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RE: Parent Council SRO

From: **Krzysztof (Kris) Widla** (kwidla@hotmail.com)
Sent: November 22, 2007 2:32:25 PM
To: 'tracy sleva' (tracysleva@hotmail.com)
Cc: Jim Peters (umpeter4@cc.umanitoba.ca)

Tracy,

I am checking with our Parent Council Secretary to find out what we have in the minutes of St. Avila Home and School Association (SAHSA). I remember that this issue was brought up and discussed, but I cannot confirm anything else at this time.

The issue of SRO is very important to lots of parents, but some do question the aspect of school division paying for police presence. Unfortunately (for your cause), the issue of overcrowding at St. Avila is so overwhelming at our school, and that's where most of the discussions and time is spent.

I would also like you to know that there is increased concern of crime around Kirkbridge Park, and our city council, Justin Swandel has been in discussions with the neighbourhood. If you would like me to get you in contact with someone there, please let me know, as they are really hoping for the Police Community Office to be re-established in our area.

Rest assured that you will get an emails from me as soon as I find out what was decided (if anything). Also, if need be, we can add this to our agenda for next meeting. It will be on December 11, so it would be just in time for your presentation for PTSD.

Thank you,

Kris Widla

From: umpeter4@cc.umanitoba.ca
To: tracysleva@hotmail.com
CC: kwidla@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Parent Council SRO
Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 22:18:52 -0600

Hi Tracy:

Sorry I didn't get back to you earlier. I did receive this as well as the voice message. We will put this matter to our parent council. I have asked our vice chair, Kris Widla to deal with this.

Thanks and sorry once again for the delay.

Lee Ann Martin

Ryerson
Association
of Parents
& Teachers

October 28, 2007

To: Judy Wegner
Co-Chair Fort Richmond Collegiate Parent Advisory Council

Re: Proposal for a School Resource Officer

Thank you for your presentation on October 24, 2007 during the Council of President's meeting regarding the School Resource Officer for the high schools of the Pembina Trails School Division. Please accept this letter as support for your initiative. We are pleased to assist you in any way during this process. As you are well aware, student safety is of the utmost importance to our children. The rash of school shootings, violence and lockdowns in other educational jurisdictions demonstrates the extreme need for officers in the school. However, the constant presence of a Community Officer in the schools will allow a unique opportunity for these officers to get to know as well as educate our children regarding drugs and alcohol, gang life, internet safety, and other social issues affecting our children in these modern times. According to your presentation these officers are to be located in the high schools with their main audience being high school students. One could expect that addressing issues at that level will have a positive trickle down effect to the junior high and elementary schools. Good luck in your proposal.

Sincerely,

Suzanne and Dan Swanton
Co-Chairs for RAPT

AAL- PAC

Arthur A Leach Junior High School Parent Advisory Council

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November 30, 2007

Jacquie Field
Chair, Board of Trustees
Pembina Trails School Division
181 Henlow Bay
Winnipeg, MB R3Y 1M7

Dear Ms Field:

RE: Proposed School Resource Officers in Pembina Trails School Division

On behalf of the Parent Advisory Council of Arthur A Leach Junior High (AAL-PAC), I wish to inform you of our support for the current proposal for School Resource Officers in the Pembina Trails School Division. We believe this initiative would be of significant benefit to our school communities and would be a proactive strategy for meeting our collective objective of providing a safe and productive learning environment for our children.

While we recognize there are many demands upon the financial resources provided to the Division by taxpayers, we believe this proposed initiative is a worthwhile investment in our communities. We encourage you to explore opportunities to partner with other organizations that share our common goal of living, working and learning in a safe community.

Sincerely,

Lee Anne Murphy, PhD
Chair

November 14, 2007

To: The Pembina Trails School Division Board of Trustees

From: The Shaftesbury High School Parent Network

Re: The Proposal for School Resource Officers in Pembina Trails

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As representatives of the Shaftesbury High School Parent Network, we are writing to express our support for the current proposal for School Resource Officers in the Pembina Trials School Division. For a number of reasons, we feel strongly that this initiative would be of significant benefit to our school communities and would be a pro-active strategy in making schools a safer and more productive learning environment.

