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dedicated to quality education for all”

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – March 28, 2022

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Superintendent's Report

KSD schools are implementing transitional plans as they slowly move out of the previous Covid protocols. Each school is considering the needs of staff and students within their buildings. Masks and sanitizer will continue to be available until June. Each school site will determine their transition changes and report to their parent community. These plans could include changes to cohort restrictions, in person assemblies, recess door entrances, drop off procedures, access to clubs, lunch time routines, etc. Parents can view the schools' websites for further information.

A facilitator was in The Pas from March 16-18 to meet school counselors and students from our Gay Straight Alliance clubs as part of a review of the strengths and needs within our schools. KSD also will use data collection to explore ways to improve services for students. In April, it will engage in a similar review to identify strengths, needs and challenges in our efforts to highlight Indigenous Ways of Life.

Financial Action Taken

The Board made some decisions regarding various financial aspects:

- A cost sharing request from the Scott Bateman Middle School student council was approved to provide students with a game activity.
- A contract was signed for the repair to the Scott Bateman Middle School roof. Funding for this \$1,421,899 (+ taxes) capital project comes from the province.
- The Finance Committee recommendation for rental increases to the various daycare facilities for 2022-23 was approved. Standardization of the rental rates among the various facilities is part of the direction taken.

KSD Budget 2022-23

After many hours of fiscal review, negotiations with Manitoba Education, and careful determination of every budget line, the Board adopted the 2022-23 operating budget. There are still several unknowns in the future. Among these are the outcome of provincial bargaining for teachers and the response to the Board's several grant requests for possible capital improvements that were not included in this budget. The only approved KSD funded items were the replacement of one school bus and a delivery vehicle, both of which have reached the end of their usage. The full budget amount is \$21,116,284, and leaves virtually no reserve for emergencies.

Finance Committee Report

The 2022-23 budget preparation has been arduous. The Secretary-Treasurer was thanked for his dedication and hard work in completing this task. The approved budget documents are to be posted on the KSD website.

Education Liaison Committee

A meeting was held with the MBCI administration. Among the topics discussed were the school's profile, grad preparations, the development of a vision statement, the UCN partnership agreement, and data software shortcomings.

Liaison Rep Reports

Activity information from MBCI student liaison representative Josh Santolaja noted positive feelings for the return of some student activities, and the silver medal achievement by the Senior Boys' basketball team at the provincial finals. École Opasquia School was congratulated for its provincial 4th place standing in the Terry Fox fundraising campaign. EOS raised \$7,367.20

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.