



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

December 9, 2024

Equity, Diversity and Inclusive Education Accountability Report

At the recent Board meeting, Superintendent Tom Michaud delivered the Equity, Diversity and Inclusive Education Accountability Report. Intensive Supports Consultants Cara Kuzma, Tricia McEwen, and Jasmine Tiessen, presented to the Board an overview of what inclusion looks like, the research-based practices that align with it as well as examples of what is happening in our schools. The report recognizes that the division does not have enough resources to provide individual supports for all so a capacity building model to develop universal intervention strategies and more targeted supports is used by the team to create robust learning environments for all.

Farewell to Superintendent Tom Michaud

The Board said farewell to Superintendent Tom Michaud as he embarks on a new journey as the Director of Education Secretary-Treasurer in the Conseil Scolaire Catholique du Nouvel-Ontario. After 8 years working together, the Board will miss Tom's commitment to students and staff in SRPSD. They recognized him for his work in driving inclusion and mental health initiatives in the division throughout his tenure.

Fall Pipe Ceremony and Feast

On December 9, 2024, the Board hosted a Fall Pipe Ceremony and Feast at Victor Thunderchild Public High School. The purpose was to help bring clarity and direction for Indigenous teachings throughout the division. In this Fall Feast, we were able to feed the school powwow drums and other sacred ceremonial items in the school. The ceremony was led by Elder Suzy Bear. Thank you to the school for their incredible hospitality. Following the ceremony, the Board met with the Elders Council and learned about the three ISSI partnership SRPSD engages in with Muskoday First Nation, Wahpeton Dakota Nation and Montreal Lake Cree Nation. These partnerships have seen successes in credit attainment for students from both Muskoday and Wahpeton, increased attendance for students attending Wesmor, and students demonstrating strong cultural identity and leadership. The Montreal Lake ISSI is one of knowledge sharing and has produced the first draft of a model of land-based learning that aligns with Indigenous worldview to guide both organizations work in the area.

Audited Financials for the 2023/24 School Year

CFO Jerrold Pidborochynski presented the division's audited financial statements for the previous fiscal year which ended August 31, 2024. Each year, the Board contracts an external auditor to review the financial management and records of the division. Representatives from the auditing firm of MNP were in attendance. The auditors reported that there was strong evidence of effective and appropriate financial management and accounting, and MNP issued a "clean audit" for the division.

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.

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