



**BOARD**  
MEMORANDUM

**Date:** May 25, 2022  
**To:** Board of Trustees  
**From:** Stacey Buga, Advocacy Committee Chair  
**Originator(s):** Shawna Warren, Acting Superintendent  
Jonathan Konrad, Acting Deputy Superintendent, Education Services  
**Subject:** Student Advisory Committee

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**Purpose:**

For information.

**Background:**

The Student Advisory Committee met on April 28, 2022 in person at Namao School. Approximately 22 students from grades 7 to 12 met with the Trustees and the Senior Admin team to talk about their experience in schools. The conversation was led by student Co-Chair Jayce Cornelius from Redwater, and was focused around three questions,

- What great student activities are happening in your school?
- Which activities are student led or student organized?
- How do students have a voice in activities or with school administration?

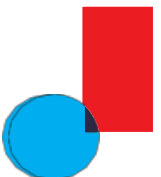
In addition, the Advisory Committee asked student representatives to share ideas on how to better inform parents about learning and activities in school.

The Student Advisory Committee Co-Chair is prepared to respond to questions at the May 25, 2022, Public Board meeting.

Sincerely,

Shawna Warren, M. Ed.  
Acting Superintendent

Attachment





# Student Advisory Summary Thursday, April 28, 2022

## Committee Membership

Pairs or teams from 10 different schools with a total of approximately 22 students from grades 7 to 12 in attendance.



## Questions

Jayce Cornelius led discussion on the following core questions with the following results:

### What great student activities are happening in your school?

- Purple up
- School store
- Clubs (board game, knitting, guitar, cricut, archery)
- Field trips (Mama Mia)
- Spirit/special event days
- School wide challenges (Wordle, Who Done It, advent activities)

### Which activities are student led or student organized?

- Bake Sales
- School challenges
- Student Council or Leadership events

### How do students have a voice in activities or with school administration?

- Through Teachers, admin, counsellors,
- Leadership classes
- Surveys
- Idea box or Talk box
- Participating in morning announcements

## Agree or Disagree Activity

Jayce also led an activity to visualize the degree to which students agreed or disagreed with four statements about how administrators in schools listened and supported student voice.





	Admin is accessible to collaborate	Your ideas are supported by admin	Your voice is being heard by admin	You have confidence to approach admin
Range of Agreement	All students agree or strongly agree	A few strongly agree, with the majority agreeing	Most strongly agree, with 6 agreeing, and 2 disagreeing	Wider range of agree/disagree
Comments	Admin is very friendly, does check ins; Small school makes it easy to talk; admin wants to hear our ideas and improvements	Ideas are heard and validated, but not always implemented	Hearing and supporting are different; They listen but not always support; They say “sure” then forget or disregard	Can be intimidating to talk to adults; who to go to and what is the right question to ask?; Who can help?; Some people are just more confident in general

## How to Engage Parents

Working in small groups, students suggested the following ideas to inform and engage parents about the life of students in schools

- Create a Parent Google Classroom and ensure access to student Google Classrooms so parents are aware of what is being taught and when assignments are due.
- Bring your parent to school day- Walk in a student’s shoes for a day/Day in the life
- Promote Social Media apps for parents at parent targeted events – Share school apps, QR code for simple access.
- More frequent parent nights for both students and parents; Open house, P/T interviews, Meet the Teacher night, Activity nights.

## Ideas for Student Advisory in the Future

- Share, highlight, celebrate our schools. Potentially build a video for each school.
- Take time to dive deeper into topics.
- Ensure at least 3 in person meetings, and consider adding virtual meetings in-between.
- Promote division wide clubs – not just sports related. Consider, D&D or music related clubs and activities.
- More ALL school activities like Sturgeon Night of Music and Fine Arts (SNOMFA).

