

School Planning Process

Our planning process involves school staff and community. We evaluate our current environment and set goals for improvement. The 2006/07 school plan revealed the following four major priorities:

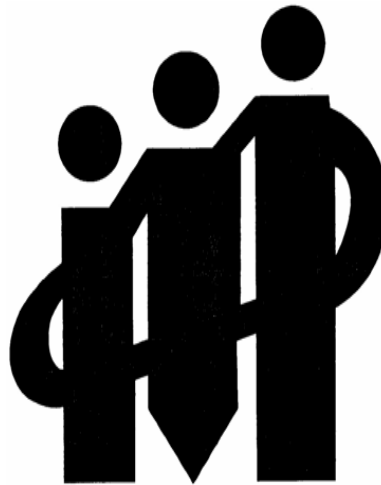
- 1) *Improve the success of all learners*
- 2) *Strengthen links among the school, family, parent advisory council, and communities.*
- 3) *Strengthen information and communication technology*
- 4) *Improve citizen and leadership development.*

A school planning standing committee is constituted on an annual basis. The outcomes are a result of consultation and consideration of the outcomes of Manitoba Education Citizenship and Youth and of the Red River Valley School Division



Who is Morris School?

Morris School is a K-12 school in Morris, Manitoba. It is part of Red River Valley School Division. There are 32 teaching staff and approximately 430 students. Our mission is to facilitate student success by providing programming to meet the educational, social-emotional and physical needs of students. It is our belief that a quality education requires a balance and range of positive curricular and co-curricular experiences



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Achieving Success Together

Morris School: Report to Community



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Highlighting Areas of Focus:

The Discovery Process

In March of 2007, the staff of Morris School explored the amount of involvement and influence it has within and beyond the school environment. Our main purpose was to examine in what ways we could move forward by focusing on what we do well. Four specific areas of focus were considered and the results were recorded:

- a) Initiatives and programs;
- b) Physical space and environment;
- c) Relationships with community;
- d) Communication of goals and successes.

The data collected under the specific areas of focus was extensive and varied. The present report, therefore, highlights several major examples of varying degrees of importance. For a complete list see website.



A) Initiatives and Programs

- Multi-age Grant
- Career Technology: Auto Body and Welding
- Student Services: Planning for Success for All Learners
- Art and Graphic Art Technology

B) Physical Space and Environment

- Transfer of K-8: Creation of Early Years (K-6) Wing
- Renovation of Kindergarten room and Senior Graphics Lab
- Library Upgrade
- Sound proofing of K-6 gymnasium

C) Relationships with Community

- Recreation Commission
- Senior Years Apprenticeship Option
- RCMP
- Regional Health Authority
- Twisters Hockey Club
- Parent Council
- Local businesses and merchants

D) Communication of Goals and Successes

- First Class
- Newsletters
- Website
- Thinkwave
- Local and regional media
- Multi-function devices (ie. video, and still cameras)
- Community events: Meet the Staff Night, Welcome Barbeque, End of Year Barbeque.



Co-Curricular

We believe that co-curricular activity complements the school experience for children. We encourage children to engage in active participation of the co-curricular activities we offer. They include: organized sports at all levels, music and choir, drama, pottery, travel, and student volunteerism and leadership.

Morris School: The Facility

The facility of Morris school supports the programs that we encourage. In addition to standard school features, Morris School enjoys unique resources and services that complement our programming. Among the highlights are: Home Economics lab, Graphics lab, art room, considerable gymnasium and mezzanine space, multi-purpose room, Early years gymnasium, climbing wall, substantial playground with state of the art play structure, resource rooms, Life Skills room 3 computer labs, library with networked media centre, two canteens, Band/Music room and theatre. In 2005, the finishing touches were put to the outdoor classroom and we are currently awaiting the construction of our on-site auto body and welding shop.

