



Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division

Excellence for Every Learner

Board Highlights *November 7, 2022*

Organizational Meeting

The Board held the annual Organizational Meeting and with that came changes to the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. It was an emotional meeting as trustees expressed gratitude to outgoing Chair Barry Hollick who did not seek another term. Hollick has had an 11 year tenure as Board Chair, and is seen as a solid and passionate leader who trustees can count on. The Board sincerely thanks Barry for his service in the role.

Darlene Rowden was named the new Board Chair, and Alan Nunn acclaimed as Vice Chair. Rowden humbly accepted the role and recognized that Hollick left “big shoes to fill”. Chair Rowden is excited for the new challenge and said, “It is an honour to serve the students, families and electors as Board Chair. I look forward to working with trustees and I’m looking forward to continuing to ensure the contributions of all Saskatchewan Rivers employees are recognized.” Vice-Chair Nunn echoed those comments indicating, “It is a privilege to work as Vice-Chair with this group of trustees who are so committed to strong governance and to overcoming challenges to provide excellence for our students.”

Board Plans to Meet with Rural Community Leaders

The Board is organizing its regular meeting with rural community leaders to connect and discuss the opportunities for our rural schools. As a geographically large school division serving many rural communities and families the Board is working to develop rich partnerships with community leaders and strong working relationships for our schools. The meeting is planned for November 29th at the Education Centre, the Board is looking forward to a strong turnout and the opportunity to work together with the municipal government sector for our rural schools.

Upcoming SSBA Convention

The Board is preparing to attend the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Fall Assembly next week. The provincial organization has its annual general meeting at this time, as well as a conference with the theme ‘Innovation, Inclusion, and Investment’. The Board is bringing two resolutions to the table to be debated by school divisions across the province as a means of advocacy for our division. 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 boards 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. The Board looks forward to the discussion of its resolutions and the other events at the Fall Assembly.

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