

# TURTLE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

**SEPTEMBER 2007**

## **New Staff in Turtle Mountain School Division**

Tanya Edgar—Assistant Superintendent of Student Services  
Susan Hanks—Speech/Language Pathologist  
Angela Saunders—Administrative Assistant at the Board Office  
Jamie Harrison—Teacher at Killarney School  
Jennifer Davies—Instructional Assistant at Boissevain School  
Carla Dyck—Instructional Assistant at Boissevain School  
Carrie Smith—Instructional Assistant at Minto School  
Nancy Lucier—Instructional Assistant at Boissevain Adult Education Centre  
Anita Dodd—Instructional Assistant at Killarney School  
Shelly Greenlaw—Instructional Assistant at Killarney School

## **STAFF APPRECIATION**

On September 4, 2007 the Division held its annual fall BBQ and Staff Recognition evening at Killarney Lakeside Golf Course. A fun golf tournament was also held, prior to the BBQ.



## **Organizational Meeting—September 12, 2007**

The Board changed some roles for the upcoming year:



### **BOARD CHAIR**

Samantha Cole

### **VICE-CHAIR**

Garth Nichol

### **OPERATIONS**

Shirley Highfield (Chair)  
Rhonda Coupland Bill Korchinski Brad Heide

### **EDUCATION**

Gordon Wooley (Chair)  
Garth Nichol Darrell Desrosiers Gail Patterson

### **NEGOTIATIONS**

Rhonda Coupland (Chair)  
Garth Nichol Samantha Cole Gail Patterson

### **WORKPLACE HEALTH/SAFETY**

Shirley Highfield Gail Patterson

### **TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Darrell Desrosiers Bill Korchinski

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Shirley Highfield Gail Patterson

## **Ninette School**

The Ninette School closed as of June 30, 2007. The Board is offering the school building and grounds for sale by tender. Tenders close on September 28, 2007 and the Board will decide on the successful bidder.

## **Manitoba Student Leadership Conference Breakfast**

With Killarney School hosting the Manitoba student Leadership Conference this year, the Board of Trustees volunteered to provide breakfast on September 22. The morning saw trustees and senior administrators flipping pancakes and cooking sausages for approximately 300 students and their advisors.



## **SURPLUS REDUCED**

The Board of Trustees approved an additional \$175,000 in spending in the 2006/07 school year on items such as computers, science lab upgrades, school supplies, security system and phone system upgrades. This is in response to the recommendation from the Province for division surpluses to remain below 4%.

## Message from Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

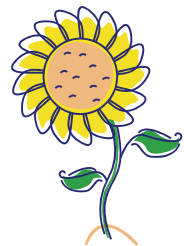
It is a privilege and a genuine pleasure to be part of Turtle Mountain School Division. I was formerly employed as the Educational Services Coordinator at Mountain View School Division since 2003. Prior to that, I was the Student Services Coordinator and teacher at Duck Mountain School Division. Duck Mountain became part of newly amalgamated Mountain View School Division in 2003. I have a wide range of teaching experiences and have specialized in the area of special education. My experience includes classroom teaching in the primary, elementary and junior high areas; special education—working with behaviourally challenged children, K-8 resource, Student Services Coordinator and now Assistant Superintendent of Student Services. I am looking forward to meeting and working with staff, students and parents.

## Maplewood Student Information System

Schools in Turtle Mountain School Division will soon be using the Maplewood System to keep track of student information such as attendance, timetables and marks. When the capabilities of the system are fully utilized, students, parents and guardians will be able to access this information from home using the internet. Training workshops were begun last May and will continue during the 2007-2008 year.

Congratulations on your retirement!

Dorothy Thiessen  
Don Parker



IMPORTANT SKILLS My School has provided me with:	Somewhat/ Strongly Agree	Somewhat/ Strongly Disagree
Self-confidence	89.5%	10.5%
Critical thinking skills	97.0%	3.0%
Problem solving skills	98.5%	1.5%
Ability to work independently	95.5%	4.5%
Ability to work cooperatively	97.0%	4.0%
Ability to do basic math	100.0%	0.0%
Ability to use computer/Internet	94.0%	6.0%
Ability to communicate effectively	94.0%	6.0%
<b>GOOD LEARNING ENVIRONMENT</b>		
My School has provided me with		
A safe learning environment	100.0%	0.0%
Knowledgeable teachers	89.5%	10.5%
Access to a computer	95.5%	4.5%
Guidance in how to use the world wide web/email	88.1%	11.9%
Relevant textbooks/resource materials	97.0%	3.0%
Opportunities for involvement in school activities	94.0%	6.0%
Relevant knowledge about Canada/World	95.5%	4.5%
<b>CAREER</b>		
My School has provided me with		
Useful information on employment options	83.6%	16.4%
Useful info on post-secondary education options	92.5%	7.5%
Job search techniques	80.6%	19.4%
Information on employment skills	80.6%	19.4%
Information on student financial assistance	78.8%	21.2%
Participation in work experience	86.6%	13.4%
Knowledge of business	85.1%	14.9%

Source: Graduating Students Survey Results for June 2007

## Division Planning Workshop

The Division has invited representatives from municipalities, chamber of commerce, councils, parent advisory councils, school student governments and employee groups to participate in the annual Division planning session to be held at Killarney School on October 13, 2007. Once completed, Action Plan 2008-2009 will be shared with Division stakeholders.

## Bus Routes

The Division eliminated another bus route for the start of the 2007/08 school year. The number of routes now operating is 24.