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 dedicated to quality education for all”

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**BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – December 14, 2009**

**Board Chair Report**

The Board Chair reported on his activities including board committee meetings, negotiations and the Student Councils. The Board also met with our MLA Frank Whitehead to discuss funding and programming concerns in our area. The Board of Trustees met with the administrators to discuss the issues impacting their roles in the schools.

**Day Care and Preschool**

The cost of providing space to the day cares and preschools continues to rise. The Trustees have directed administration to seek out ways to avoid raising the rental charges through “in kind” arrangements.

**Education and Liaison Committee**

The committee met with the Student Council of Scott Bateman middle School. The students reported on the events they have been holding and discussed their grant application. The students shared the many good things they see in the school and identified some problems the school is working on.

The committee also met with the MBCI Student Council who shared their many activities with the trustees. The council members indicated they were trying to get more grade nine students involved in the school activities.

The two student councils will be receiving \$1250.00 as a matching grant for projects they proposed to the Board of Trustees. MBCI Student Council has targeted the upgrading of the cafeteria as their project.

**Policy Committee**

The following policies were approved by the Board:

- GBEB – Employee Absenteeism
- GCAA – Job Sharing
- GCC – Professional Staff Hiring

The committee is currently reviewing a variety of polices including policy GBIA – KSD Recognition Award.

**Transportation Committee**

The committee recommended to the Board of Trustees that due to declining rural riders that two bus runs (6 and 8) be combined beginning in September 2010. This would allow the purchase of a new bus to be delayed for one year. The inter school bus program will be adjusted next fall to be limited to students from K – 5.

**Finance Committee**

The annual budget for next year is being prepared. The general public is invited to attend a public consultation meeting at MBCI in the library on February 1 at 7:00 PM.

The Board of Trustees ratified a new collective agreement with the Kelsey Teachers Association. The contract will expire at the end of June 2010.

**Presentation**

Principal of MBCI, Doug Van Damme attended the Board meeting and introduced the Rotary Exchange Student to the Board. Beatriz Martyniuk joins us from Brazil.

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.