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dedicated to quality education for all”

## **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – January 24, 2022**

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Superintendent

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Secretary Treasurer

### **Secretary-Treasurer’s Report**

The receipt of a letter from the Acting Assistant Deputy Minister of System Performance and Accountability announced an additional grant to KSD.

An update on the status of the current budget will be provided at the next Finance Committee meeting.

### **Transportation Committee**

Some of the topics discussed at the recent committee meeting included: monitoring the current bus routes in case an amalgamation of two routes becomes possible; currently bus routes are running with cohorts; a review of the various additional expenses associated with school trips that have fallen on school division resources; regulations on the limits of hours of continuous service by drivers/vehicles.

It was noted that snow clearance of roads around schools is a Town of The Pas responsibility, and that additional clearance in school areas is part of the Town’s priority list.

Since the purchase of a school bus as part of the school division’s replacement plan was deferred last year due to major budget restrictions, the purchase of a replacement bus for the division’s oldest operating bus which needs repairs is strongly recommended.

### **Finance Committee**

The development of the 2022-23 KSD budget is underway and the various components are being developed. The January 21 announcement from Manitoba Education on grants to school divisions to assist with current wage and pandemic pressures will be reviewed once the allocation details are made clear.

### **Grant To Be Received**

KSD was advised that its share of the grant to try to offset the pressures of the pandemic and wage increases will be \$666,545. How this is to be allocated and reported is being developed by the government in consultation with the Manitoba Association of School Business Officials.

### **Education Liaison Committee**

Trustee Jones presented a report of the recent meeting with the Mary Duncan School administration. Profiles of the school’s operation and staffing were shared, and innovations efforts in the areas of Indigenous education, training and development, inclusive culture and various partnerships and supports were identified.

### **Student Rep Reports**

MBCI Student Representative, Josh Santolaja, noted various school activities are underway, and that student end of semester exams will begin shortly.

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.