



Superintendent's Report November 5, 2024

- The Divisional Professional Development Day took place on October 18th with over 800 employees in attendance. Approximately 350 staff completed the online feedback form for the event and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Staff identified the keynote speaker, Kevin Lamoureux, and the availability and variety of afternoon sessions as two of the many highlights. The final question on the feedback form asked staff if they were proud to be part of Sunrise School Division with 97% responding positively.
- The Divisional Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) meeting was hosted on October 24th. There were 20 PAC members from 7 schools in attendance. Parent participation and engagement was very high throughout the evening, with most parents staying past the end of the formal meeting to continue conversations with Trustees. 100% of parents in attendance said they would return if the trustees decided to host a spring DPAC meeting. Thank you to school administrators Kevin Doell (SCI) and Anthony Penner (Gillis) for also attending the meeting and engaging with parents.
- Our monthly SELT meeting took place on October 23rd. School based administrators had the opportunity to learn about:
 - Indigenous culture and incorporating Indigenous perspectives into their schools through a presentation from the administrative team from École Powerview School.
 - Divisional procedures related to exclusion/suspension, field trips and the Divisional Crisis Team.
 - Articles in the new Provincial Teacher Collective Agreement that are likely to have an impact at the school level.

There was also a review of the SELT Professional Learning Plan and administrators were given the opportunity to work with a colleague on their PLP for the 2024-25 school year.

A feedback form was once again provided to administrators to gather information on the day to try and ensure the SEC leadership team is meeting the learning needs of our principals and assistant principals.

- Remembrance Day services will take place in all schools across Manitoba of Friday, November 8th. Trustees are welcome to attend a service at one of our Sunrise Schools. The complete schedule for all schools in Sunrise School Divisions is attached.

- Professional development opportunities and meetings for Sunrise School Division staff were hosted at SEC in the past two weeks including:
 - Our school-based Literacy Intervention Teachers came together to continue their learning and discussion on literacy interventions being used in Sunrise schools. This is the group of teachers who are supporting struggling readers in schools in lieu of the Reading Recovery program.
 - Our Divisional Literacy Committee met to plan the professional development opportunity for K-3 teachers on November 22nd. This session will be a follow-up to the October 18th literacy PD for our K-3 teachers and continue to focus on training teachers on teaching the foundational skills for students to become strong readers.
 - Student services teachers from Sunrise gathered for a full day of collaboration and learning. Having all employees, EAs, clinicians, student services staff, and administrators following a common approach to safety planning for students and counselor record keeping and intervention strategies were the main topics on the agenda.

- As the weather continues to change and winter gets closer, families need to be thinking ahead to the possibility of school closures due to cold temperatures or winter storm weather. Please be prepared for the possibility of school being closed by checking out our weather closure policy at:
<https://22.files.edl.io/185f/04/20/22/132608-d1204a33-86bf-434f-bc43-1539b2c2726b.pdf>

With the new Provincial Teacher Collective Agreement our weather closure policy will likely need to be reviewed and possibly changed. Any changes that are required to be made will not have an impact on the routines of students and families current experience on our closure days, however it may change the expectations for staff on cold weather days.