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

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## **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – March 22, 2010**

### **Finance Committee**

The Board of Trustees was updated on the transfer process to the new business software package. The accounts are on track and within the budgeted amounts. The advertisement below was placed in the local paper to assist in making the public aware of the areas of expenditure for the 2010/2011 school year.

For the third straight year the Kelsey School Division will be taking advantage of the Tax Incentive Grant (TIG) and will not increase the special levy amount allocated to the Town of The Pas and the Rural Municipality of Kelsey. As a result of an increase of \$1,198,898 in provincial grants, the School Division will be able to retain special programs that were introduced three years ago to meet specific needs. Included in these are full time counselors at École Opasquia Elementary and Kelsey Community School, and a behavior specialist at Scott Bateman Middle School.

The second opportunity that the increase of provincial grants afforded the school division was the opportunity to address some staffing priorities such as an additional speech pathologist, one more classroom teacher, two additional education assistants, .65 custodial staff and one human resource clerical position.

A third opportunity resulting from the increase of provincial grants is the ability to address long outstanding infrastructure situations such as heating and ventilation upgrades, door replacements, window replacements, carpet removal, and a gym floor replacement.

The provincial increase will also allow the school division to allocate money to provide some priorities of individual schools: a play ground structure, an intercom system, signage, and locker enhancements. In order to ensure the completion of these projects on schedule, the Board of Trustees will utilize \$192, 210 from surplus.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all who assisted by participating in the budget process. Your input was considered and appreciated.

### **Celebrations**

The MBCI Junior Varsity Boy's Basketball team won the Provincial title. Congratulations to Wendy Cull, Assistant Principal at Scott Bateman Middle School, who will be receiving the Premier's Volunteer Service Award at a ceremony in Winnipeg in April. Wendy is being recognized for her many hours of school and community volunteer work.

Linda Buchanan, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of Kelsey School Division was recognized at the Manitoba School Boards Association General Meeting for her long years of service to education. Linda has been a school trustee since 1989. In addition to her twenty years as a trustee, she has served as Vice Chair of the Board for three years and Chair of the Board for ten years. She has also been active in the School Board Association provincially, having served as a Regional Director and as Vice President of boards with less than 6000 students for the Manitoba School Boards Association.

Congratulations to Board Chair, Vaughn Wadelius, who was elected as Manitoba School Boards Association Region 4 Director.

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.