



KELSEY SCHOOL DIVISION

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dedicated to quality education for all”

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – January 25, 2010

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Linda Buchanan,
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623-2506

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623-4390

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623-1300

Kevin Affleck
623-1602

Doug Long,
Superintendent

Jeannette Freese,
Secretary
Treasurer

Presentation

The Administrative Team from ESBMS made a presentation to the Board of Trustees. Trevor Lane the Assistant Principal and Behaviour Leader showcased the aspects of his role within the school and shared the data he has been collecting with the Trustees. He used that data to demonstrate the effectiveness of the organizational change to the recess. This year the Grade 6's continue to have outdoor recess, but the Grade 7's and 8's have gone to a short transition break between all but one of their classes. This is reduced recess incidents significantly and has not resulted in major negative impacts anywhere else in the school. Assistant Principal, Wendy Cull, shared the costs of running the various programs within the school. She indicated that a lot of the activities and specialty classes are becoming more expensive. Textbook material prices have risen dramatically and she requested the Board to allow an increase of \$5.00 per year for students. The Board passed a motion to support that increase. Principal, Kelly Wadelius, discussed the noon hour program that the school is currently implementing. They have provided a variety of activities throughout the school in many supervised areas. They are encouraging all students to stay at the school throughout the lunch hour and providing healthy food for purchase to encourage students to remain in the building. Town students who leave for the lunch hour need to plan to be away for the full lunch hour, as there is not any direct supervision provided when they return to school. On cold days, they are allowed to come in to the main lobby area.

Action Item

The Board received a letter from parents requesting that the Division review its boundaries for rural bus ridership. This request has been referred to the Transportation Committee of the Board. The Board passed a

Motion supporting the Second and Third Bylaw Reading #3-2009. This motion allows the School Division to borrow \$261,100.00 for the glulam beam repairs on Mary Duncan Daycare renovations. These funds are paid back using provincially supplied funding and there is no cost to the Division Board's tax payers.

Education and Liaison Committee

The Committee has been reviewing student and graduation data. The members of the Committee have met with the Administration Team from Margaret Barbour Collegiate and used that opportunity to look at the upgrades to the student cafeteria and weight room facility.

Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee is recommending that the Division maintain its interest in provincial purchasing of school busses and will be sending a notice to the province that should they be in a position to purchase new busses, they would support a central purchase agreement.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is in the process of preparing for the Public Budget Consultation. That Consultation will be held at MBCI Library 7:00 p.m. February 1st, 2010. Everyone is invited to attend.

Building & Maintenance Committee

The Committee has reviewed the capital budget requests for the upcoming budget year. The Director of Maintenance and Transportation chaired a report on the current status of a variety of maintenance projects for the members of the Committee. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at MBCI so the members can see the changes to the cafeteria and to the multi-purpose room at ESBMS.

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.