We feel strongly that a School Resource Officer has the ability to establish constructive relationships and trust with the students in our school communities. This leads to increased levels of comfort and safety and decreased incidence of unsafe and criminal activity. We believe that the School Resource Officer concept has proven to be worthwhile in other jurisdictions in the City of Winnipeg and has been well-established in other cities in Canada. All of these jurisdictions have reported positive relationships between students and School Resource Officers, reduced amounts of unsafe and criminal activity and timely and effective resolution of issues. We hope that arrangements can be made to provide for two School Resource Officers to provide services in the schools of Pembina Trails.

We support our school administration in wanting to implement this initiative and strongly encourage the Pembina Trails School Division to plan for its implementation. We recognize that there are many demands on financial resources and that many needs require attention. It is our belief that effective School Resource Officers significantly reduce the time and energy expended by educational professionals on legal matters and disputes stemming from the community. Without this burden, our education professionals can focus on educational leadership.

It is our understanding that in other jurisdictions, there has been a cost sharing of this initiative between the city, the province and school divisions. We are advocating for the Pembina Trails School Division to open dialogue with the other levels of government to secure funding for this initiative.

It is our goal to encourage a safe and orderly environment within our schools and we view School Resource Officers as a valuable resource to help accomplish this.

Sincerely,

Catherine J. Kloepfer, CGA, FCA
Shaftesbury Parent Network Co-Chairs

Tamera Wilson

December 3, 2007

Attention: Ms. Tracy Sleva

Re: School Resource Police Officer

I am writing to add the support of Vincent Massey Parent Group to the proposal to move forward with securing a police resource officer to be shared within the division. Our group is supportive of the concept and feel that this position would be a positive addition to the Vincent Massey school community.

Sincerely,

Carol Scurfield
Chair, Vincent Massey Collegiate Parent Group

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Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Dear Parent Committee School Resource Officer,

On behalf of the Royal School Parents Committee, we are in favour of your proposal to provide School Resource Officers to the high schools and junior highs in the Pembina Trails School Division. We support the cost being shared with the PTSD, the WPS and the Province of Manitoba.

Thank you for the work you have put into this proposed initiative.

Sincerely,

Christine Michalyshen
Chair, Royal School Parents Committee

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Re: Parent Council SRO

From: **Deri Latimer** (deri@derilatimer.com)
Sent: November 26, 2007 9:42:32 AM
To: tracy sleva (tracysleva@hotmail.com)

Hi Tracy! Here is a statement of support from HGI:

The parent council of HGI fully supports a School Resource Office for our division. We believe this will be of benefit to all children and families in our area.

On Nov 13, 2007 5:46 PM, tracy sleva <tracysleva@hotmail.com> wrote:

(SRO)

School resource officer

Dear Parent counsel Committee,

We would appreciate if your or your council members have any question or concerns a member from our committee could attend one of your future council meetings.

Thank you

TRACY SLEVA

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To: Acadia Parent Coalition

Dec. 5, 2007

Attn: Tracy Sleva

From: Ecole Charleswood Junior High School Parent Connection

Re: School Resource Officers

The Ecole Charleswood Junior High School Parent Connection is writing in support of the Acadia Parent Coalition's proposal for School Resource Officers.

As parents, we are all concerned about protecting our children from violence, predators, terrorism and drugs. We also wish to see our children learn respect for Police Officers and the rule of law. Unfortunately there has been a trend away from the Community Policing Model that has seen community policing offices closed and services centralized. The Pembina Trails School Division covers a wide geographical area which means the potential police coverage is stretched very thin. It is difficult for our school administrators to formulate effective school plans for security when it may take hours to have the police respond to a "lock-down" scenario involving, say, a stranger wandering into the school off of the street.

Having the community office essentially housed in the school is a "win-win" situation on several levels. By providing space for the Police Officers to work from, the school division helps reduce infrastructure costs to the Winnipeg Police Service. The School Resource Officer Model does not commit all of the Officers time to the school, but it does mean a high degree of visibility and interaction with the students. Having this type of integration within the school can also serve to encourage greater usage of the facilities for community programming and recreation outside of school hours while minimizing the threat of vandalism.

Our schools should be the hub of our neighborhoods and the Police Service is an indispensable part of our communities. A partnership between them is a natural thing in an era where our elected officials are looking for more effective ways of spending tax dollars. Hopefully a creative model can be developed so that all of the schools in our Division can benefit.

Regards,

Tod Christianson,
Co-chair