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dedicated to quality education for all”

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – August 30, 2021

Vaughn Wadelius,
Chair
623-3073

Kerri Huculak
Vice-Chair
623-1708

Amy Hopper
620-2887

Edith Sexsmith
623-1954

Sharain Jones
623-6376

Jennifer Olinyk
623-5365

Trevor Yahnke
620-9680

Selena Mell,
Superintendent

George Luhowy
Secretary Treasurer

Organizational Meeting

The school board organizational meeting for the 2021-22 school year was held on Monday, August 30. Secretary-Treasurer George Luhowy opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and ran the elections for the 2021-22 board officers. Elected were Vaughn Wadelius (Chair) and Kerri Huculak (Vice-Chair). Board chair Wadelius then completed this meeting with the board deciding on its meeting dates, signing officers, committee chairs and members, committee meeting dates and trustees' liaison assignments with various outside groups.

The organizational meeting was adjourned and the first regular meeting of the 2021-22 board was then held.

Regular Meeting

Superintendent Mell brought to the board a plan for school opening procedures. These were mainly directed by provincial requirements from Education and Health Departments. There were similarities with the opening used last September, but specific changes were identified. A full version of the plan is available on the KSD website and highlights of it are to be circulated to parents with the schools and the media. It was noted that the northern school divisions have similar procedures established. The board approved the plan as presented, and noted that as changes are mandated due to evolving circumstances, these will be directed by the superintendent.

In September, Division leadership members will be engaging in reviewing procedures, accountability, and learning outcomes in the development of the new Division Strategic Plan.

Some Plan Specifics Identified – Yellow Status

1. Masks are mandated for all school staff and students, visitors, etc.
2. Staff will be required to provide proof of full vaccination or submit to regular C-19 testing as of October 31.
3. Cohorts will be assigned for K-6 only.
4. Schools will continue with safety protocols (masks, hand hygiene, distancing, cleaning, etc.)
5. Buses will run at capacity with assigned seating. No in town busing is provided.
6. Lunch room use can resume but the MBCI cafeteria service may not start until February as it has yet to be contracted.
7. Returning under health protocols are music, band, choir physical education classes, and outside user groups under the same restrictions.
8. Overnight sports trips are prohibited at this time.
9. The former hybrid models are discontinued and students will be in class full time.
10. Learning options for special needs and immunocompromised students unable to attend school will be communicated to families.
11. Students ages 7-18 not attending KSD in person must be registered by their parents through the Manitoba Homeschooling Office.

Budget Report

A preliminary report on the 2020-21 budget was presented for information by the Secretary-Treasurer. The official audit of the 2020-21 school year's operation will be undertaken this fall.

Retirement

After 19 years with KSD, Connie Lucian's retirement begins September 1. Her dedicated service was recognized and complemented by the trustees and school division staff.

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.