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

### **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – January 25, 2021**

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Selena Mell,  
Superintendent/CEO  
Secretary Treasurer

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

#### **Kudos to Division Staff**

The Board of Trustees continues to applaud the efforts of KSD staff in coping with the challenges of COVID-19 and the changing government regulations.

#### **Budget 2021-22 Presentation and Survey**

A new way had to be found to provide the public's input into the development of the KSD's 2021-22 budget before it is finalized and submitted to Manitoba Education by the March deadline. Two new activities were implemented to achieve this; a presentation on budget aspects was done via Google Meet on January 25 prior to the regular Board meeting (the budget presentation documents can be seen on the KSD website's **budget 2021-22 page**) along with a dedicated email address for comments and questions. In addition, a survey is also found on this page for KSD residents to add comments on their view of the school division's programs and priorities. The survey is available until February 5 after which the Board will continue its work to finalize a draft budget.

#### **Superintendent's Update**

- Pleased to see an increase in attendance numbers at all schools.
- Our blended learning combination or hybrid model has required both face-to-face with online/remote learning.
- Early Kindergarten registration for all **siblings** – January 25 to February 5. Online registration at the school websites and applications available at Division Office.
- Looking to hire substitutes for Educational Assistants and Substitute Teachers.

#### **Senior Staffing Issues**

The Board has yet to hear back from Manitoba Education on the need to extend and stabilize the KSD senior management positions of Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer beyond June 2021. It has been months since the Board initiated requests for government approval to address the lack of qualified Secretary-Treasurer applicants and to establish interim measures to cope with managing the workload. Meanwhile some budget development work has had to be contracted out on a term basis in order to meet government deadlines.

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.