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

## **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – October 24, 2011**

Vaughn Wadelius,  
Chair  
623-3073

Margaret Donohoe  
Vice-Chair  
623-5029

Amy Hopper  
623-6768

Jennifer Olinyk  
623-5365

Kerri Huculak  
623-1708

Bruce Woods  
623-1300

Richard Paetzold  
623-4390

Doug Long,  
Superintendent

Jeannette Freese,  
Secretary  
Treasurer

### **Debentures**

The Board of Trustees passed the final reading to allow borrowing to make an interim payment for the MBCI Revitalization Project. First Reading for the Borrowing By Law to cover the second interim payment of \$1,170,500.00 was also passed.

### **Trustee News**

Congratulations are extended to Alexis Yahnke who was appointed by the Board of Trustees as the first student to become a member of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Trustee Paetzold who will be moving to Winkler in the new year. Plans have been put in place for a by-election to be held on January 11, 2012.

### **Presentation**

Al Gardiner, Dean of Education of University College of The North, Dr. Karen Rempel and Dr. Robin Enns made a presentation to the Trustees about a community research project the university will be undertaking with Brandon University and local communities. The project is called VOICE – Vital Outcome Indicators for Community Engagement. The project will identify community based measures of success and how they can be achieved.

### **The Pas Centennial**

The Board of Trustees discussed ways the school could promote and participate in the upcoming event.

### **Committee Reports**

All committees of the Board of Trustees have held their initial meetings and set their goals for the school year.

### **Education and Liaison Committee**

The Committee will be reviewing Provincial Assessment results, cafeteria pricing and new curricula. The Committee will also be discussing graduate survey results.

### **Policy Committee**

The Committee is reviewing all policies that are five years old. In addition, the Committee is updating policies to comply with new regulations. A Sustainability and Education Policy and a Defibrillator in Schools Policy are under development.

### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee reported that we have a shortfall of 23 students from our budget projection. We have room in the budget to absorb this. The Division will continue to explore solutions to collecting on outstanding debts owed to us. The Public Budget Meeting has been set for January 25, 2012.

### **Negotiations and Personnel Committee**

The Committee is preparing for upcoming negotiations with CUPE Local #1596. Planning for next year's staffing is underway.

### **Transportation**

The Committee is reviewing the bus routes and driver shortage issues. With fewer buses on the road, the Division will be able to rotate the spare buses into regular use to reduce overall wear and tear. A pamphlet is being developed to inform parents and the public about the Transportation Department. Once it is finalized it will be sent to parents and posted on the Division's Website.

### **Cyberbullying**

The Trustees discussed the issue in general and wanted a message sent that it is not appropriate and it will be dealt with.

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.