



- Sunrise has submitted its plan to MEECL for the Universally Accessible Nutrition Program (UANP). Our funding allotment was \$364,000, with \$120,000 going to École Powerview School and the remaining \$244,000 divided between the remaining schools based on identified student need. Funding is to be spent in one of three areas: food & beverage, staffing, and equipment. All schools were pleased with their allotments and are excited to use the funds to help meet the nutritional needs of their students. MEECL has indicated school divisions will receive notification of approval of projects by June 1, 2024. A full report on Sunrise's UANP plan will be provided to the Board once we have received final approval.
- As previously communicated, École Powerview School has been identified as a Community School. The Community School designation comes with \$80,000 for the hiring of a community support worker and other possible initiatives to support home and school connections. There was an initial orientation session on the Community Schools Program on April 25. There will also be a site meeting at the school on May 30, 2024 with representatives from the program.
- A Divisional Literacy Committee has been formed to develop an action plan to ensure we are using proven literacy instructional practices in our classrooms. Reading instruction is a topic of significant conversation and debate across North America and the committee will identify, through current research, the instructional strategies that should be used in all our classrooms. Initially the committee will focus on the early years and foundational skills for learning to read. The committee will be co-chaired by our Division Principals and will include a psychologist, speech-language pathologist, two classroom teachers, three school-based administrators, both Literacy Program Leaders and our Student Services Program Leader. The first meeting of the committee will be on May 9, 2024 and the committee will likely meet 3 or 4 times during the 2024-25 school year.
- Sunrise School Division recently learned it will be receiving additional Career Development Initiative funding. The additional funding will allow us to add a 0.6 FTE Career Development teacher for the 2024-25 school year. The new position will have a focus on supporting middle years classrooms (teachers and students) with career development exploration and activities.
- The Sunrise Aspiring Leaders cohort gathered on April 3, April 17 and May 1, and will have a fourth and final session on May 8. Approximately 15 aspiring leaders from schools across Sunrise have come together to learn more about formal and informal leadership. Topics covered were:
 - Building trusting relationships
 - Structing systems that facilitate collaboration
 - Buffering staff from distractions to their work
 - Building a shared vision
- A divisional Artspeak session was hosted at Camp Cedarwood from April 22 to April 25. 18 students from high school across Sunrise were in attendance and were provided the opportunity to work with professional artists in the areas of poetry/writing, drama and visual arts. Once again, a full theatre of family members and friends attended the performance at Cedarwood on the Thursday evening.