

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2-2022

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg Public School Board:

December 7, 2022

The Student Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Peoples of Canada

The Committee was informed that the meeting of the Student Advisory Committee meeting is taking place on Treaty One land and the traditional homeland of the Red River Metis.

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 Lois Brothers was appointed as the Board's representative and Trustee Perla Javate was appointed as the Board's alternate representative to this Committee.

The student representative from College Churchill High School volunteered to Chair the meeting.

3. 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.

4. Manitoba Education: Early Childhood Learning's Report of the Student Advisory Council 2021/2022

The Committee was informed that in March 2021, in response to recommendations from Manitoba's Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning launched the Student Advisory Council.

The Committee was informed that the Student Advisory Council was created as a priority action plan in Manitoba's K to 12 Education Action Plan, which will allow students to contribute their voice in shaping the education system in Manitoba.

The Committee was informed that on October 5, 2022, the Province of Manitoba released the first annual report of their Student Advisory Council.

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The Committee was informed that the Student Advisory Council consisted of 30 students (aged 14 to 18) with diverse interests, identities, backgrounds, and perspectives from across Manitoba. The Committee was also informed that the role of the council members was to provide its experience, insights and advice on current and emerging issues and topics relevant to Kindergarten to Grade 12 students and the education system.

The Committee was informed that the Student Advisory Council participated in nine engagements, covering topics such as poverty and education, mental health and well-being, curriculum and assessment, student presence and attendance, Manitoba's K to 12 Education Action Plan and virtual and in-person discussions with the minister.

5. 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:

- 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.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Brothers
Trustee Representative

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In Attendance:

Voting Representatives

College Churchill High School
Daniel McIntyre Collegiate High School
Elmwood High School
Gordon Bell High School
Kelvin High School
Sisler High School
Tec. Voc. High School

Administration

Ryan Hughes, Acting Director
Jonathan Fast, Vice-Principal, Gordon Bell High School
Michelle Lejano, Recording Secretary

Regrets

Argyle Alternative High School
Children of the Earth High School
Grant Park School
R.B. Russell High School
St. John's High School
W.A.E.C.

Trustees

Lois Brothers
Perla Javate
Ann Evangelista