Curriculum Services 2021—2022

Current Inventory of School Initiatives Promoting Academic and Social Success in Culturally Proficient Ways

District Mission, Vision, Values

The mission of the School District of Mystery Lake will empower each student's learning potential and develop socially responsible lifelong learners with a strong sense of self-worth by providing a diversity of educational experiences

Vision

Success for All

Ethical Values

Respect, Integrity, Empathy, Responsibility and Humility

We Believe

- Individuals have the right to access quality education in an equitable manner that maximizes individual potential.
- Learning is a holistic lifelong pursuit that enhances the mind, body and spirit of the individual.
- In supporting a learning community to create and enhance respectful, safe and inclusive schools founded on Cultural Proficiency.
- Learning experiences must nourish a sense of wonder, curiosity and imagination in students.
- Public education serves the common good.
- In the importance of communication and engagement with all educational partners and the community at large.
- Practices must be linked to research and evidence.

Indigenous and Northern Perspectives/Truth & Reconciliation

The district continues to recognize the importance of Truth and Reconciliation: Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

- Indigenous Knowledge: is inclusive, is encompassing, benefits all students, is corrective history, recognizes diversity, is meaningful, respectful and inclusive.
- The perspective of the First Nations and Inuit is that their people inhabited this Land since time immemorial and that governance, social and educational structures were in place to ensure "mino pimātisiwin" (Cree term meaning 'a good life'). The governance and social structures in place at the time of contact became one of the foundations on which Canada was established.
- The Metis people are recognised as a distinct culture and are considered one of the founding nations of Canada.
- Northern perspective is inclusive of those who have lived and continue to live in this region of the North. It is that perspective which develops as a result of life in the north due to: distance, the availability of the natural environment, learning from the land, relationships, and the responsibility of stewardship.
 - Corrective history gives voice to people, previously silenced, as they share history, experiences, stories and world views. Historically, Indigenous world view, cultures, and land based knowledge have been excluded from education systems which has contributed to the low academic success rates of First Nations, Inuit and Metis students today. Incorporating Indigenous perspectives through practical, culturally proficient experiences benefit all learners and supports academic success.
- As educators, we have a responsibility to embed Indigenous perspectives throughout our teaching and learning environments meaningfully and consistently; this is vital. Our roles include:
 - Working towards ensuring that the concept of mino pimatisiwin is embedded across the curriculum and reflected in classroom practice using these perspectives
 - o Providing opportunities for corrective history strategies to be utilised in a safe manner.
- Indigenous education engages students, teachers, parents, and community in embracing Treaty Education Initiatives and addressing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action.

Land-Based Education

• Our concept of Land Based Education is rooted in the Indigenous belief that the land we live on is our home and it nurtures us. Keeping that perspective central to our work, Land-Based Education becomes that which can be learned

from activities experienced while forming a relationship with the land and coming to an understanding of the teachings it has for us. The extension of this belief is that what can be learned from the land can be thoroughly integrated with provincial curriculum learning outcomes in all subjects.

Cultural Proficiency

- Cultural Proficiency provides tools to learn about, understand, and value diverse perspectives with the aim of creating a more socially just society.
- Cultural Proficiency is a personal journey in that it is about learning to value our role in making things better for all of
 our citizens (Terrell & Lindsey, 2009). This means becoming aware of our own thoughts and reactions towards those
 who are different, and working to change ourselves. This inside-out approach, where people focus on their own
 personal growth, which then fosters institutional change, is the cornerstone of cultural proficiency.
- Importance of Cultural Proficiency
 - Engages people to have hard, yet safe, conversations about culture, equity vs equality, privilege & entitlement, student graduation rates, and marginalized populations.
 - Strives to create positive changes to empower individuals and community.
 - Brings students, school and community relationships into a learning community of shared values and educational goals for equitable outcomes for all students.
- Cultural proficiency opens eyes, minds, hearts, and doors to value Land Based Learning and Indigenous Knowledge within our schools and community.

