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dedicated to quality education for all”

## **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – February 22, 2021**

Vaughn Wadelius,  
Chair  
623-3073

Kerri Huculak  
Vice-Chair  
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Amy Hopper  
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Trevor Yahnke  
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Selena Mell,  
Superintendent/CEO  
Secretary Treasurer

### **Board Size Review**

The Board has been considering a reduction in the number of board members as part of its actions to improve efficiency and save some minor costs. As well, the representation quotient (ward electors/trustee) has become skewed over time as populations within the school division shift or decreases. There are limitations under the Public Schools Act on what, when and how such action can be taken, but the board:

- a) has agreed in principle to a reduction in the number of trustees,
- b) will engage in discussions on the options available to meet this goal,
- c) if the communities agree, may propose an alternative to the ward system serving the KSD,
- d) and subsequently initiate a request for approval for a change from the Minister of Education to make changes.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Budget Consultation Survey Results:

-There were 88 respondents from RM of Kelsey, parents, community members of The Pas and KSD employees.

-Survey participants were asked to rank the importance of each area and what was determined is that all programs remain important to different parts of the community.

Superintendent Mell thanked all those who participated in the survey. She stated that by doing so, it allows for many voices to be involved in the process and highlights the many perspectives as well as clear indicators in areas of predominant importance.

### **Budget Deliberations**

Additional meetings of the Finance Committee and the School Board have been held as the development of a proposed budget for the 2021-22 school year continues. Recent changes in the provincial financial climate have required additional adjustments as the board struggles to meet the demands of recent labour arbitrations elsewhere that may impact KSD, funding limitations from the provincial government, and consideration of the special recovery learning needs expected. The March 15 deadline for submission of the budget to Manitoba Education must be met.

### **Education Liaison**

The Board Committee recently met via Zoom with the administration of Mary Duncan School and received a thorough report on the school's operation, student progress and curricular activities.

A report from the Kelsey Community School's Parent Advisory Committee reviewed its activities and involvement in February.

### **Senior Administration**

The Board has just received approval from the Department of Education, requested in December to stabilize the positions of Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer. Advertising for the Secretary-Treasurer position continues, and with this stabilization it is hoped that suitable applicants may be received.

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.