

## **BOARD CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, & WORKSHOPS**

1. The Kelsey School Division Board endorses the concept of trustee participation in various conferences which may enhance the trustees' performance as elected Board officials.
  2. School Board members are encouraged to keep themselves informed on current educational thought and practise by study, by visiting other school systems, by attendance at educational conferences and conventions, and by such other means as may be appropriate.
  3. Though each conference can be judged only on the basis of anticipated worth, attendance is encouraged with the aim of broadening the scope and perspective of trustees' work.
- A. General Guidelines
- a) Approval by the Board for attendance at a conference/ workshop/seminar must be received by the delegate prior to attendance.
  - b) Each request to attend a particular conference shall be considered in light of attendance by members at previous conferences.
  - c) Each delegate attending a conference or professional development workshop shall submit, at the next regular Board meeting, either an oral or a written report regarding the particular event.
  - d) Claim for reimbursement shall be as outlined under policy BID – Board Expenses.
- B. Though the Board sees the value in the majority of conferences, conventions, and workshops, decisions for attendance and support shall be as per the following prioritized list:
- a) MSBA (Manitoba School Boards Association) Convention - the Board supports and encourages as many trustees as possible to attend this annual meeting.
  - b) MSBA Regional Meeting - the Board supports and encourages as many trustees as possible to attend these meetings.
  - c) MSBA Trustees Development School - the Board supports and encourages as many trustees as possible to attend these meetings.
  - d) CSBA (Canadian School Boards Association) - approval for attendance shall be determined based upon available resources.