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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 2019-20 school year began like any other year but that did not last long. It has certainly been a year of change, obstacles and opportunity. Though in school learning stopped in March 2020, Saskatoon Public Schools quickly pivoted to on-line learning, and the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation (SPSF) mobilized to support students with essentials for learning, health and wellness. We were grateful for the ability to connect families with schools when our students needed it most.

A big thank you to Nutrien and SaskMilk for grants to help support school nutrition programs. As a result of this support, 4000 breakfasts, snacks, and lunches were served daily in 19 Saskatoon Public Schools. We awarded \$40,000 in grants to 13 schools for innovative projects. In its 7th year, the Early Learner Tutor Program successfully supported 168 Grade 1-4 students in 22 Saskatoon Public Schools. SPSF launched the Cheer Crate Campaign in late April to help address the challenges facing many families in the school division during the COVID-19 pandemic, as many students were left without the essential supports they received during school. We were thrilled to offer a revised version of Summer Reading Camps in August, taking place across 18 schools and 31 classrooms, with 207 students regularly participating.

Much of our time this year was spent planning the ambitious \$20M Early Learning Equal Start Campaign. We are honored that Alice Kuipers, Michael Linklater and Wayne Brownlee have agreed to co-chair this campaign. Initiatives include full day Pre-Kindergarten, full-day Kindergarten, enhanced Literacy Tutor Program and expanded Summer Reading Camp. Our goal is for 100 percent of students to achieve Grade 3 level literacy in Grade 3.

We said goodbye to our Executive Consultants, George Rathwell and Avon Whittles, in June. Avon and George have been a huge asset to our organization for many years and will be missed. Superintendent Dave Derksen retired in July and we thank him for his amazing contribution to the SPSF board and operations, specifically in the area of early learning.

Giving Saskatoon Public School students the tools they need to reach their learning potential is at the heart of all we do, and we are so thankful for the generosity of our donors that enable us to continue our efforts.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Yong
Board Chair




Zeba Ahmad
Executive Director



SPSF BOARD AND STAFF



Back (L-R): Zeba Ahmad (Executive Director), Ray Morrison, Wayne Brownlee (Vice-Chair), Brooke Klassen, Leanne Bellegarde, Rylund Hunter, Barry MacDougall, George Rathwell (Executive Consultant), DonnaLyn Thorsteinson (Development Manager)

Front (L-R): Marla Adams, Janet Uchacz-Hart, Stephanie Yong (Chair), Kathleen Brannen, Carly Fuentealba (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Jesse Radu, Dave Derksen, Avon Whittles (Executive Consultant)

OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

The Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation works in partnership with Saskatoon Public Schools to support students, schools and teachers. In its 11th year, SPSF continued to grow by adding additional staff, starting new programs and moving to a new office space, along with working towards launching the Early Learning Equal Start campaign. These accomplishments have been established as SPSF continues to focus on its three strategic priorities:



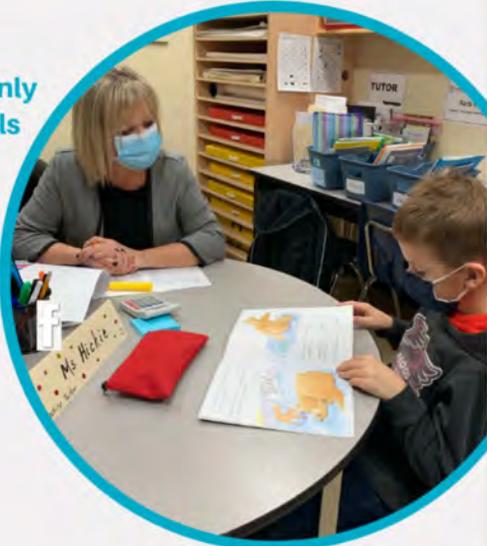
Early Learner Tutor Program

In its 7th year, the Early Learner Tutor Program successfully supported 168 Grade 1-4 students in 22 Saskatoon Public Schools. The goal of the program is to help young learners achieve grade-level reading literacy. 74 percent of students who took part in the Tutor Program achieved or exceeded grade-level reading benchmarks, and 96 percent of students improved their reading level by the end of the seven-week tutor session. Since it began, 1377 students have benefitted from the tutor sessions, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor.

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It's wonderful to see not only the students' reading levels increase, but also their confidence and love of reading grow!

