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dedicated to quality education for all”

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – May 25, 2010

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Doug Long,
Superintendent

Jeannette Freese,
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Presentation

Dori Hnidy and Michelle Jones made a presentation on behalf of Kelsey Community School about their Literacy Program. They are seeing positive results from the program and will be continuing to develop their school wide program to enhance both reading and writing skills for their students. The data they are collecting shows that there are improvements in the scores and the use of a reading wall allows them to visually track the movement of students through the levels.

By-Law #1-2010

The first reading for By-Law #1-2010 was passed by the Board which allows them to borrow \$138,700.00 for roof replacement at Kelsey Community School and wall repairs at École Opasquia School. This debenture is repaid by funds from the Department of Education, so there is no impact on the local school budgets.

Building and Maintenance Committee

The ongoing repairs to the school buildings are progressing. The additional funds allocated by the Board from its surplus have been utilized to do some major upgrades to the schools.

Surplus material from the schools and from division garage has been collected and the Band Boosters will be using these materials to raise funds through an auction sale, which will be held June 12.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee continues to review and update the Policy Manual. A new policy was passed by the Board of Trustees. Policy is GJK-School Colors, Logo and Motto. This is a new policy which formally recognizes the colors, mottos and logos of the Kelsey School Division's schools.

Transportation Committee

The Committee has reviewed the bus fleet and the maintenance pattern is following the program setup. Thanks to a good maintenance program, costs are within normal limits. The staff parking lot at École Scott Bateman Middle School is over utilized and parking has extended out into the bus turning lane.

There have also been incidents of the public parking in the fire lane, close to the fence, which again impacts on the abilities of the buses to get through to drop off and pickup students safely.

Interschool Busing

The Transportation Committee, after researching the issue in consultation with the Transportation Department, made a recommendation to the Board regarding next year's in town busing. The in town busing, starting next fall, will be limited to Kindergarten to Grade Five students.

The in town busing is an additional opportunity provided by the Board for students within the town areas. Our population of students has declined and this has resulted in the need for one less bus route and one less bus to be in service. This required a review and changes to existing bus runs and impacted on the available seats that can be used for in town busing. As a result of the review, students in K-5 may be on a different bus.

Formal letters of notification will be sent to parents whose children currently use in town busing. These letters will be going home during the month of June to allow for parent planning for the start up for the 2010-2011 school year.

Celebrations

École Opasquia School received a \$2000.00 grant to run a Stream of Dreams Project to encourage Watershed Sustainability. Jennifer Little will be heading up the project.

Congratulations to Tara Manych, Principal of Mary Duncan, who received the Manitoba Reading Association Crocus Award for Literacy. Tara was nominated in her capacity as a school leader.

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.