



Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division

Excellence for Every Learner

Board Highlights *September 19, 2022*

Carlton Comprehensive Public High School's Cultural Day & Saskatchewan Rivers Summer Pipe Ceremony

Members of the Board were honored to attend events within our school division honouring Indigenous culture in our school communities. Members shared their experiences at Carlton's Cultural day held on Friday, September 16th, which included the Grand Entry, Pow Wow demonstrations, bannock, tipi teachings and many cultural breakout sessions. The Board commends the work done over the years to grow this event. Members of the Board, along with staff from the division office joined a group of staff and students at John Diefenbaker School in taking part in a pipe ceremony the morning of September 19th. Elder Liz Settee lead the ceremony to set intention for the school year. The Board expressed deepest gratitude to be a part of such experiences as we move forward together on a path of reconciliation.

Elders Council

The Board held the first Elders Council gathering of the year. Elders Liz Settee, Wilma Schreder, Bente Huntley, as well as Knowledge Keeper Mike Relland joined the Board to offer guidance and council on Board initiatives, and upcoming events. Topics included Indigenous representation on the Board. How to create space and place in a publicly elected board to ensure the voices of our community are represented? Board Chair Barry Hollick was able to converse in depth with Elders about ways to move forward under current legislation, but also presented the SSBA Consultation on Increasing Indigenous Trusteeship Through the Local Government Election Act 2015, and The Local Government Election Regulations 2015 which outlines recommendations to the government for changes that could help increase Indigenous voice in the provinces school boards.

SSBA Resolutions

The Saskatchewan School Boards Association will be holding their Fall General Assembly in November, and the Board will be proposing two resolutions to provide directives for action by the association. The first resolution is calling for the association to begin discussion with the ministry to make a joint recommendation on the mill rate. The rationale for this resolution is that it is crucial for school divisions to have funding that is stable, predictable, and will meet the needs of students. The second resolution is to begin conversations between the association and the ministry around the funding model for independent schools. The rationale for this resolution is to advocate for equitable transparent funding that meets the needs of our students.

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