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

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – December 13, 2021

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Selena Mell,
Superintendent

Graham Kahler
Secretary Treasurer

Student Team Travel

With feedback from school administrators, staff, some parents, and school division risk management consultants, a team travel protocol following the most recent Public Health Order and student safety advisories has been developed by the Superintendent. The Board approved the protocol, approving school team/club travel, and thanked the Superintendent for this development.

Superintendent's Report

School administrators have also been able to work out means to live stream some school events that will comply with compulsory privacy laws and Covid-19 restrictions.

Meeting with Minister of Education

Through the kind auspices of UCN, the KSD Board chair and the Superintendent had an opportunity to discuss in person some local issues with the Minister of Education. We noted the financial shortfall we face (as do most school divisions) and struggles to recruit and retain employees, access to supports, technology needs and the impact on a small school division of government mandatory cost cutting measures in recent years.

Community Liaison Committee

A KSD community survey on various options for a reduction of trustee numbers has been drafted. A Survey Monkey version is being prepared and will be distributed to the community when it is ready. We expect this to be on our KSD website and school websites prior to winter break.

Policy Committee

Review and revision to five-year policies continue. In addition, several policies were identified for updating due to recent new provincial directives. Among these was Policy ECAC Equal Opportunity Employment Accessibility.

The Board also approved new policies: Policy GBGB Fraud Prevention, and Policy IHOC Criminal Record & Child Abuse Registry Checks. Several other policies are still under consideration due to the provincial implementation aspects of government Bill 45, which mandates provincial bargaining for teachers. A few policies are being reduced to basic statements, but the content topics from them will be incorporated into a Procedures Manual, thus allowing for easier updating when changes require it.

Liaison Rep Reports

Trustee Yahnke noted that Kelsey Community School will hold their virtual concert on Dec 21. Trustee Olinyk provided a written report on Scott Bateman Middle School activities which included Honour and Merit Award presentations, and plans for a video band performance to present to parents. Trustee Hopper noted that MBCI's 2022 grad committee was being established and it was hoped that a regular grad ceremony may be possible. Student representative Santolaja noted that MBCI plans are being made for an MBCI virtual band concert.

School Climate Changes

It has been very noticeable this year that the additional stress in dealing with the pandemic restrictions and requirements has contributed to some very negative verbal or written attacks on school administrative personnel who struggle to respond to the many and varied issues faced by the school and/or staff. Patience and curtesy are requested by parents and students as school personnel work through a greater load of issues than in a regular school year.

We wish all involved with KSD schools and services a happy and restful Christmas holiday.

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.