

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Monday September 16th, 2024

## Summer Pipe Ceremony & Elders Council Meeting

On September 16th SRPSD hosted a Summer Pipe Ceremony at Kinistino Public School. Elder Suzy Bear raised her pipe in prayer for clarity and direction for the division as we enter our new school year. The Board thanks the staff and students of Kinistino Public School for being excellent hosts. Following the Pipe Ceremony, the Board was welcomed at the Muskoday Elder's Lodge for a plant walk led by Elder Bente Huntley as part of their first Elders Council meeting of the school year. In the meeting, Elder Cecil Eashappie was welcomed to the group, and the group reflected on the plant walk, the pipe ceremony, and the work done with the current Board. The Elders expressed their gratitude for the work of the Board and the Board members who are not seeking re-election. Another promising practice that was discussed is that of the Land Acknowledgement in SRPSD Board meetings. Board members have taken turns providing a Land Acknowledgement in meetings and have worked hard to ensure to include their personal connection to land and moving beyond simply a scripted acknowledgment.

## SRPSD Adopts Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidelines for Responsible Use

The Board was interested in hearing about how SRPSD is handling the implementation of AI technologies in the school division. In their meeting, Superintendent Garette Tebay shared with the Board the division's newly adopted guidelines for responsible use of AI in Saskatchewan Rivers. The guidelines are rooted in the following 5 belief statements about the use of AI:

- We use AI to help all of our students achieve Excellence for Every Learner.
- We adhere to existing policies and regulations. We build an understanding of AI for staff and students.
- We will support teachers in adapting instruction in a context where some or all students have access to generative AI tools.
- We use AI to advance academic integrity, We ensure that both students and teachers retain their autonomy when using AI tools.

## 2024 Election Season is Here!

The 2024 Election is coming up, with nominations for the Board being received from September 23rd until October 8th. The election will take place November 13th. With several Board members not seeking re-election, it is a time of renewal for the Board. If you are interested in learning more about running for the Board, please visit [www.srsd119.ca/elections](http://www.srsd119.ca/elections) for more information.

*The Board hopes this brief update can provide information and promote communication. If you want further details about the Board and its meetings, you can find information at this under the "About Us" Tab at [www.srsd119.ca](http://www.srsd119.ca). You are also encouraged to contact your local trustee.*

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