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March 14, 2019

FROM THE BOARD TABLE

Work on anti-racist, anti-oppressive education highlighted for Board of Education

Members of the school division's Social Justice Disposition Committee (SJDC) shared the work of the committee with trustees during the March 12 meeting of the Saskatoon Board of Education.

The group, comprised mostly of kindergarten to Grade 12 in-school administrators, is learning about anti-racist, anti-oppressive education. The initiative is a result of a commitment by the school division to make a difference in the way staff are supported to create nurturing learning environments and equitable outcomes for Indigenous students, and all students.

Its goal is to transform thinking through awareness of the history of racism, how racism is manifested personally and institutionally, and how it affects the lived experience of students. It has worked with University of Saskatchewan professor Dr. Verna St. Denis, a specialist in the field of anti-racist, anti-oppressive education. The SJDC presented at the national Indspire conference in November.

Other highlights from the meeting were:

- Trustees received a mid-year update on the board's Collegiate Renewal strategic priority. During the current school year, the division is focusing on increased credit attainment for high school students through: outcomes-based assessment and instruction, instructional leadership, and responsive actions of school-based data teams. During the first semester, 82 per cent of Grade 10 students obtained at least four credits by the end of the semester. The overarching goal of Collegiate Renewal is to ensure students are engaged in their learning so they graduate as active participants in lifelong learning and as responsible, caring, culturally responsive citizens.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at saskatoonpublicschools.ca. The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

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MOVE TO GROW... IN THE CLASSROOM

At Saskatoon Public Schools, we believe movement is essential for all students to access learning. As educators, we know that a daily opportunity to exercise can have a multitude of benefits for our students.

This spring, Saskatoon Public Schools is launching Move To Grow In The Classroom, a campaign to encourage students, teachers and staff members to pursue Brain Activating Movement (BAM) twice a day.

In schools, the Move To Grow In The Classroom campaign will focus on helping our students understand how they can move their bodies to activate their heart, muscles and brain, all while enhancing their learning. Our goal is for students, parents/caregivers, teachers, staff members, and SCC members to view exercise as an embedded piece of the learning that takes place in our daily schooling.

WHY SHOULD SCHOOLS MOVE TO GROW IN THE CLASSROOM?

- Teachers are in a powerful position to facilitate neurological processes by using BAM activities to enhance academic outcomes in mathematics, reading and writing.
- BAM activities assist students with self-regulation, allowing them to attend and focus for longer periods of instruction time.
- BAM activities get students up and moving throughout the school day, which has a positive impact on their social, emotional and physical well-being.



#MOVE2GROW
A SASKATOON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' MOVEMENT



NORTH
PARK
WILSON
SCHOOL

ATTENTION GR. 7 STUDENTS!

Starting in September, North Park Wilson School will be home to Creative Action, a new artistic leadership program.

Creative Action is a specialized, full-year program for Grade 8 students who have shown leadership potential and a desire to cultivate their passion in the arts to make a difference in their community and beyond. The program is open to students from any Saskatoon public school.

To learn more, visit
saskatoonpublicschools.ca/creativeaction

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 3 *Tweeting, Tagging and Trolling: Do you Know What Your Child is Doing on Their Phone?*, 7 p.m., Bedford Road Collegiate

APRIL 9 Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m

APRIL 16 Indigenous Ensemble Public Performance, 7 p.m., Aden Bowman Collegiate

FEBRUARY 19-26 Spring Break—Students do not attend

MAY 7 Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m

MAY 17 PD/Planning Day—Students do not attend



World Autism Awareness Day



At Saskatoon Public Schools, we believe in providing inclusive learning spaces where all students can thrive.

April is Autism Awareness Month. Each of our 62 school communities have students and families impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorder.

On Tuesday, April 2, Saskatoon Public Schools will recognize World Autism Awareness Day. We encourage all students, staff members and families to wear blue on April 2.

For more information about autism, visit autismspeaks.ca or autismservices.ca or check out #LightItUpBlue on social networks.



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**STUDENTS IN PRIMARY GRADES
WITH 90% ATTENDANCE OR MORE
ARE STRONGER READERS.**

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WRITTEN BY MIKA LAFOND
APRIL 16, 2019 at 7 pm
ROBERT HINITT CASTLE THEATRE
ADEN BOWMAN COLLEGIATE
1904 Clarence Avenue, Saskatoon, SK

Admission by donation
Doors open at 6:45 pm



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TWEETING, TAGGING AND TROLLING:

Do you know what your child is doing on their phone?



BEDFORD ROAD COLLEGIATE / April 3 / 7-8 p.m.

Parents and guardians are invited to attend an information session to understand more about their child's online playground and learn strategies for raising a good digital citizen.

Social Media 101
Bedford Road students

When Things Go Bad
CST. KIM ROBSON,
Saskatoon Police Service

**Helping Your Child Navigate
The Online World**

TYLER BERGEN,
Coordinator of Counselling and Behaviour Supports
and MICHELLE BEMBRIDGE,
Consultant for Safe, Caring and Accepting Schools,
Saskatoon Public Schools

Good Digital Citizenship
JAY SALIKIN,
Coordinator of Technology,
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