



Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division

Excellence for Every Learner

Board Highlights December 12, 2022

SRPSD Schools Deepen Their Commitment to Truth and Reconciliation

A delegation from the Indigenous Perspectives team presented the response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission 94 Calls to Action in a recent Board meeting. The presentation highlighted the commitment our school staff have to deepening their learning in order to walk the path of reconciliation together with our students and community. Actions included; the flag raising ceremony held at division office, tipi teachings, and other teachings offered by Elders to division staff eager to learn. Indigenous Perspectives Consultant Jodi Letendre commented on how school staff are now building capacity through the teachings of Elders to be able to raise tipi's in schools, and embody Indigenous worldview in classrooms through day to day practice.

SRSC Report Highlights Inequities in Departmental Exam Requirements & Attendance Concerns

Saskatchewan Rivers Students for Change (SRSC) was well represented at the Board meeting by the newest rural Student Trustee Deziree Zacharias, a grade 12 student from Big River. Zacharias gave the Board an update on a few of the school's activities this fall, and the advocacy work of the student leadership group. The SRSC composed a letter to the Education Ministry in their last meeting to outline their concerns with the inequities of departmental exams. The group plans on sending the letter this week after their final refinements are complete. In the most recent executive meeting of the SRSC, a discussion about the importance of attendance brought about concern from the group as they have noticed this as an issue in several of our schools, this also brought about discussion from the Board. The Board expressed gratitude to Zacharias for sharing student voice at the table.

Saskatchewan Rivers Legacy Document

The Board Legacy Document Committee presented the updated version of the Board's Legacy Document. The intent of the document is to incorporate some historical information about the school division as well as to identify issues, practices and accomplishments of the Board, in pursuit of the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division (SRPSD) goal "Excellence for Every Learner". Board Chair Darlene Rowden thanked the committee, in particular Trustee Grant Gustafson, for the work in preserving the story of our division. The Saskatchewan Rivers School Division Legacy Document can be found on the SRSD website under Board of Education [here](#).

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