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“We strive to be a respectful and enthusiastic school community,
 dedicated to quality education for all”

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – November 22, 2010

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Presentation

Meaghan Dunnigan and Jennifer Little, staff members from École Opasquia School, made a presentation to the Board of Trustees for a proposed walking path and garden area for École Opasquia School. They indicated they were seeking a letter of approval from the Board of Trustees, so that they would be able to apply for funding for the project. The focus of the project will be on healthy living and recycling. The plan involves incorporating the project into classroom curriculum. The Board of Trustees voted to support the Program Grant Application.

Announcements by the Minister of Education

Recent announcements from the Education Minister, Nancy Allen, were discussed. The Policy Committee will be reviewing the new Provincial Assessment Policy based on academic responsibility, honesty and promotion – retention to make sure that Division Policies reflect the new Policy Statements from Manitoba Education. These changes focus on Assessment of Learning. With proper communication of expectations and assistance, the teacher can apply appropriate consequences for late or missing work. Academic honesty will also be addressed by varying strategies by teaching staff using varying strategies which include mark deduction.

In addition, Manitoba Education clarified that there is not a policy in existence that students do not fail. Promotion or retention is done in consultation with parents, teachers and other specialists as appropriate. The final decision rests with the school principal.

The Minister of Education also announced that the raising of the compulsory school attendance age be eighteen. This will also be discussed as more details are developed.

Policy Committee

The Committee has begun its review of Divisional Policies. Seven policies were reviewed of which five only required a minor editorial change. Two policies were presented to the Board of Trustees for approval as the revisions involved larger changes. The following revised policies were approved:

Policy DFDA – Parking Lot Usage

Policy BD – Financial Statement Reporting Responsibilities

Transportation Committee

The Committee will continue to monitor bus maintenance and fuel costs throughout the year. In addition, they will also be reviewing bus routes and in town bussing.

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.