Portage Avenue, is staffed entirely by volunteers - even the manager! Their goal is to provide clothing of excellent quality to low-income Winnipeggers by keeping their merchandise affordable and ruthlessly curated. You won't find any rips, tears, or stains in their stock!

From finding a warm pair of winter boots for a senior citizen on a budget to helping a young person choose the perfect job-interview outfit — or seeing a thrifting treasure-hunter catch sight of that something special - these volunteers bring a bit of sunshine and style to our city. Plus, as part of The Children's Hospital Guild of Manitoba, all the money they bring in with their sales goes straight to HSC Children's Hospital!

You can learn more about the Nearly New Shop at https://www.facebook.com/wpgnearlynew







# **Inkster Remembers**

Inkster School's Leadership Team was proud to be in charge of this year's Remembrance Day assembly, held November 9<sup>th</sup>. Our team-members created and implemented the entire assembly themselves! From writing the script, to MC'ing, researching decorated veteran Tommy Prince and creating a presentation appropriate for students of all ages. They even created a poster inspired by pictures of Flanders' Field.

Thank-you for your time and effort, Leadership Team; you made Inkster proud on this

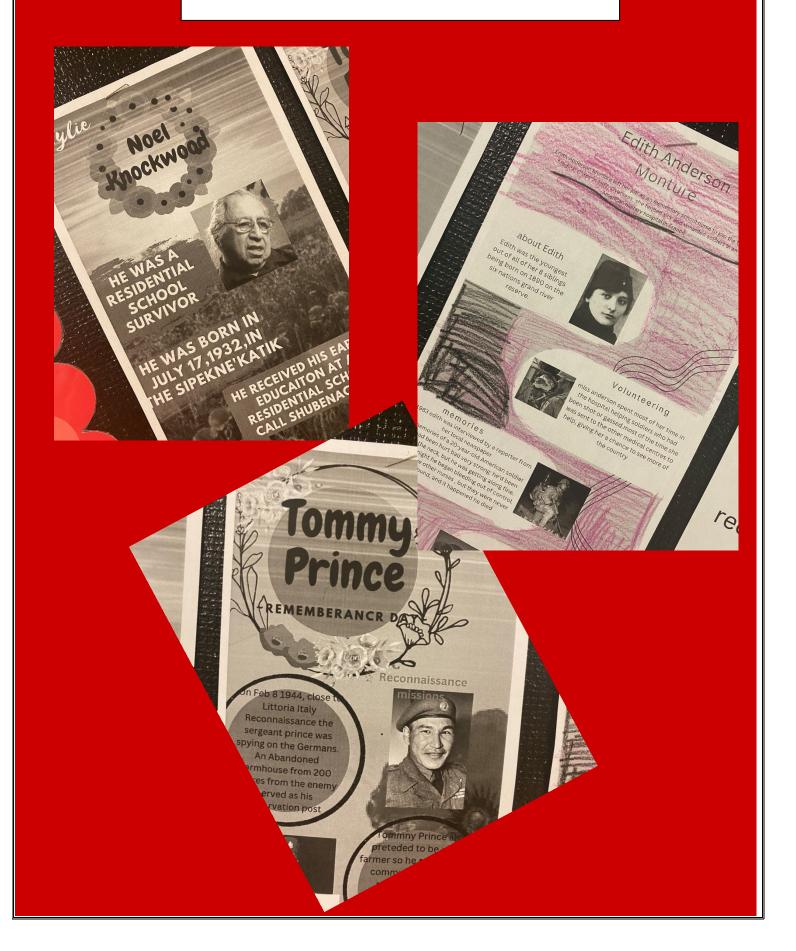








# **Room 8 Remembers**



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War

Battlegrounds
Fighting
Flanders
Blood-red
Flowers blooming
Remember
Young men died
Protect
Peace
November 11
Memorials
Stop
Silence

Poppy

1914-1918
Red Flowers
blooming on the battlefield
112 000 brave Canadians
died for us
live in peace
November 11th
fighting stopped
making poppies out of cloth
Memorials
Remembered the dead

By Brianna



# Remembrance Day Poem

By Naya

On the battlegrounds
1914-1918
Blood red flowers,
Poppies.
112,000 killed
Remember the dead,
Buried,
Injured.
Remembrance day
Stand in silence,
Live in peace.

Kadence

By Shanise
Poppy
Blood red flowers.
Remembrance day.
Everybody wears poppies.
Canadians.
Stand.
Live in peace.
Thank you.
Friends who were buried.
They remembered the dead.



# New in Our School Room 36

Room 36 is learning about germs. We created germs doing watercolor blow painting art!







# New in Our School Room 8



What's in the eye of the beholder?

Just ask the students of Room 8! They have been using digital photography to capture their perspective and viewpoint around the school.

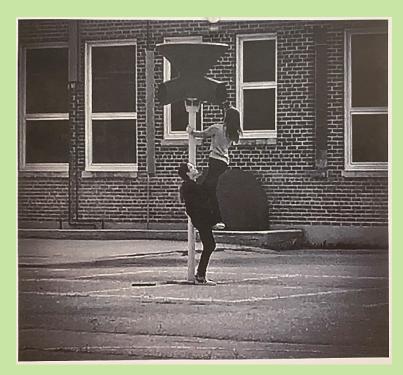






# New in Our School Room 8





# **New in Our School**

Thank-you to Ms. Colli for finding and laminating these wonderful Orange Shirt logos! Inkster School is proud to support <u>all</u> our students and their families.







# Stay Connected! Follow us on Instagram at @Inkster\_school



or visit our website

https://www.winnipegsd.ca/inkster

# **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

The last day of school before Winter Break is Wednesday, December 21st. Students will be dismissed at 3:30pm as usual.





# FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day back at school in the New Year is Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. The school day begins at 9am as usual.



# December 2022 at Inkster School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1/ Day 1 Parent-Teacher 4-8pm Book Fair 4-7:45pm Tenderloin Fundraiser Pickup	2 / Day 1 NO SCHOOL ALL DAY Parent-Teacher Book Fair Fundraiser Pickup 9am-12pm	3
4	5 / Day 2 Coin & Clothing Drives begin	6 / Day 3	7 / Day 4 Assembly 1:15pm	8 / Day 5 Craft Club	9 / Day 6 MTYP Trip, afternoon only, Rooms 36, 2, 3, 6, and 7	10
11	12 / Day 1	13 / Day 2 Parent Council Meeting 6:00pm Library	14 / Day 3	15 / Day 4 Winter concert 1:30pm & 6pm	16 / Day 5 Coin & Clothing Drives end	17
18	19 / Day 6	20 / Day 1	21 / Day 2 Last day of school Coin & Clothing Drive Results Announced	Winter break begins	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



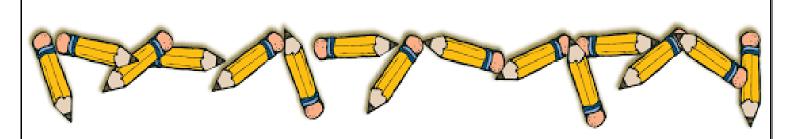












# January 2023 at Inkster School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Last day of winter break	5 / Day 3 School reopens	6 / Day 4	7
8	9 / Day 5	10 / Day 6 Common Area training Parent Council Meeting 6:00pm Library	11 / Day 1	12 / Day 3	13 / Day 3	14
15	16 / Day 4	17 / Day 5	18 / Day 6 Assembly 9:15am	19 / Day 1	20 / Day 2	21
22	23 / Day 3	24 / Day 4	25 / Day 5	26 / Day 6	27 / Day 1	28
29	30 / Day 2	31 / Day 3				

