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

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – October 16, 2017

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Superintendent

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Report from the Superintendent

Darren Cooper-Genaille won the Youth Community Award sponsored by Twin Motors, A & W and Funky Threads. The schools are nominating students each month.

A request was made by Roger Nikolychuk of the 303 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron to make modifications to the Military Service past and present wall at MBCI. It was the consensus of the Board of Trustees that this could be done.

Education and Liaison Committee

A meet and greet luncheon with the following new staff took place on October 10th at Division Office.

- Erin Berscheid – Math and Science at Mary Duncan School and Business for Kelsey Learning Centre.
- Mike Hetherington – Phys. Ed and Literacy Support at École Opasquia School.
- Emma Halpin – Social Worker.

Policy Committee

The Board of Trustees reaffirmed the following policies:

- Policy ABA-Community Involvement in Decision Making
- Policy AD-Mission Statement and Philosophy
- Policy BDDF-Voting Method
- Policy BIBA-Board Conferences, Conventions, & Workshops
- Policy BIE-Board Member Insurance
- Policy CBG-Evaluation of Superintendent

The Board of Trustees approved the following revised policies:

- Policy AA – School Division Legal Status
- Policy BCE – Board Committees

Building and Maintenance Committee

Kelsey Gymnasium Renovations

This summer Kelsey Community School had renovations to the gym area. The membrane that was on the roof and the top part of the wall was removed. The cost of this project was approximately \$60,000. As a result, another problem arose where the sound in the gym is “echoing”. The School Division in cooperation with the Kelsey Parent Council will be providing funds to remediate this problem.

The material has been ordered and it is hoped that the project will be completed in late November, prior to the annual Christmas Concert.

Public Budget Hearing Presentation

Superintendent Julia McKay and Board Chair Vaughn Wadelius attended the Manitoba Finance Minister’s public budget consultation hearing held locally on October 16. Points made on behalf of the school division included:

- KSD has the second lowest assessment base among Manitoba school divisions and as a result has had to ensure it runs as efficiently as possible.
- Compared to other comparable sized school division KSD, in almost every budget category, has the lowest per pupil costs, often below the provincial average.
- A larger than average proportion of the KSD budget is needed to support the Division’s high level of special needs students, the result of a local population that is very transient and multi-cultural. The recent loss of speech language service personnel was replaced with a social worker trained employee, a change which has helped inter-agency communication needed to cope with increasing student issues related to illegal drug use and mental health.
- We recognize and appreciate the targeted grants from the Department of Education that assist with the Division’s financial situation and help to address the specific learning targets of numeracy and literacy.

Youth Representative

Youth Representative Gianna Catalano reported on the following:

- The junior varsity volleyball teams travelled to Thompson this past weekend. The girls improved with every game and boys came in first.
- The School Leadership team is working with Primary Health through a pilot project-Youth Leadership. This program was developed through a grant from Healthy Together Now and is in the process of turning into a program. The MBCI School Leadership Team was able to get on board with the program and receive the level one training. Primary Health will continue to work with the MBCI School Leadership Team throughout the school year.

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.