



## Superintendent's Report December 3, 2024

Division administrators came together for a SELT meeting on November 27. The full day of learning included:

- An opportunity for discussion and input on school budget requests
- A review of criteria for teacher evaluations and an opportunity to learn teacher evaluation processes from SELT colleagues
- Learning on a decision-making matrix that assists with decisions related to student behavior and safety
- Discussion on the student registration process and ensuring it is effective and efficient for schools
- A final review of, and an opportunity for questions on, the Divisional Crisis team

The last two weeks saw learning opportunities for divisional staff. These included:

- November 18 – School Team Leaders
- November 20 – Divisional Numeracy meeting with school numeracy leaders
- November 21 – Divisional Student Services meeting
- November 26 – Divisional Literacy meeting with school literacy leaders

November 22 was a PD Day for schools. Several Divisional sessions were offered including:

- K – Gr 2 teachers continuing their learning on early literacy instruction at École Dugald School
- Maternelle teachers learning about early literacy instruction in the French Immersion program at École Dugald School
- Grade 5 teachers received training in the Numeracy Assessment Project at the Sunrise Education Center
- Grade 3-8 teachers learned about comprehensive literacy strategies at École Beausejour Early Years School (AM only)
- Student Services offered Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NVCI) training to members of school student services teams at the Sunrise Education Center

Thank you to our Division Principals and Program Leaders for organizing and leading the sessions on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to three of our teachers who shared their teaching by a recorded video for their colleagues. Michelle McConomy (École Dugald School), Ainsley Hundle (Whitemouth School) and Kaleigh Andrews (École Beausejour Early Years) for each leading a grade level group at the early years literacy session. These teachers were supported by three SLPs, Corina Reid, Kristin Medved and Danusia Bugyik, and three psychologists, Jon Cooper, Julie Comte and Christy Geith who also participated in the grade level sessions. Also thank you to Sara Reid (Oakbank Elementary) who did a presentation as part of the Grade 5 NAP session.

Two recent ArtSpeak sessions were held at Camp Cedarwood. The four-day sessions for students ended with performances on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Each performance was attended by approximately 75 parents, family members, friends and supportive staff who were able to see students share their skills in the areas of dance, drama, poetry, puppetry, singing and visual arts. The two workshops saw 23 and 21 students participate. The next high school ArtSpeak sessions will be held the weeks of April 14 - 17 and April 28 - May 1.

Students and staff at our schools have been working hard to prepare for the winter concert season. A list of concerts is attached to this report and Trustees are encouraged to attend the concert(s) of their choice and enjoy the talents of our students.

This is our last Board meeting before the Christmas Break, and the last day of classes will be on Friday, December 20, 2024. Students will return to school on Monday, January 6, 2025. I would like to wish all of our students, families, staff and the Trustees a safe and enjoyable holiday season!