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

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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – May 31, 2021

“KSD trustees and employees join with those who mourn the loss of the many children whose names yet remain unknown, and whose passing reflect a dark chapter of the Indian Residential School experience in Canada. Flags are being flown at half-mast from Monday to Thursday as a sign of respect.”

Superintendent’s Report

The Covid-19 situation in KSD schools is looking better recently, though staff and students remain vigilant and preventive measures continue in full force. Principals will continue to communicate any changes with parents via school websites, Face Book and emails if and when these occur. A compilation of the Covid-19 challenges faced, and usually overcome, by each KSD school was developed by the school administrations. One major factor has been the non-attendance and /or non-participation by students in education opportunities whether at school, at home with local teacher support, or via Manitoba Education home-schooling alternatives.

Retirements

The Board received and recognized the retirements at the end of this school year of school administrators Assistant Principal Wendy Cull (Scott Bateman Middle School) and Principal Kathi McConnell-Hore (Margaret Barbour Collegiate Institute). The Board’s Negotiations and Policy Committee has initiated the selection process for replacements. Mrs. Cull has had a 27 year career with KSD serving students at middle school and senior high. Mrs. McConnell-Hore has been with KSD for 15 years at MBCI and made a major contribution to French Immersion programming in KSD and regionally. In addition, other retirements of teachers and some support staff have been received. The Board is grateful for the many years of service provided to the Kelsey School Division by these employees.

MBCI

Student representative Reece Mayer reported that student excitement at the upcoming high school 2021 graduation was evident, though the actual protocol for the ceremony is yet to be finalized due to directives from Manitoba Education. Various options have been planned in anticipation of receipt of the final grad plan authorization.

An indigenous conference in June is being organized for Grade 9 students.

Bill 64

KSD continues to encourage parents and community members to become familiar with the impact that Bill 64 (Education Modernization Act) would have on the local education system. It is still possible to sign up to make comments (virtually) at the Bill’s committee hearings this fall. Comments also may be emailed in to edutransformation@gov.mb.ca The Board authorized that a letter of support be sent to Frontier School Division leadership as they argue to be allowed to retain their unique status in serving a community of varied cultures, locations, and agreements with First Nations in the north.

Upgrades

Grants were applied for and received to do some ceiling tile and flooring replacements at Opasquia, Kelsey and Scott Bateman School sites. A roof replacement for Scott Bateman is expected by the Spring of 2022. A required lift installation at SBMS, needed for September, is still awaiting government authorization.

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.