



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 20, 2012

Trustees: Ballantyne, Boulette, Day, Ettawacappo, Imrie, Montgomery, Pearson

SPECIAL LEAVE APPLICATIONS APPROVED

A sub-committee of trustees, staff members and F.T.A. representatives met and forwarded their recommendations to the Board for approval of special leave applications for the 2012/13 school year. Applications were approved and will be notified as per Policy E.3.N, Special Leave – Teaching Staff.

SCHOOL TRIPS APPROVED

The Board approved school trip requests from Waterhen School and Falcon Beach School (2) and the Board also approved a request for change in date for the Gillam School trip to Greece and Turkey.

AWARDS

The Board approved the recommendation from a panel of trustees for recipients of the 2012 Outstanding Contribution Award for School Committee Members, and the 2012 Frontier Achievement Award. Award recipients will be notified and the awards will be presented at the 34th Annual School Committee Conference in February 2012.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY VISITS

The Board discussed the January 19, 2012 school visits to Pikwitonei, Thicket Portage, and Mel Johnson Schools, and meetings held with staff, school committees, and local governance officials.

JOINT MEETING WITH STAFF CONFIRMED

The topics for review with the superintendents group at the May 2012 joint meeting were confirmed. The joint meeting takes place May 23, 2012 and the Board meeting takes place May 24-25, 2012, and will be held in Winnipeg.

2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

The Board confirmed the Board Report presentation in preparation for the 34th Annual School Committee Conference in Winnipeg in February. Information on the conference is posted on the Division's web site.

POLICIES

The Board approved a number of draft policies for distribution and comment:

- E.4.C – Merit Increases – Support Staff
- E.4.D. – Professional Learning
- E.1.J – Anniversary Date – Support Staff
- E.1.B.1 - Staff Conduct

Correspondence has been forwarded to staff, school and Area Advisory Committees, and Presidents of the Frontier Teachers' Association and the USW 7106.

The Board also approved a number of draft policies for immediate implementation:

- E.1.P – Awards Program – Employees
- E.2.I – Housing Allowance – Teaching Staff
- E.4.B – Supervision and Evaluation - Support Staff
- G.1.H-R – Reporting a Child in Need of Protection (Including Child Abuse) Regulation
- G.1.J-R – Emergency Evacuations (Fire Drills) Regulation

These policies are available on the Division's web site.

MANITOBA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION 2012 CONVENTION

The Board reviewed materials in preparation for the 2012 convention. As well, the Board selected a panel of trustees to meet and select Division nominations for student and group awards for the Manitoba School Boards Association Student Citizenship Awards.

The next meeting of the Board takes place in the boardroom of the Winnipeg office on Tuesday, February 14, 2012. The Board will then participate in the 34th Annual School Committee Conference on February 15-17, 2012.

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