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dedicated to quality education for all”

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – April 12, 2010

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School Calendar

The motion for the acceptance of the 2010-2011 school calendar was deferred until the April 26th meeting of the School Board. The Division is currently awaiting feedback from stakeholders on proposed dates. For parents planning major trips the Christmas break will be from the 23rd of December until the 5th of January. Spring break will begin on Saturday the 26th of March and return to school on the 4th of April.

Celebrations

Ms. Jennifer Little (Grade 3 Opasquia) received funding to carry out an environmental project which is designed to raise awareness of the impact on our local water shed. The project is called Stream of Dreams and promises to be very exciting.

Students from Ontario will be spending a week in The Pas as part of a SEVEC Exchange. The local planning committee has created an excellent program to showcase our community. The students from Scott Bateman, who are hosting the exchange, will be travelling to Toronto later in the spring.

April has been declared Music Month and the schools and the Department of Education encourage everyone to continue their involvement in various music programs and activities being offered through the school. April 12th to 16th has been identified as Education Week in Manitoba. A variety of events are occurring throughout the Province and a DVD created by the Education of Manitoba is being showcased on Shaw Cable.

Policy Committee

The Committee presented a variety of policies to the Board for approval. Each of the policies were presented as having minor adjustments to update the information to meet current practices.

Those policies are JDER-Private Music Lessons, JGD-Student Detention, JNA-School Fees, JCA-Supervised Lunch, JEA-Entrance Age, JHAB - Student Aid, KBC-News Releases. In addition the Committee also presented Policy DBL-Budget Management for review. This change will allow Senior Administration to better make use of Program Funding, as long as the bottom line is not impacted.

Transportation Committee

The Committee has reviewed the proposals for bus cameras and has authorized the Division to upgrade our bus cameras to current technology. The quality of the cameras will enable better supervision on the busses and on those busses so equipped will enable us to monitor drivers passing when red lights are flashing. The Committee held initial discussions about in town school bussing. The Transportation Director has been directed to review the current procedure with the drivers to determine a variety of possibilities for the upcoming school year.

Building and Maintenance Committee

The Maintenance Committee took advantage of the March Break to deal with several major issues. Bathrooms at Kelsey Community School were upgraded and repainted. The change room at Margaret Barbour had a major renovation in the shower area. This project was done in cooperation with Kelsey Recreation, who shares the facility. The break period was also used to do a variety of electrical and plumbing repairs throughout the Division.

Business/Community Liaison

The Committee reported on the donation of cafeteria furniture and equipment from the Norman Regional Health Authority. The Committee has also approached the MBCI Grad Committee to see what things can be provided to make their Graduation a special occasion. The logistics are being worked out to allow a school bus to be used for transportation of the Graduates to and from the Safe Grad Ball.

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.