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Saskatoon
Public Schools

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FROM THE BOARD TABLE

MacPherson elected as new Board of Education chair

Trustee Colleen MacPherson was elected as board chair for the 2019-20 academic year during the Board of Education's inaugural meeting Nov. 5.

"I look forward to working with my board colleagues not only on the day-to-day governance of our school division but also on the exciting task of implementing our new strategic plan and our commitment to create learning experiences that inspire all students to reach their potential," said MacPherson, the trustee for Ward 5. "At the same time, we'll continue to advocate for a level of education funding from the province that ensures we can meet the needs of our diverse and growing student population."

MacPherson replaces Ray Morrison as board chair. Morrison, who chose not to run for the position, had been board chair since 2006.

Highlights of the board's regular meeting included:

- Saskatoon Public Schools recorded its 11th consecutive year of enrolment growth with 25,808 students registered in kindergarten to Grade 12, an increase of 599 students from 2018. As of Sept. 30, there were 17,139 students attending the division's elementary schools and 8,669 attending secondary schools. Trustees heard that 1,924 kindergarten students enrolled this fall.
- A Wildwood School fundraiser that resulted in 600 pounds of fresh vegetables for the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre was highlighted as the meeting's Celebrating Excellence item. The fundraiser sponsored by the school's parent group asked families if they wished to donate an additional \$10 to purchase vegetables for the food bank. It's one way that the school's families, staff and students support others in the community.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at saskatoonpublicschools.ca. The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

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DRESSING FOR WINTER

☐ leggings or long underwear



☐ socks



☐ more socks



☐ long pants



☐ long sleeve shirt



☐ sweater / sweatshirt



☐ ski pants



☐ jacket with hood



☐ toque



☐ scarf or neck tube



☐ mitts



☐ winter boots



Office 365

Did you know?

All students at Saskatoon Public Schools have an Office 365 account that includes 5 free downloads of Office for their home devices.

Office 365 Includes:



and more...

Instructions

Go to Office.com

Sign in with:

USERNAME: studentnumber@sps-student.sk.ca

PASSWORD: same password that students use to log in to school computers

Click on Install Office button (top right corner) and follow the prompts.



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IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 8 PD / Planning Day—Elementary Students
DO NOT ATTEND

NOVEMBER 11 Remembrance Day

NOVEMBER 26 Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.

HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL: BUILD THE HABIT OF GOOD ATTENDANCE

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days per month.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour, or another parent.
- Make sure your child has the required shots.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- Avoid medical appointments and family trips when school is in session.

WHEN DO ABSENCES BECOME A PROBLEM?

CHRONIC ABSENCE: 18 + days per year

WARNING SIGNS: 10-17 days per year

GOOD: 9 or fewer days per year



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