

Board Meeting Highlights June 21, 2021

1. Gratitude for Staff Dedication

At the recent Board meeting, Trustees again shared their appreciation for SRPSD staff. From caretakers who continue to keep schools sanitized and safe, to specialists finding new ways to provide expert care to our students with intensive needs, to the teachers and EAs keeping learning fun each day, staff have served students and families admirably in these most difficult times. There was a special word of gratitude from the Board for the staff who reached **long-service milestones** in their career with SRPSD and for those who will be retiring this year. The Board misses the opportunity to gather and celebrate the long-service and **retirements**, but Trustees salute the dedication and service of the staff.

2. Graduations Mark Student Achievement

In June, twelve high schools across SRPSD celebrate the achievement of its grade 12 students with **graduation ceremonies**. Students across the division demonstrated strength of character, resilience in the face of challenge and academic excellence as they navigated the last years of high school and crossed the stage with their diploma. Trustees also noted those students in lower grades deserve an expression of thanks for their dedication and creativity as they adapted to changed learning environments while maintaining their relationships and sense of purpose. The end of the school year is a natural opportunity to acknowledge and thank students for pursuing excellence all year long.

3. SRPSD Continues to Respond to the TRC's Calls to Action

It was fitting that the Board meeting on National Indigenous Peoples Day was an opportunity for the Trustees to review a formal report on the actions, successes and future plans for the division's responses to the Calls to Action. SRPSD continues to actively and directly respond to the 94 Calls to Action issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Board noted the success of our responses is clearly reflected in student achievement. The **Cree Language** program established in Kindergarten and expanding to include grade 1 at John Diefenbaker along with the establishment of the **Michif Language and Culture** program at St. Louis and Queen Mary are steps towards answering the Call 10.iv to support Indigenous languages. The **teachings of Elder Liz Settee** shared virtually in hundreds of SRPSD classrooms helps students experience education on reconciliation in Call 63 and Call 10.viii. There are a myriad of ways SRPSD staff and students respond to the calls and immeasurable ways those responses have positive impacts on students and communities.

The Board hopes this brief update can provide information and promote communication. If you want further details about the Board and its meetings, you can find information at this link [SRPSD Board Information](#) or under the "About Us" tab at www.srsd119.ca. You are also encouraged to contact your local trustee.

We look forward to the connection!

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