Challenges

- Development of Students' Positive Sense of Identity (Indigenous, LGBTTQ2S+, Culture, Language, Etc.)
- Graduation Rates
- Transition
- School/Home Connections
- Sustainability of Programs/Funding
- Low Academic Levels
- Collecting Authentic Data (Moving Beyond Assumptions)
- Transiency

- Poverty
- Attendance
- Children in Care
- Changing Policy and Practice
- Commitment to Language (Cree and French)

Our Journey

- Cultural proficiency opens eyes, minds, hearts, and doors to value Land Based Learning and Indigenous Knowledge within our schools and community.
- In the past, the school district attempted to confront these challenges with conventional methods with limited progress. This has taught us that:
 - A. We need to change in order to better advocate for, and meet the needs of our students, staff and community.
 - B. We need to be able to start where we are at in our personal journey to feel successful.
 - C. We all need to be change makers who work collaboratively with common goals and vision.

How Do We Achieve This?

Curriculum Services Team

Curriculum Services Team continues to collaborate to deliver and support culturally proficient programming throughout the district. Team members
include: Cultural Proficiency Consultant; Cree Language/Indigenous Perspectives Consultant; Family Outreach Coordinators; Numeracy Support Teacher;
Literacy Support Teachers; French Language Consultant.

Existing Programs and Initiatives/Clubs Identified in Our Schools Currently Used to Promote Academic, Social Success in Culturally Proficient Ways

Indigenous and	District-Wide Current initiatives & projects that are led and directly supported by Curriculum Services Team Professional Development	School-Based Current school- or classroom-based initiatives & projects led by school administration and/or staff Professional Development	Community-Based Current community-based initiatives & projects that your school and/or district is involved with. Local	Committees/ Partnerships Initiatives, projects & relationships. Local
Northern Perspectives, Land Based Education, and Cree Language (* denotes Cree Language-specific activities)	 Treaty Training CP Training Land Based Training Indigenous Identity & Citizenship Indigenous Perspectives Across the Curriculum Blanket Exercise Staff Dedicated to This Area Cultural Proficiency Consultant Cree Language/Indigenous Perspectives Consultant Curriculum Services Team Student Programming (Activities) Transition Camps Mini Winterfest K-8 Fall Camps Spring Ceremonies/ High School 	 F&ST Program Online library database for inninīmōwin* (WCS) As requested Staff Dedicated to This Area School administration and staff Curriculum Support Services Team Student Programming (School-Wide) Gr. 7 Canoe Trip Gr. 7 & 8 Cree Class FAST Program (WCS) Grade 9 Cree language course Pilot Project (RDPC)* 	 Keewatin Tribal Council (KTC) Honouring Walkers for Truth and & Reconciliation Community Event Cree Language Parent BINGO* Introductory Cree Language classes for the community (WCS)* Soaring Eagle Student Awards Winter Festival Spring Ceremonies National Downie-Wenjack Walk Downie-Wenjack Legacy School Project (WCS, JPS) National Indigenous People's Day Celebration 	 Thompson Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (TNRC) University College of the North (UCN) Kenanaw UCN Council of Elders City of Thompson Vale Traditional Knowledge Keepers Thompson Urban Aboriginal Strategy (TUAS) Spring Ceremonies (Northern and Aboriginal Elders Council UCN Kenanaw / SDML Fall Camp

- Cree Bilingual School K-8*
- Cree Language Courses*
- Family Camps (JPS, WCS)

Managing Resources

- Indigenous Resource Library
- Cree Language Curriculum and Resource Development*
- Cree language Resource Development*
- Supporting schools with local Elders and Knowledge Keepers

- Grade 10 and 11
 nehinawewin language
 RDPC S.I.C courses*
- Grade 9 and 10 (RDPC)
 Indigenous studies courses
- Six Seasons of the North (RDPC)
- minopimātisiwin kohkom programs (JPS/BWS)
- Cree Language Resource Library at Wapanohk School*
- As requested

Student Programming (Class-Specific)

- Seven Teachings
- Smudging/sharing circle
- Local Experts & Traditional Teachings
- Residential school thematic unit study
- Beading projects
- Soapstone Carving
- Bannock making
- Trappers' Presentation
- Out-Door Classrooms
- Classroom Presentations / Workshops
- Elders / Community
 Resource People
- Land Based Camps (BW/DW/JPS/WCS/WW)
- Hand Drum/Singing Group*

- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Week)
- Orange Shirt Day
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Awareness Walk (May 5, Oct. 4)
- TAEAC
- National Indigenous Peoples Day (NIPD) Committee
- Mini Winter Fest Planning Committee
- Transition Planning Committee
- Manitoba Métis
 Federation (MMF)
- Manitoba
 Keewatinowi
 Okimakanak (MKO)
- Manitoba Hydro
- Northern Health Region
- Integrated Services (WCS)
- Cree TeacherMeetings*

Provincial

- Manitoba Aboriginal Languages Committee*
- Indigenous
 Inclusion
 Directorate
 Advisory Council
- IAA Council

		 Basic Cree Lessons* As Requested Ceremonies and Celebrations Indigenous Veterans' Day makosewi kīsikāw feast volunteer and emcee at WCS Cree Language Festival* Protocols (Grand Entry, Honour songs, medicine and drum teachings) 	 MASS Indigenous Education committee MTS Indigenous Voice Action Standing Committee (IVASC) TTA IVASC National Downie-Wenjack Fund Education Advisory Committee (past member)
Literacy To be literate is to have the ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, and express thoughts, feelings and ideas using printed and written materials.	Professional Development Running Records Grade 3 Provincial Assessment Grade 8 Provincial Assessment Daily 5/Café Benchmark assessments ELI teacher training Grade 6 Expository writing assessment program Guided Reading Struggling Readers Write this Way Fountas and Pinnell Classroom	Professional Development As Requested Moderation Grade Group Training (Inquiry Based Learning – ERS/WCS) ELA Curriculum (new) Indigenous Perspectives (BW/DW/JP/WW) Student Programming (School-Wide) Daily 5/Café Renewed Curriculum (BW, DW & JS) Student Programming (Class-Specific)	Partnerships Local Traditional Knowledge Keepers UCN – Kenanaw RCMP Deeper Learning Cycle Pilot ELI Grade 6 Expository Writing Assessment Land Based Learning (DW/JP/WW)

• Literacy Support Teachers (2) • Early Literacy Support Teachers (4.5) Student Programming (Activities) Literacy Enrichment through: • Guided Reading & Writing • Promoting Incorporation of Indigenous/Northern Perspectives Across the Curriculum • Modelling Culturally Proficient Practices • Daily 5/Café • Renewed Curriculum • Struggling Writers • Grade 5 Fall Camp • Spring Ceremonies • Transition Camps • Mini Winter Festivals • I Love to Read Month	 Inquiry Learning Cycle (JP/WW/ERS/WCS) Cross-Curricular Integration Traditional Teachings 60's scoop. MMIWG, Residential Schools, Treaties, Jordan's Principle, TRC: Calls to Action, UNDRIP Ceremonies and Celebrations Virtues Managing / Sharing Resources As requested 	 Provincial Frontier Pembina Trails Hanover School Division Park West MET Literacy Leaders Meeting Winnipeg 1 School Division
Managing Resources • Lending Library • Digital Resources		

Numeracy

To be numerate is to see that Math is all around us and in everything we do. It is the ability and inclination to use mathematics effectively at home, at work and in the community.

Our school is actively engaged in these District-wide initiatives that target the improvement of Numeracy in the students of our school.

Professional Development

- Strong Beginnings Interviews
- Moderation
- Planning with Data
- Teaching to Cause Learning
- Embedding Technology (Mathletics)
- Grade 3 Provincial Assessment
- Grade 7 Provincial Assessment

Staff Dedicated to This Area

 Numeracy Support Teacher

Student Programming (Activities)

- Strong Beginningscommon district math assessments (Implementation of new Assessment #2- English)
- Daily mental math
- Grade 5 Fall Camp
- Spring Ceremonies
- Transition Camps

Our classes are actively engaged in these School-wide initiatives that target the improvement of Numeracy in the students of our school.

Professional Development

- Inquire about Guided Math and its place in our district.
- Math Recovery
- Grade Group PD sessions
- Numeracy Pedagogical Strategies sharing at Staff meetings
- Embedding Technology
- Numeracy and Indigenous Perspectives
- Google Classrooms (Elementary, Middle, Jr. High)

Staff Dedicated to This Area

- School specific projects -Resource Teams (WCS, BW, JP)
- Numeracy support workersWCS

Student Programming (School-Wide)

- Mathletics
- Net Math
- Mathology
- Sumdog
- Numicon

Our students are actively engaged in these initiatives that target the improvement of Numeracy in the students of our school.

