



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

February 10, 2025

Annual Community Engagement Gathering a Success

On February 3rd, 2025, SRPSD hosted their annual community engagement gathering at the Wildlife Federation Building. The day brought members from the SRPSD Board, School Community Council, and Saskatchewan Rivers Students for Change together with SRPSD school and division based leaders for a day of professional development, and gathering feedback to improve the work of the division. SRSC Board representatives presented a recap of the day in their report to the Board and expressed gratitude to the people who were present that day and contributed to rich table discussions about topics such as Early Childhood Education, Progress towards the Strategic Plan, and advocacy scenarios. The Board and Director Neil Finch were impressed with the students who attended the day and proud of the student voice that rose throughout the day.

Board School Tours

On January 27th, 2025, the Board began their school tours for 2025. They spent the day at Westview, Wesmor, Queen Mary, Ecole Arthur Pechey, PACI, and Victor Thunderchild public schools. School tours provide the Board with firsthand insights into the learning environments, achievements, and challenges within our schools. These visits allow trustees to engage directly with students and staff, witnessing innovative teaching practices, student engagement, and the impact of division priorities in action. By touring schools, the Board strengthens its connection to the school communities it serves, ensuring that decision-making remains informed by the real experiences of educators and students. Board members spoke about the work being done in the Queen Mary Specialized Support Classroom Pilot Project, and through the PACI Mental Health Capacity Building Partnership with Saskatchewan Health Authority.

Transportation Accountability Report

As the first half of the school year completes, CFO Jerrold Pidborochynski reported details about the Transportation Department for the time period. Piborochynski presented statistics about the number of our routes (104), number route cancellations so far this year (553.5 due to weather), the average ride time (15 minutes for urban riders, and 26 minutes for rural), and the average age of our fleet (8.5 years). The Board was able to compare this information with the previous 4 years and noted the efficiencies in the number of routes supported and improvement in our average rural rider time. The emerging issue of the possibility of tariffs and how that will affect the cost of new busses was also brought up for information and consideration as part of this report.

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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