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The Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation is an independent, non-profit charity dedicated to enhancing learning opportunities for students at Saskatoon Public Schools and celebrating the vital role that public education plays in our society. We partner with committed businesses, organizations and individuals to support high-impact programs and initiatives that go above and beyond core educational services. Now in our tenth year of incorporation, the *2017 - 2018 Annual Report* describes how we continue to benefit the Saskatoon Public Schools' community. This year, the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation continued to focus on its three, strategic priorities:

- Literacy
- Healthy Active School
- Empowering Innovation

Sponsored by a generous anonymous donor, the Foundation's successful Early Learner Tutor Program was expanded to twenty-two schools across the division. Over the past five years, 936 tutor sessions have been offered. Our ongoing partnership with READ Saskatoon introduces parent skills as a way of enhancing family and community engagement activities.

The Summer Reading Camps graciously supported by the Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation, and fundraising efforts are another key part of the SPSF's efforts to support literacy. This year, the camps welcomed over 200 students for a two week experience designed to prevent learning loss over the summer months. Camps were held in ten schools across the division and included partnerships with SaskSport, the Summer Snack Program and Sasktel Pioneers. Further, The Saskatoon Open Door Society provided reading camps for English as an Additional Language learners at Sutherland School with SPSF support.

An important part of the Foundation's focus on healthy, active schools is its support of school-based nutrition programs through the Nutrien Food4Thought Nutrition Program. This school year, the Nutrien Food4Thought Nutrition Program helped provide over 725,279 servings of healthy breakfasts, snacks and lunches to students in nineteen of our schools.



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The SPSF also furthered its focus on empowering innovation by awarding a total of \$40,000 through the Programs of Excellence Grants. These grants provide opportunities such as The Saskatoon Public Schools First Nations Inuit and Métis Unit work in supporting Truth and Reconciliation initiatives, the Buena Vista “Reaching Out to Make a Change” project, adding band instruments to the Evan Hardy music program, provision of a Soundbeam System for students at John Dolan School, the “Bedtime Book Club” at Mayfair School, the River Heights “L’alphabet animé” literacy framework, and the Sylvia Fedoruk School “Stewards of the Swale” initiative.

Other examples of the Foundation’s support for learning include:

- The Cameco Centre of Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Bedford Road Collegiate, which thanks to the generous support from Cameco, provides experiences for students in pneumatics, 3-D modelling, robotics, and 3-D manufacturing. This year, the Cameco funds allowed for the development of a design lab at Caroline Robins School, the purchase of STEM focused learning kits, professional development activities, and initiatives designed to enhance elementary school-aged children’s knowledge of careers in science and technology.
- The Nutrien Eco- Science and Indigenous Learning Centre at Brightwater welcomed nearly 3,500 students, teachers and volunteers. In the Centre’s five years of operation over 17,500 students, staff and community members have experienced unique programs focused on sustainable living and Indigenous Ways of Knowing.

Another aspect to the Foundation work is to facilitate numerous donor-directed gifts. A recent donation of \$30,000 from the estate of Mr. Durward Seafoot was directed to Princess Alexandra School. This contribution will mean children will benefit from enhanced technology resources and the future development of an outdoor learning space.

The SPSF programs and initiatives are funded entirely by the support of donations. This year the Foundation’s major fundraiser, the Autumn Social and Celebrity Roast, featured notable Saskatoon Public Schools alumni Chief Darcy Bear and Tiffany Paulsen. This entertaining evening took place at historic Nutana Collegiate and raised almost \$60,000 for Foundation programs. In its second year, the Drive Fore Literacy Golf Tournament, was led by teachers and staff from Saskatoon Public Schools. The event was a remarkable success, due to the generosity of a matching donor and division staff, raising nearly \$20,000 for Summer Reading Camps. This year a new fundraising event, the Cinco de Mayo dance and social, was well attended by division staff and community members raising over \$5,000 for the Summer Reading Camps. Many Saskatoon Public Schools staff also supported the Foundation by choosing to donate through a payroll giving program.

The Foundation is deeply appreciative of the support received from all donors and extends its sincere gratitude to the families, staff and community members who come together to meet the shared goal of enhancing learning for the students of Saskatoon Public Schools.



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