



Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division

Excellence for Every Learner

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Board Highlights

Student Successes Highlighted at recent Board Meeting

The Board was pleased to hear that 3 SRPSD students have earned major university scholarships this spring. Charlie Lysyk, Meath Park student was represent with the \$40,000 George and Marsha Ivany President's First and Best Scholarship and Ksenia Toporowski, Carlton Student, received a \$24,000 Circle of Honor Entrance Scholarship, both from the University of Saskatchewan. Sahas Mittal, Carlton student, was awarded a \$125,000 Kennedy Scholars Academic Excellence Scholarship from the University of Calgary. The Board wishes these three sincere congratulations on this incredible achievement. The Board also wants to acknowledge and celebrate the many other scholarships that SRPSD students will receive that they might not be aware of. Grade 5 to 8 students were involved in the Regional Science fair, Dacee Flying Buffalo from West Central Public School placed 1st with her project 'Educational Mental Health Video Game' and Mason Golding from Red Wing Public School received second with his project 'Catapult'. These students will represent SRPSD at the Canada- Wide Science Fair in Ottawa.

Board Attends SSBA Spring Conference

The Board had the pleasure of attending the SSBA Spring Assembly on April 11th and 12th. The theme of the conference was 'Forward Focus'. Board members had the opportunity to gain valuable professional development and learn alongside their colleagues from across the province. A highlight of the event was a presentation from the Ille-a-la-Crosse School division on Land-Based Learning as the Board is supporting a similar initiative in SRPSD. They were excited to see where this type of learning can go, and how students and staff will benefit from it.

2024/25 Budget

The Board got a first glimpse at the budget for next school year and the implications of the provincial budget for SRPSD. The Board is pleased to see a budget that addresses inflationary costs to help the school division to maintain operations. After many years of Board advocacy, the dedicated funds for supports for learning are welcomed to address some of the complexity in SRPSD classrooms. The next steps for the Board are to understand the impacts of the budget on a school division with decreasing enrollment. As funding is tied to enrollment although it is a 'good news' budget the impact of decreasing enrollment is not lost on the Board.

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