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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – May 24, 2011

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Points of Interest

The School division received notification that the MBCI revitalization project tender has been awarded to Park West construction. The project budget will be in excess of twelve million dollars. Formal announcements will occur in June. An official start date has not been determined.

Presentation

A group of concerned parents made a presentation to the Trustees requesting additional staffing for the Grade One French Immersion Class for next year. Current numbers are at twenty six with the possibility of additional transfer ins. The Board of Trustees referred the issue to Administration.

Policy Committee

The following policies were adopted by the Board of Trustees:

Policy IKA – Student Assessment – this combines several policies and brings the current policy in line with Provincial Policies.

Policy GBEA – Harassment – this policy also combines several policies under one heading. Changes were also made to reflect new requirements for the workplace.

Policy BBFB – Trustee Practices – updated the protocols for trustees.

Policy JIBC – Youth Representative on the School Board – this policy creates an opportunity to have a student sit on the School Board. The Board of Trustees obtained information from the Town of The Pas and other school boards who have adopted this approach to encourage student voice.

Policy PHD – Compensation and Expenses – this policy was updated to reflect current costs for out of town meal expenditures. The new rates will come into affect September 1, 2011. The daily per diem for meals is \$40.00.

Policy EEA – Student Transportation Services – changed to reflect combined routes.

The Committee is currently working on Policy JOA – Retention of Records and a new policy on Sustainability and Education.

Finance Committee

The Committee reviewed the financial statements for the Division. The two new Educational Assistant positions approved in the budget will not be filled as supported student numbers have declined. It will be reviewed in the fall. The financial comparison is posted on the Website for 2007/2008 to 2008/2009.

Transportation Committee

The Committee has reviewed in town busing and rural routes. The in town busing will remain at K-5, and bus routes two and three will be combined due to low ridership. Further study of the Rhals Island routes is continuing. The Transportation Department has reviewed some of the Carrot Valley routes to provide a shorter ride time for rural students. Carrot Valley routes will continue as is until a formal plan can be developed in the fall.

The Committee also discussed the donation of a school bus and driver time to assist with Safe Grad. The Division will provide a clear set of expectations to the Grad 2011 Committee.

Building and Maintenance

The Committee presented a motion to provide maintenance funds to upgrade the existing lighting at MBCI part of the revitalization. The Committee also reviewed the workload for supervision of the Revitalization Project.

The impact of providing accommodations for athletes of the Summer Indigenous Games was discussed. Staff will need assistance to prepare their classrooms to meet the Sport Manitoba Guidelines.

Business Community Liaison Committee

The Committee met with the Mayor of The Town of The Pas. A variety of topics were discussed, including the Braun project, forts/drug issues, the new Bullying By-Law, MBCI revitalization, and Youth Council Member. The Mayor indicated that further discussion would occur on accessing the garbage dump and the Reciprocal Agreement between the School Division and the Town of The Pas.

Contract

The Board of Trustees and the Kelsey Teachers' Association have ratified a new agreement for four years from 2010/11 to 2013/14.

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.