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dedicated to quality education for all”

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – October 26, 2020

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Selena Mell,
Superintendent

Angie Quiring,
Secretary Treasurer

Due to implementation of Orange C-19 protocols, until further notice school board meetings will be conducted via teleconferencing with Google Meet.

Retirements

Farewell presentations were made to two long time employees. **Julia McKay** has been KSD Superintendent during the period 2016-20. The Board was grateful for her support during the critical transfer over to her replacement. **Jeannette Freese** has been with the school division as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer (1980-1988) and Secretary-Treasurer (1988-2020). Her support during the transition to her replacement was a big help to the school division. The Board congratulated and thanked them as they enter this new phase of their lives.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Mell reported to the Board on recent developments regarding COVID-19 and public health directives. She noted improvements to the communication and acknowledged their collaboration and support at KSD from public health. Public Health recognized the significant planning and accommodation for this phase by teachers, principals and support staff. Efforts continue to be made to thwart the misinformation on social media by regular updates sent to schools and the public. Protocol changes and enforcement in the new restricted Orange level have been carried out. KSD schools are still seen by public health as low risk environments, and the situation is monitored daily to ensure student and staff safety. School specific requirements are posted on the various school websites.

Education Liaison Committee

The committee met with Kelsey Community school administration to hear first hand any issues or successes of that school.

A thorough report was received from the school administration.

Transportation Committee

The complexities of busing and the increase in parent transportation of students to schools was reviewed. Additional bus drivers are still being sought.

Community Liaison Committee

Meetings are planned with various community agencies and stakeholders, as possible.

Policy Committee

Sixteen policies were reviewed and either affirmed or had the updates and changes approved by the board.

Appointment

The Board was pleased to appoint Angie Quiring as the new Secretary-Treasurer of KSD. Quiring has been employed as the payroll/benefits administrator with KSD since 1990.

Audited Statements Received

Baker-Tilley accountant Dion Bird presented the KSD audited financial statements to June 2020. Noteworthy in his presentation were:

- Manitoba Government grants to education have not kept up to inflation.
- The KSD operating fund surplus (reserve) has dropped to 1.3% of operating expenses leaving little available for emergencies. Previously KSD tried to maintain this at 4%.
- Overall he noted that KSD has been fiscally prudent in its expenditures and its revenue raised via the local special levy.
- He thanked the KSD Secretary-Treasurer and her staff for their efficiency and support in this revue process.

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.