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dedicated to quality education for all”

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – June 22, 2020

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Superintendent

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Strategic Plan Update

Superintendent McKay reviewed the 2019-22 Strategic Plan priorities of the Kelsey School Division and noted the following:

Priority 1 – Address the drainage issue at MBCI and SBMS. Due to the financial cutbacks mandated by the provincial government and the issues related to coping with COVID-19, this priority was put on hold.

Priority 2 – Provide opportunities for student wellness and engagement. Social Workers and Counsellors have provided opportunities for students with anxiety to increase their wellness. All contacts that teachers made to keep students engaged during school suspension.

Priority 3 – Enhanced communication with the community to create a better understanding of the School Division. Media releases, paid announcements in local media, and an increase in radio reporting of school division issues occurred.

Priority 4 – Increased use of technology for the Division. While increased progress at the school level was begun, the onslaught of the pandemic required new and expanded use of online instruction to be initiated. Limitations were found and efforts made to overcome these. Many school board meetings were relegated to the use of video-conferencing to occur.

Superintendent's Business Report

The government announced the start of the 2020-21 school year:

- September 2, 2020 – all staff return to schools
- September 8, 2020 – first day back for students
- Semesters for MBCI have changed
- Government also mandated that all staff professional development for the year pertain to COVID-19.

Board Chair's Report

The Board Chair reported he attended the following:

- June 9 – MB School Board Chairs meeting
- June 12 – MBCI Athletic Awards presentation
- June 15 – COVID-19 Town Hall meeting
- June 16 – Policy Committee meeting

Provincial Guidelines

In light of the recent government requirements for social distancing and curtailment of group sizes at schools for the possible reopening in September, and the difficulties in trying to accommodate students during the lunch hour and bus transportation, the Superintendent was authorized to deal with issues that could arise over the summer. There is a possibility that only bus students can be accommodated during the lunch period due to the lack of space.

Retirement

Congratulations to Marc Sutton on his retirement. Marc has been with Kelsey School Division for 36 years.

If you have any questions about the highlights or other business of the Division, call one of the trustees or the Division office. The numbers are posted for your convenience.