## From the Board Table

Highlights from the April 17, 2018, meeting of the Board of Education:

* Trustees received an update on Technology for Learning, one of the division’s core strategies. The strategy’s goal is to engage students in a variety of learning environments and to support teachers in becoming proficient in the use of technology to enhance learning. The division is working to pilot innovative, technology-based learning with the assistance of Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation and the work of SaskCode.
* During discussion of the recent provincial budget, trustees emphasized their commitment to keeping resources in the classroom to ensure student success. Total funding announced on budget day for Saskatoon Public Schools was $237.2 million, which is below 2016-17 funding levels. Trustees will set the 2018-19 division budget in June.
* The board approved a tender for construction of an outdoor sensory playground at John Dolan School, which serves intensive-support students who require a high level of care. The project has been made possible by a funding commitment from the school's parent council. Parents from John Dolan expressed their appreciation to trustees for the work of the school and the program opportunities provided for students.
* Song and dance brought the boardroom alive as students from École Dundonald School provided trustees with a song from their production of Beauty and the Beast. Teacher Brenda Irvine and students shared how theatre contributes to arts literacy, engages students, encourages a sense of belonging, builds identity and provides students with the opportunity to shine and take risks.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at [www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca.](https://www.spsd.sk.ca/Board/meetings/Pages/default.aspx) The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.