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Saskatoon
Public Schools

November 24, 2020

FROM THE BOARD TABLE

Literacy kits connect students, families and teachers in learning

Take-home literacy and numeracy kits created by primary teachers at Queen Elizabeth School are helping teachers, students and families engage in learning together.

The purpose of the kits, which were highlighted during the Celebrating Excellence portion of the Nov. 23 Board of Education meeting, was to provide math and literacy activities that promote literacy and numeracy in the home while extending the learning for the students. It's one way the school worked to respond to the engagement goal of the Saskatoon Public Schools' strategic plan.

The resource was well received by families and the value of the kits increased in the wake of the pandemic. Last spring, teachers enhanced their individual literacy and numeracy kits so each child had access to grade specific materials. These kits allow supplemental literacy and math to continue in the case of a temporary class closure and are particularly important when access to technology or wi-fi is not available.

In addition to its regular meeting, the Board of Education held its inaugural meeting Nov. 16. New trustees joining the board following the recent civic and school board elections are Michael Pidwerbeski in Ward 1, Kim Stranden in Ward 4, and Angela Arneson in Ward 10.

Incumbent trustee Vernon Linklater was re-elected in Ward 2, as were Kathleen Brannen in Ward 6, Suzanne Zwarych in Ward 8, and Charmaine Bellamy in Ward 9. Incumbent trustees Colleen MacPherson in Ward 5, Donna Banks in Ward 3 and Ross Tait in Ward 7 retained their seats by acclamation. MacPherson was chosen for a second one-year term as board chair during the inaugural meeting.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at saskatoonpublicschools.ca. The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020. Due to COVID-19 and physical distancing guidelines, members of the public may attend regular board meetings virtually. If you wish to attend please contact [Estelle Allington](mailto:Estelle.Allington@spsd.sk.ca), Executive Assistant to the Board of Education, to request the link to the virtual meeting

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Elementary families!

In-school learning is safe and the best for student success. But we know there is a lot to consider right now.

If you want your child to return to in-school classes, or believe a move to online learning is best, *now is the time to make the move.*

The deadline to request a transfer is Tuesday, December 1.

Contact your current principal by Dec. 1 to make a transfer request. Students will join their new classrooms on Jan. 4.

For more information, visit saskatoonpublicschools.ca



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COVID-19 CASES IN SCHOOLS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

See your school's website
or saskatoonpublicschools.ca

Hey Collegiate Students!

Looking to move to online learning?
Or return to in-school classes?
Now is the time to make the move.

**The deadline to register for
Quint 3 is December 10 at noon.**

Contact your collegiate or the
Online Learning Centre by Dec. 10
if you are planning to move between
in-school and online learning.

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Winter Face Coverings

Wearing a mask is best but in Saskatchewan winter weather, students need to wear warm clothing that protects their neck and face.

Remember these tips for a safe winter face covering:

- Made of two or more layers of breathable, tightly woven fabric
- Covers mouth and nose
- Fit snug with no gaps around the face
- Bandanas and gaiters not acceptable
- To be extra safe, wear a mask underneath
- Wet masks aren't effective so bring extra masks to school



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IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 1 Deadline for transfer between elementary online/in-person classes

DECEMBER 8 Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting 5 p.m.

DECEMBER 10 Quint 3 deadline for transfer between collegiate online/in-person classes

DECEMBER 17 Final day of Quint 2 for high school students

DECEMBER 18 Last Day before Christmas Break

JANUARY 4 School Resumes