



Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division

Excellence for Every Learner

Board Highlights

August 28, 2023

Welcome Back!

The Board is excited to welcome back our families, students, and staff for the 2023-24 school year. Schools are busy preparing for the return of students with many back-to-school activities. The Board is looking forward to all of the opportunities to connect and learn together. The new school year brings changes to the SRPSD administration with Neil Finch taking over the role of Director of Education, and Jeff Court moving into the role of Superintendent of Schools. The Board wishes them both the very best in their new positions. The Board extends wishes for a joyful year of learning and growth for all.

HR Accountability Report Highlights

Superintendent Cory Trann presented the annual Human Resources Accountability Report. In his report Trann celebrates the relationship the division has built with the CUPE union over the years, and that the 22/23 school year went by without a grievance. The report also highlighted the number of teachers who identify as First Nations, Metis, or Inuit and that our teaching staff is close to reflecting the same demographics of the learners we serve. Highlighted challenges include ensuring staffing budgets align with the increasing complexity of our student population in our classrooms, and maintenance of adequate sub lists for all positions in the division in the event of staff absences. Trann also spoke about the strength of partnerships with SUNTEP, UofS, UofR, and Minot who send preservice teachers to complete internships in our schools.

Approval of Bus Purchases

The Board approved a motion to purchase 5 school buses. Two 70 passenger buses and three 52 passenger buses will be added to the fleet. After an RFP process the successful proponent was Legacy Bus Sales who will supply the 5 Blue Bird Buses. The buses purchased will be gas buses as gas buses are the most reliable to start in the colder winter months. The total cost of the 5 buses is 752,650 plus taxes.

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