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Saskatoon
Public Schools

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FROM THE BOARD TABLE

Montgomery School shares the experience of science learning

A connection to science and hands-on learning at Montgomery School is being shared throughout the school division, trustees were told during the Celebrating Excellence portion of the Board of Education's Nov. 23 meeting.

The school's maker's lab offers learning activities in three forms: tinkering to learn, making to learn, and application projects. During the pandemic, Vice Principal David Crowell adapted the program to create a science kit loaner program that will be shared with other elementary schools. Teachers that borrow the kits also receive access to lessons and assessment materials. In return, teachers and students who access the materials are asked to give back by adding to the collection of resources.

Other meeting highlights included:

- Trustees were updated on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As of the meeting, the school division had been notified of 300 COVID cases this school year, with 84 per cent of positive cases in elementary schools. That marks a shift from 2020-21 when more than 60 per cent of positive cases were in collegiates. With approval of a COVID vaccine for children ages 5-11, the Saskatchewan Health Authority is expected to hold vaccination clinics at some elementary schools. Clinics are operated by the SHA and will be held outside school hours so parents/caregivers can be with their children if they choose to have them vaccinated.
- The board received information about a proposed memorandum of agreement between Saskatoon Public Schools, Meewasin, and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. The MOU is designed to recognize and enhance the long history of collaboration between the organizations and further areas of common interest such as land-based education, professional development, and initiatives in language, culture, and reconciliation.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at saskatoonpublicschools.ca. The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021. Members of the public may attend regular board meetings virtually. Please contact [Estelle Allington](#), executive assistant to the Board of Education, to request a link to the virtual meeting.

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Q: What role does the board play in setting COVID-19 protocols in schools?

- Operational decisions are made by the division's administration. Trustees are kept up to date as plans are developed and adapted.
- The administration continues to rely on local medical health officers for guidance.
- What happens in the community affects what happens in our schools; we must work together to keep students and staff safe and in school.

If you have questions about the work of the board, contact your trustee.

Parent/Caregiver Guide to Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

Saskatoon Public Schools is committed to creating learning experiences that inspire all students to reach their potential. Assessment and evaluation within our classrooms provide opportunities for all students to demonstrate what they have learned.

The guide shares information on following your child's learning progress and answers questions that you may have about your child's education.

When parents/caregivers, students and school staff work together, students are successful. The guide provides information that will help you talk with your child and their teachers about the learning process.

Copies of the guide for elementary and secondary students are available at saskatoonpublicschools.ca/assessment



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IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 7 Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting

DECEMBER 17 Final day of classes for all students before Christmas break

JANUARY 4 Classes resume for all students

JANUARY 11 Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting

JANUARY 17 PD Day—Elementary students DO NOT ATTEND

JANUARY 31 Turnaround Day
—Secondary students DO NOT ATTEND