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

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – November 8, 2021

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Selena Mell,
Superintendent

George Luhowy
Secretary Treasurer

Travel Issues

The Chair noted the communication issues that led to the concern of northern school boards for the protection of their school teams travelling south to attend tournaments organized by the Manitoba High School Athletic Association. Dialogue with MHSAA has now begun to seek ways to improve the access of school teams to zone and provincial events.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mell noted that the recent requirement to be double vaxxed will prevent some parents/guardians from entering the schools. School will work with parents so access to information and meetings is possible, however, the format will not be in person. Virtual meetings or conference call will be used as was done last year.

Very recently, KSD was made aware of issues regarding sharing of student presentation and celebration videos on social media for live streamlining events. There are layers of protection required for vulnerable populations and KSD shares in the responsibility to ensure we protect the privacy of our staff and students, and follow laws and regulations. We have been working to find solutions to this matter. Covid has created innovative ways of sharing and connecting to our community, but it has also required a look at our practices and needs. Parental response to supporting this effort has been positive. There are still areas to work out, so we would ask for patience.

In response to the issue of team travel, efforts are currently being made with MHSAA to establish protocols that meet school division requirements. We are pleased at the response and creative efforts currently being worked on by MHSAA.

The KSD office has been fielding calls from local, provincial and national media about a KSD employee, John McGinnis, who has amassed a few million followers on TikTok for his entertaining video segments.

Policy Committee

The Board approved two revised policies and reaffirmed eight others as part of the annual review of policies five years old. One policy no longer in use was archived. Changes in government activities involving collective bargaining and construction approvals are anticipated to impact on current KSD policies.

Finance Committee

The audit of the 2020-21 budget is nearing completion and the board will receive a financial report at the next board meeting. Meanwhile, unexpected government claw backs of previously approved Covid-19 expenditures in 2020-21 will be appealed.

Question Period

Follow up observations and suggestions regarding team travel were well received from a parent. The Board noted that interested parent(s) could assist in working out acceptable protocols.

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.