— CHARLENE HICKEY
Tutor, North Park Wilson



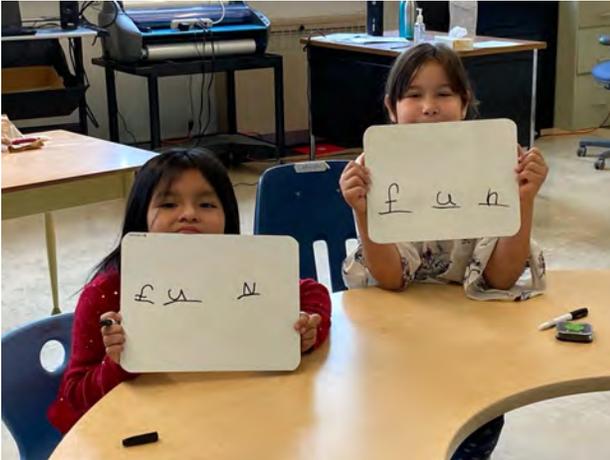
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Early Learner
Tutor Program

Summer Reading Camps

The SPSF was thrilled to offer a revised version of Summer Reading Camps in August, taking place across 18 schools and 31 classrooms, with 207 students regularly participating. The Summer Reading Camps academically prepared kids for going back to school as well as getting them accustomed to new COVID-19 safety protocols.



Nutrition Programs

An important component of SPSF's focus on "Healthy, Active Schools" is its support of school-based nutrition programs through the Nutrien Food4Thought Nutrition Program. Thanks to the support of Nutrien and SaskMilk, an average of 4000 breakfasts, snacks, and lunches were served daily in 19 Saskatoon Public Schools.

 Two young children are shown eating healthy food. On the left, a young girl with blonde hair is smiling and eating a piece of orange. On the right, a young boy with dark hair is eating a piece of red fruit, possibly a strawberry. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a school setting.


 Saskatoon
 Public
 Schools
 Foundation

**All kids deserve access to
 healthy food every day**

You can help by donating to SPSF's School Nutrition Program



Cheer Crates

With the closure of schools due to COVID-19, many of the SPS students and families lost access to support, materials and supplies they could count on throughout the school year. The SPSF Cheer Crates were developed to provide essential support to families while bringing cheer and excitement to children missing the day-to-day activities of school. All Cheer Crates are valued at approximately \$100 each and consist of perishable and non-perishable food, books, hygiene items, and seasonal activities for both the kids and family.

SPSF delivered Cheer Crates to over 1,000 families in May and June and has made this initiative part of its continued support for Saskatoon Public Schools.



Visit [SPSFoundation.ca](https://www.spsfoundation.ca) for more information

Empowering Innovation

The SPSF also furthered its focus on “Empowering Innovation” by awarding a total of \$40,000 to 13 Saskatoon Public Schools through the SPSF Programs of Excellence Grants. Projects in both elementary and high schools benefitted from the grants, and some examples included an Indigenous wearable art class, a robotic arm enhancement, a musical mentorship program, culture camps and a co-operative bike shop.



Programs of Excellence

Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation



Marion Graham Collegiate
Musical Mentorship

2019-20 Recipient

Other Initiatives

Other examples of SPSF’s support for learning include:

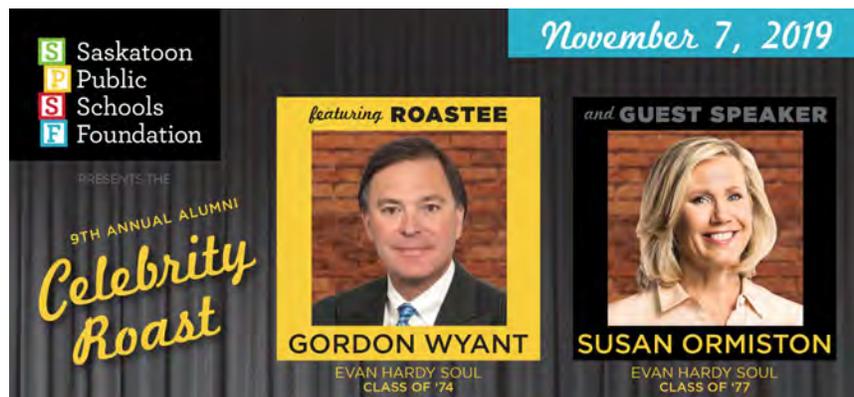
- **The Cameco Centre of Excellence in Science and Mathematics** at Bedford Road Collegiate, which provides experiences for students in pneumatics, 3-D modelling, robotics, and 3-D manufacturing. The Cameco funds have also allowed for the development of a design lab at Caroline Robins School, the purchase of STEM focused learning kits, professional development activities, and initiatives designed to enhance elementary school-aged children’s knowledge of careers in science and technology.
- **The Nutrien Eco-Science and Indigenous Learning Centre** at Brightwater welcomed approximately 2,683 students, teachers and volunteers during the past school year. In the Centre’s six years of operation, over 18,000 students, staff and community members have experienced unique programs focused on sustainable living and Indigenous Ways of Knowing.



- **SPS Indigenous Ensemble.** SPSF was successful in obtaining grants from Saskatoon Community Foundation and Dakota Dunes Community Development Fund. This support assists in developing youth competency in Saskatchewan First Nations and Metis traditional and contemporary music, song, dance, storytelling and traditional arts.



