

**THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION**  
**SOUTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS – Tuesday, November 19, 2024**

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**1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Committee members stated that the students, staff and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land and the stories that bring us together. We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory, the homeland of the Red River Métis and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak and Dakota Oyate peoples.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee members were informed that Trustee Jamie Dumont was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Lois Brothers was appointed as the Board's alternative representative to this Committee.

**3. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Parent representative from Rockwood volunteered to Chair the South District Advisory Committee.

**4. GUIDELINES FOR BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Committee members were informed that the Board of Trustees approved a motion to revise the Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees. The revisions include transitioning to an Elementary, Middle Years and Senior Years meeting structure, Division-wide membership, appointment of a Trustee to serve as chair, removing quorum requirements, and moving from voting to a consensus-based decision-making process.

Committee members were concerned that the new structure may result in discrepancy in identifying the needs of schools. The focus of the meeting may be quite split, and certain topics may not be applicable to others. Committee members recommended that we have two separate groups to have a more meaningful dialogue.

Committee members provided the feedback that they thought had to go through the Guidelines for Board Advisory Committees and provide feedback at the meeting. Committee members suggested simplifying the language used in the document to provide clarity.

Committee members were concerned that the transition of geographical meeting to an age-based meeting may create barriers for families having to attend multiple meetings.

Committee members suggested that the term committee be changed to be less formal and more inclusive, such as Town Hall.

Committee members received a copy of the revised Guidelines for Board Advisory

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Committees for review and to provide feedback to the Board of Trustees via [board@wsd1.org](mailto:board@wsd1.org) no later than December 20, 2024. If you require clarification please contact Brenda Lapointe, Board and Community Liaison Officer, at [brlapointe@wsd1.org](mailto:brlapointe@wsd1.org).

## **5. 2025/2026 BUDGET CONSULTATION**

Committee members were informed that the Province of Manitoba has confirmed a new funding model will be provided to school divisions in the development of the 2025/2026 budget. The new formula will not be available to school boards until the funding announcement has been made.

Committee members suggested that more Educational Assistants are needed to supervise the lunch program. Committee members also suggested additional funding for more art experiences, field days, kindergarten, land for land-based learning and mental health would be beneficial to support student learning.

Committee members were informed that in preparation of the budget announcement, the Board is inviting families to provide feedback to the Board no later than December 15th, 2024, on the following questions:

- If we had unlimited resources, what would you prioritize in the upcoming budget?
- What are your top 3 priorities for the upcoming budget given that resources are not unlimited?
- What initiatives or programs/supports should we enhance? Or what should we move away from?

In addition, the Board of Trustees will distribute a survey to all WSD families which will assist in the development of the draft budget.

## **6. STRATEGIC PLAN VERIFICATION OF DATA**

Committee members were informed that during the 2023/2024 school year, numerous meetings were held to gather feedback from the WSD community to assist in the development of the Strategic Plan. The feedback received will play a vital role in helping to identify key priorities, set goals and develop strategies that will guide WSD efforts to enhance education opportunities and improve student outcomes and promote equity and inclusivity across WSD.

Committee members were informed that over the summer months the feedback was collected and collated by the Critical Thinking Consortium for presentation to the Board of Trustees at a future meeting for their review and consideration.

Committee members were informed that individuals who indicated that they were interested in participating in validating the data collect at the previous meeting.

Committee members were informed that the purpose of this questionnaire is to ensure accurate information was collected, not to provide new or additional feedback if the data does not reflect/capture their feedback. Individuals who requested to be part of the process are asked to please contact [brlapointe@wsd1.org](mailto:brlapointe@wsd1.org) no later than December 20, 2024.

**7. WARD BOUNDARIES**

Committee members were informed that at the meeting held on October 16, 2023, the members of the Board adopted a motion to establish a Ward Boundaries Review Committee to review the results of the 2022 election to ensure the boundaries met the requirements outlined in the Public Schools Act. The Public Schools Act also states that each trustee of a school division divided into wards shall represent, in so far as it is practicable, approximately the same number of electors. The number of electors per trustee is determined by dividing the total number of resident electors in the Division by the total number of trustees.

The Board of Trustees is in the process of reviewing the 2020 election results and boundaries to determine the need and identify options for consideration of redrawing the boundaries with the least impact to meet legislation requirements.

Committee members were informed an update will be provided at the next meeting.

**8. FUNDRAISING IN SCHOOLS**

Community members were informed that in September/October, information from the Superintendent was provided to families and administration regarding fundraising in schools.

Committee members were informed that in accordance with Policy IGDF – Fundraising in Schools, the Division recognizes that schools may wish to supplement their school budgets in support of student activities and charitable causes. However, it is important that fundraising does not occur for materials already funded by the provincial government.

Committee members were informed that the members of the Board will be reviewing Policy IGDF – Fundraising in Schools in the near future.

Committee members recommended a list of approved fundraisers be provided to schools. Committee members were encouraged to consult with the Principal to determine funding requirements and priorities. Committee members were also informed any fundraising that is completed must be documented in the minutes of the PAC and must include the purpose of the fundraiser as well as the amount of funds raised.

**9. ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL REPORTS**

Nil report.

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In Attendance:

**Voting Representatives:**

Collège Churchill High School  
Earl Grey School  
Grosvenor School  
Harrow School  
École Secondaire Kelvin High School  
École LaVérendrye School  
Montrose School  
Queenston School  
École Riverview School  
Robert H. Smith School  
École Sir William Osler School

**Regrets:**

Brock Corydon School  
Carpathia School  
Gladstone School  
Grant Park High School  
École J.B. Mitchell School  
Lord Roberts School  
École River Heights School  
Rockwood School

**Administration:**

Matthew Henderson, Superintendent  
Lorelei Bunkowsky, Assistant Superintendent  
Clayton Bodkyn, Secretary-Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer  
Amanda Manness, Principal, Carpathia School  
Georgia Wells, Acting Principal, Collège Churchill High School  
Nathan Tocher, Vice-Principal, Collège Churchill High School  
Tim Cox, Principal, École Secondaire Kelvin High School  
Lauranne Benoit, Vice-Principal, École Secondaire Kelvin High School  
Meghan Davidson, Vice-Principal, École Secondaire Kelvin High School  
Suzanne Mole, Principal, Montrose School  
Shannon Unrau, Vice-Principal, École River Heights School  
Adam Dyck, Principal, Robert H. Smith School  
David Vo, Administrative Clerk, Board Office

**Trustees:**

Jamie Dumont  
Lois Brothers  
Kathy Heppner