

### **Board Highlights**

### Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the SRPSD Board

The Board is incredibly grateful to be a part of all of our school communities, and will continue to govern and advocate for "Excellence in Education" in 2024. On behalf of the entire Board, we wish you the merriest Christmas and the warmest of holidays no matter what you celebrate.

#### **Regional SCC Gathering is a Success**

On November 23rd, the first regional SCC gathering was held in the gym at Spruce Home Public School. The evening began with an enthusiastic presentation from the SRPSD Inclusive Education Consultant team who presented to the group about inclusive education and what it looks like in our classrooms. The second half of the evening consisted of table discussions around rural education. SCC members and school admin joined trustees in small table discussions and shared the things that they love about their rural schools, and the challenges they face in rural settings. Highlights included the strong relationships and bonds that form in smaller rural settings, how invested communities are in their schools, and the early opportunities students have to participate in leadership and sporting events at school. The main challenge identified was declining enrollment, and all of the other challenges that come with having fewer students in the building such as decreased opportunity for programming, and the need for staff to wear multiple hats. The tables had rich conversations that went on well past the 8 pm end time of the event. The Board has received a report from the evening and will use it to inform decision making and advocacy work moving forward.

## **Carlton Praised for Hosting 5A Boys Provincial Volleyball Championships**

The Board received correspondence from the SHSAA thanking Carlton Comprehensive Public High School for their work in hosting the 5A Boys Provincial Championships in November. The staff at Carlton went above and beyond to host a world class event in their facility. In the letter Jeff Kitts (SHSAA Assistant Executive Director), expressed that "Each team that attended was provided with a great opportunity to experience a celebration of high school sport due to you and your committee ensuring that every detail was looked after." Congratulations to everyone at Carlton who worked to make this event a success!

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