



The first day of school for the new school year is Tuesday, September 3rd. Students will return to school on Wednesday, September 4th. Schools are not offering a 'Smooth Start' day on Wednesday, with all students from grades 1 through 12 in attendance. Schools across the Division are offering different opportunities and activities to welcome students and families. Kindergarten students and families are still offered the opportunity for a staggered entry into schools.

We are welcoming some new faces to our Sunrise school administration team this fall. These include:

- Andy Mead – Principal, École Dugald School
- Kelly Palmer - Assistant Principal, École Dugald School
- Anna Langevin – Principal, Richland School
- Lauralee Reimer – Principal, Heartland School

From August 13th-16th, I had the opportunity to attend the Manitoba Association of School Superintendents summer workshop. Sessions were focused on the MASS Strategic Plan and artificial intelligence. While very informative, the content of the learning sessions was not something that would have an immediate impact on our schools. I appreciated the time to participate with colleagues in the sessions as well as the informal networking opportunities. Assistant Superintendent Lars Feilberg was also in attendance.

Plans continue for the October 18th Divisional PD Day. The morning will be at the Beausejour Brokenhead Community Hall with our all our employees. The day will begin with welcoming remarks from school division leaders, including a short keynote address from myself. We will be asking the chairperson to bring greetings on behalf of the Board. The second half of the morning will be a keynote from Beausejour resident Bradford Bilodeau and his experience being part of the 60's Scoop. The afternoon will see all divisional employees in smaller sessions sorted by employee groups. The community hall and the two Beausejour schools will be used for the afternoon sessions. All Trustees are invited to attend for the full day or parts of the day as their schedules allow.

There are two staff events prior to the official start of the school year. Our Program Leaders have organized Summer Learning workshops on Tuesday, August 27th. At the time of the writing of this report 32 teachers have registered for the optional learning sessions. All sessions are taking place at the Sunrise Education Center. Our New Teacher Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 28th. 28 teachers who are new to Sunrise have been invited to spend part of the morning and the afternoon with our Division Principals and Program Leaders. The day will finish with a social gathering at the Sunrise Teachers' Association office. If Trustees are interested they should feel welcome to stop in a see either of these two events.

Sunrise School Division started a teacher evaluation rotation in the 2023/24 school year. 66 teachers were scheduled to be evaluated in the first year, and 45 evaluations were completed by schools and sent to SEC to be placed in employee files. Currently we are following up with schools to find out why some evaluations were not completed. A full report will be shared with the Board later this fall.