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

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – February 14, 2022

Vaughn Wadelius,
Chair
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Kerri Huculak
Vice-Chair
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Amy Hopper
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Trevor Yahnke
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Selena Mell,
Superintendent

Graham Kahler
Secretary Treasurer

Superintendent's Report

The absence of the Superintendent as she continues recuperating from her accident was noted. The Board wishes her well in her recovery.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The approval for a technology grant of \$30,000 from the province for the Kelsey Learning Centre allowed for the purchase of 26 new desktop computers. Most of the replaced computers will be distributed to École Opasquia School. Applications for French Immersion grants have been submitted. Clarification on two major grants from MB Education continues. Funding for the 2022-23 budget preparation is under review.

Trustee Resignation

Edith Sexsmith, having been appointed as a Justice of the Peace, was required to resign all previous organizational involvement, including her position on the KSD Board. In the interim trustee Kerri Huculak was appointed as Finance Committee chair. The Board thanks Sexsmith for her dedicated services as a school trustee.

Education Liaison Committee

Trustee Jones noted that the next meeting will be held at École Opasquia School.

Building & Maintenance Committee

Various pending projects have been reviewed, and progress on some others has been made. An upgrade to the intercom system at Kelsey Community School is imminent. Grants have been applied for to replace heating coils at Margaret Barbour, École Opasquia and Kelsey Community Schools.

Additional projects to comply with building accessibility codes are identified and await required funding.

Policy Committee

Four policies received minor wording updates as part of their five-year review, and five other policies were reaffirmed. The development of the Protocol/Procedures Handbook has yet to be completed and is to include details regarding communicable diseases.

Transportation Committee

The purchase of needed school bus and vehicle replacements has become more critical. There will be an effort to meet these needs in the 2022-23 draft budget.

Finance Committee

The development of the 2022-23 KSD draft budget is a priority and extra meetings are planned to deal with this. The January 21 announcement of Manitoba Education grants to school divisions to assist with wage and pandemic pressures is being reviewed as well. As soon as possible, draft budget document information will be posted on school division websites and feedback invited from various education interest groups before a final draft is ready for Board consideration in March.

Liaison Rep Reports

The Parent Council meeting minutes from Kelsey Community School were provided to the Board. Student liaison Josh Santolaja reported on various MBCI activities planned for Trappers' Festival week. He noted that the MBCI Junior Varsity girls' basketball team placed second at a recent tournament.

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.