



Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division

Excellence for Every Learner

Board Highlights

May 15th, 2023

École Arthur Pechey Wins \$15,000 Mosaic Nutrition Challenge

The Board wished to congratulate the staff and students of École Arthur Pechey on the recent announcement of being awarded the Mosaic Nutrition Challenge grant. The monies will be used to enhance the schools gardening program, in which they will grow food to supplement their schools nutrition programming. The school is so excited to have students get their hands dirty and connect with the land through the school garden. They have been working with Elder Liz Settee to include an Elder garden to share teachings about traditional medicinal plants. The school is hosting a community engagement evening this week to share their humble beginnings and to build connections with the community to oversee the caretaking of the garden over the summer.

New Pride Logos

The Board approved the use of 3 new logos by the division in honor of upcoming Pride month. Staff and students from division GSA groups attended an artists retreat earlier in the year where students used branding principles to create concepts for logos. This retreat was a highlight of the year for several students. One group of students entered the room and remarked that this must be what athletes feel like. The staff who organized the event are commended for the inclusive environment they created with students. From the great work produced at the retreat the field was narrowed down to 3 logos which will be revealed during Pride week.

Land Acknowledgement

All of our Board meetings begin with a Land Acknowledgement to honor the land and those who have been the keepers of it since time immemorial in which we live, work and play. Typically this has been done by the Board Chair, and has stuck to a predetermined script. As the Board has worked with the Elder's Council and their journey towards reconciliation has evolved, this practice has come to feel like not enough. The Board decided in the most recent meeting that not only would Board members all have the opportunity to provide the Land Acknowledgement on behalf of the Board during regular meetings but, Board members would also strive to include a personal commitment to Truth and Reconciliation in their Land Acknowledgement.

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