

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1-2025

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board

February 5, 2025

The Student Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. Land Acknowledgement

The Committee 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. WSD 2025/2026 Budget Consultation

The Committee was 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.

The Committee was informed that in preparation of the budget announcement, the Board is inviting the Committee to provide feedback to the Board 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?

The Committee suggested upgrades to science equipment, sports equipment, and technological equipment.

The Committee requested additional programming for their schools such as the International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, and University Preparatory courses. The Committee suggested additional mentorship opportunities. Committee members expressed interest in providing assistance to the breakfast and lunch programs to gain experience and develop their planning and implementation skills.

The Committee discussed the importance of respecting school property. The Committee suggested that increase maintenance of lockers, bathrooms, weight rooms, and change rooms would be beneficial to students. Committee members also request upgrades to gymnasiums, creating spaces for students to gather to regulate, art theatres for their school and windows in their classrooms.

3. Strategic Plan

At a previous meeting Committee members were provided a timeline which outlined the development of the Strategic Plan. In November to March 2024, Trustees worked with consultants to develop shared understanding of strategic planning process, examine existing data and develop focus, methodology and actions for data gathering. From April to June 2024 the Trustees launched multiple sessions and different processes to gather guidance and feedback from families, community organizations, staff and students. From June to August, the data was analyzed by an external team of researchers and in meetings held early in the school year trustees shared data analysis the families, community organizations, staff and students to validate and correct any misunderstandings. From October to December, we developed a plan with strategies and actions to address data, guidance and feedback. In January, the strategic plan was shared and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Brothers
Trustee Representative

In Attendance:

Voting Representatives

Andrew Mynarski V.C. School
Argyle Alternative High School
Collège Churchill High School
Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute High School
Elmwood High School
Gordon Bell High School
Grant Park School
Hugh John Macdonald
R.B. Russell High School

Administration

Shelley Warkentin, Assistant Superintendent
Marsha Missyabit, Divisional Kookum
David Vo, Recording Secretary

Trustees

Lois Brothers
Rebecca Chambers

Regrets

Children of the Earth High School
Kelvin High School
Sisler High School
St. John's High School
Tec Voc High School
W.A.E.C.