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“We strive to be a respectful and enthusiastic school community,  
 dedicated to quality education for all”

**BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – December 14, 2020**

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Selena Mell,  
 Superintendent

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 Secretary Treasurer

The KSD Board continues to meet via videoconferencing in order to comply with COVID-19 procedures.

**Annual Report 2019-2020**

The KSD annual report has been completed and was presented to the Board. It is available to interested parties. The report highlights the work of the board of trustees and committees, successful grants applied for and received, enrolment and graduation statistics, and reports from each school on their activities and priorities. In addition, KSD revenues and expenditures for that year are outlined. Major interruptions and adjustments due to COVID-19 impacted all aspects of the school division’s operation. The report document can be found on the KSD website.

**Emergency School Closing**

The sudden late fall snow storm that disrupted the operations of the schools prompted a review of the Division’s Policy EBCA - Emergency School Closings. One outcome is the development of more detailed procedures for use by school and division officials so the response in similar circumstances can be faster and consistent.

**Principal Retirement**

Louise Loewen’s service to the KSD was recognized as she retires at the end of December after having served with the school division for 34 years. During her tenure, in which started as a teacher at MBCI in 1987, Louise has been a teacher at

Kelsey, Mary Duncan and Opasquia schools, and an assistant principal in Opasquia School before returning to Mary Duncan School in 2011. She was appointed principal of Mary Duncan School in 2019.

**Kudos to Division Staff**

Superintendent Mell and the school board applauded the efforts of all division staff in coping with the challenges of COVID-19. Division office staff were also noted for their efforts in dealing with the work resulting from the loss of a Secretary Treasurer. The Superintendent also noted the school staff efforts to motivate and encourage students with seasonal activities.

**Finance Committee Update**

It was noted that the division’s share of the federal funding for Safe Schools has now totaled \$557,000 will be used to offset COVID-19 additional costs incurred over the last few months.

**Staffing Issues**

Negotiations are still underway to stabilize the position of Secretary-Treasurer. The limited applications received for three division office positions will now require various interim adjustments to be made. The recent introduction of Bill 65 (with its unknown provisions) is also expected to impact administrative functions.

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.