National

First Nations Caring Society
 Spirit Bear Project

Partnerships

Local

- Traditional Knowledge Keepers
- Indigenous District Committee (IVASC)
- School-based numeracy leads

Provincial

- MET
- Indigenous
 Inclusion
 Directorate
- Frontier School Division
- MFNERC
- Provincial
 Numeracy Leads

National

First Nations
 Caring Society

 Mini Winter Festivals Promotion/Incorporation of Indigenous/Northern perspectives across curriculum Model cultural proficiency practices I Love Math Month Math Olympics Managing Resources Increased math resources Aligning Math Library with District Library Creation of Resources e.g. Fractions Kits Digital Math on the Land 	Student Programming (Class-Specific) Cross class/grade visits, collaborative teaching and sharing Numicon (Grade K JP, G1 WC & WW Guidance, IDEAL sites – WW/JP, BW EY Resource) Math Challenges/Contests Math Month Managing Resources As requested Net Math (French) Math Apps Math Apps Mathletics Juniper/Burntwood/ Wapanohk manipulatives from Resource Rooms to class
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French Language & Culture

(FCC – French Communication & Culture FI – French Immersion)

Professional Development

- Language acquisition
- BOOM cards
- Teacher Pay Teacher (TpT) resources
- FCC support and collaboration

Student Programming (Activities)

- Concours d'art oratoire,
 FI and FCC, gr 4-12
- Opportunity to meet French Canadians quarterly through Zoom
- Artist in the school –
 Tibert (Rob Malo) to visit
 all schools

Ceremonies and Celebrations

 French and Métis activities during Festival du Voyageur

Managing Resources

- Researching and distributing appropriate FCC school resources
- Distribution of craft supplies and zoom links for grade 6-8 FCC students
- On-going research of decodable books for French reading carts

Professional Development

- K-6 French language consultant (Teressa Francois), French reading development (RSS)
- Teaching Sprints French vocabulary focus (RSS)
- Sprenger-Charolles graphophonemic awareness continuum (RSS)

Student Programming (School-Wide)

- Je lis Je lis (RSS)
- Netmath (RSS)

Student Programming (Class-Specific)

- Raconte moi l'alphabet (M)
- Raconte-moi les sons (1-2)
- AIM
- Boukili
- Educalme
- La grammaire de la phrase 3D
- Acti-Vie
- Duolingo
- Linguascope
- French Boom cards
- Language retrieval activities

Ceremonies and Celebrations Events

• Festival du Voyageur

Managing Resources

Local

- French cultural activities with LVDN school
- Gallery walk of student projects (Festival du Voyageur –RSS)

Provincial

- Festival du Voyageur
- Artist in the school (French)

National

 Penpals & Zoom meetings with other Immersion classes

Local

La Voie du Nord (LVDN)

Provincial

Bureau de l'éducation française (BEF) (Theressa Kielhorn François Conseillère pédagogique en arts langagiers (M à 6) Programme d'immersion française)

National

Association Canadiennes des professionnels de l'immersion (ACPI)

Direction des ressources éducatives françaises (DREF)

	(ordering and distributing appropriately) (RSS) Staff Dedicated to This Area • French Coordinator	 Class activities/craft supplies for Festival du Voyageur (K-8, RSS) As requested 	
Family Outreach Coordinators	 Staff Dedicated to This Area Lyle Massan (BWS, JPS, WCS, RDPC) Jason Bayer (RSS, WWS, DWS, RDPC) 	 minopimātisiwin programs (JPS/BWS) BLT – parent council @ WCS Family literacy night Family camps Land-based camps 	 Local AHEC SEAT TCRT-HUB Streetreach All Child & Family Service Agencies NRHA MaMowWeTak Friendship Centre RCMP Residential Tenancy Branch MACY MMF KTC Housing, and other Housing Managements/Re sidential Landlords EIA Services MYC/SMD/Therap ists Hope North/AFM Food Banks Boy's & Girl's Club

		Salvation Army
		National • Jordan's Principle