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## Report to Community 2020-21


### Our Mission


“Polson School is committed to providing a safe, stimulating and cooperative learning environment, which fosters the academic, social, emotional and physical development of all individuals in order to achieve their maximum potential.”

### About Polson School

 We are a K – 5 Elementary school in the River East Transcona School Division. Our enrollment is 100 students divided within 6 classrooms.

 We have an instructional staff of 10 full-time equivalent teachers, along with 4 educational assistants to support learning in our classrooms. We have specialists for Phys.Ed. Music, Library, Student Services, as well as a Reading Recovery program.

 We also have access to divisional clinicians (psychology, social work and speech /language) as well as behavior and reading specialists.

 Polson School also houses a before and after school program, Munroe Early Childhood Education Centre.

### 2020 - 21 Priorities

#### **Expected Outcomes: Enhance student achievement through authentic and appropriate literacy instruction**

##### Successes:

- ✓ We battled as a community to navigate all the challenges of a global pandemic. Students, Staff and Families were extremely resilient, and we made the best of a not so ideal situation.
- ✓ We continue as a staff to model and build a strong community of readers, writers, and mathematicians at Polson School.
- ✓ We modelled safe and respectful habits to make sure all at Polson School felt comfortable at all times.
- ✓ We made playground adjustments as well as added in new entry and exit procedures, utilizing two cohorts of students.
- ✓ Teachers continued to use the Optimal Learning Model in writing and reading instruction.

#### **Expected outcomes: Safe Schools – Enhance the climate, culture and inclusivity by implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports.**

- ✓ Spike’s Story Time has come out as a new staple in February at Polson School
- ✓ Our entire community worked closely to ensure our digital world was safe for all by practicing appropriate digital citizenship
- ✓ The “stigma free” breakfast cart continued with the support of the Nutrition Council of Manitoba, although food was offered in an individual manner and not on a community cart
- ✓ Our PBIS team continually reviewed data to ensure no areas at Polson School were neglected



Polson School also houses a user pay lunch program that is supported by a dedicated Lunch Committee made up of parent volunteers. If you have a desire to volunteer some time, our committee is looking for new members

**Expected outcomes: Enhance student achievement through authentic and appropriate mathematics instruction**

- ✓ Our Grade 4 and 5 teachers continued to take part in divisional Technology Enabled Learning Professional Development. We have established a working relationship with Lord Wolseley, Angus McKay and Prince Edward School (this was on pause this school year)
- ✓ Numeracy Support Worker supported students from all demographic clusters in their numeracy learning with a focus on grades 3 to 5.

On behalf of all the staff at Polson School I would like to thank the entire community for all their support throughout the entire year. We have a lot to celebrate, as there was much growth and learning. Please have an enjoyable summer spending time with family and friends. The staff looks forward to welcoming everyone back at the beginning of September. See our website for more information.

I will be moving into a new role next year as principal at Bertrun E. Glavin School. I have told Pamela Alexander, your new school principal all about the supportive community, and she will be great in leading the S.S. Polson.

Sincerely,

Dino Busceti  
Principal