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

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – June 13, 2022

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KLC Presentation

Principal Tara Manych explained the Kelsey Learning Centre’s involvement in a 10 month certificate Information Technology Readiness North program at UCN, a pilot project designed to address barriers that prevent northern women from access to jobs in the Information Technology field. The program’s first year geared to indigenous women was very successful and year two funding has been approved involving a partnership with the University of Waterloo. This summer the students will complete a six-week practicum in KSD schools under the school division’s IT supervision.

Superintendent’s Report

Returning to normal school operations has provided opportunities for year-end activities and celebrations in the schools and community, including those associated with Pride Month.

A French Immersion Open House occurred at École Opasquia School, assisted by Canadian Parents for French volunteers and was well attended by parents and students. It showcased the learning in the French Immersion program while also involving MBCI staff who could explain the later learning and competencies in the program. French Immersion staff and students have created a video, “Je l’ai appris à Le Pas” that provides a glimpse into the French Immersion classrooms, and shows some of the things the students have learned and experienced, en français!

Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

Implementation efforts with Power School software for school operations continue.

Policy Committee Updates

Completion of the five year review of KSD policies, minor updates were made to policies on Student Dress Code (JICA) and School of Choice Procedures (JCA). A new policy on Volunteers (IJOC) was approved, in keeping with action taken by other school divisions to standardize volunteer utilization.

Trustee Reduction Curtailed

Manitoba Education has advised recently that the KSD’s efforts to streamline wards and reduce the number of trustees for the October election is not possible due to a Public Schools Act clause that prohibits any such action if a municipality in the area used wards in 1998. The RM of Kelsey has used wards since its inception, thus prohibiting any reorganization action by a school division. The logic of this prohibition is confounding.

MBCI Student Rep Report

Josh Santolaja noted a marketplace activity from June 6-7, participation in a survey on challenges experienced by students living in poverty, a charity drag comedy show, and basketball games with MBCI Senior Varsity against MBCI alumnae and RCMP members. Various upcoming school events were also noted including Athletic Awards (June 17), and a Band Concert (June 16).

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.