- **Events.** The 2019 Celebrity Roast featured notable Evan Hardy alumni, the Honourable Gordon Wyant, and special guest speaker, Susan Ormiston. The entertaining evening took place at Evan Hardy Collegiate and raised over \$70,000 for SPSF programs.



- **Website Launch and Increased Social Media.** SPSF launched a new website, added new Instagram and LinkedIn accounts, and significantly increased its presence on Facebook and Twitter. This has allowed for more engagement with Saskatoon Public Schools staff and families, donors, businesses and the general public.

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Early Learning Equal Start Campaign

Planning for the \$20M Early Learning Equal Start Campaign began in 2020. The goal is to provide literacy supports, above and beyond government funding, to some of the school division's youngest learners. 30% of students in Saskatoon Public Schools do not reach the critical milestone of Grade 3 literacy in Grade 3. Our goal is a future where all students achieve at or above grade level literacy by Grade 3.



Campaign Co-Chairs



"Growing up and attending a community school in Saskatoon, I truly understand the importance of having supports in place to help youth with their educational goals. This is why I am excited to be part of this amazing campaign."
- Michael Linklater



"Books and stories open us up to possibility. Every time a child learns to read, limitless opportunity and possibility opens for them; they can be anyone, do anything, imagine everything, with words as their guide. They can also articulate their own story, which gives them power and freedom to connect in this world."
- Alice Kuipers



"They are all our children. And we need to give them all a chance to succeed."
- Wayne Brownlee

Early childhood literacy is the foundation for preventing poverty, improving health and building strong economies. Helping a child learn to read will change his or her future, the future of our communities and the future of Saskatchewan as a whole. The Campaign will focus on Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grade 1-3 students.

A private donation allowed SPSF to start on new initiatives, including expanding to full-day Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten at Mayfair School during the 2019-20 school year. Although the school year was cut short, significant results were achieved, and the SPSF looks forward to expanding the pilot to four additional Community Schools in 2020-21.

Visit EarlyLearningEqualStart.ca for more information.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Statement of Operations

Years Ended August 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
REVENUES		
Donations and grants	\$ 1,381,668.00	\$ 682,794.00
Grants from Saskatoon Public School Division	\$ 167,406.00	\$ 127,993.00
Investment and interest income	\$ 162,856.00	\$ 50,194.00
Special events	\$ 112,094.00	\$ 153,889.00
Other income	\$ 28,224.00	\$ 2,975.00
Realized gain on foreign exchange	\$ 4,298.00	\$ 472.00
Realized (loss) gain on portfolio investments	\$ (10,676.00)	\$ 13,855.00
	<u>\$ 1,845,870.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,032,172.00</u>
EXPENSES		
Grants to Saskatoon Public School Division	\$ 811,183.00	\$ 700,133.00
Professional fees and contract services	\$ 361,651.00	\$ 142,948.00
Salaries and benefits	\$ 249,881.00	\$ 127,169.00
Advertising and communications	\$ 168,471.00	\$ -
Grants, programs and initiatives	\$ 80,860.00	\$ 37,361.00
Special events	\$ 40,468.00	\$ 55,985.00
General and administration	\$ 27,115.00	\$ 6,287.00
Renovations and maintenance	\$ 7,298.00	\$ -
Amortization	\$ 5,899.00	\$ -
	<u>\$ 1,752,826.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,069,883.00</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u><u>\$ 93,044.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (37,711.00)</u></u>

Statement of Financial Position

As at August 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,613,395.00	\$ 1,337,626.00
Accounts receivable	\$ 8,389.00	\$ -
Portfolio investments	\$ 4,325,029.00	\$ 5,066,368.00
	<u>\$ 5,946,813.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,403,994.00</u>
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 112,083.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
	<u>\$ 6,058,896.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,403,994.00</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 189,406.00	\$ 71,475.00
Deferred revenue	\$ 4,612,272.00	\$ 5,237,875.00
	<u>\$ 4,801,678.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,309,350.00</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	\$ 1,166,536.00	\$ 1,073,492.00
Internally restricted	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Accumulated remeasurement gains (losses)	\$ 60,682.00	\$ (8,848.00)
	<u>\$ 1,257,218.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,094,644.00</u>
	<u><u>\$ 6,058,896.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,403,994.00</u></u>

Grants to Saskatoon Public Schools

Year ended August 31, 2020

Early Learner Tutor Program	\$	195,695
Nutrition Programs	\$	173,500
Early Learning Equal Start Pilot	\$	134,617
Cheer Crate Campaign	\$	89,916
Summer Reading Camp	\$	59,240
Programs of Excellence	\$	40,000
Indigenous Ensemble	\$	23,500
Playground Projects	\$	21,752
HelpOne	\$	21,000
Nutana Art Project	\$	12,530
SAFM Library	\$	7,800
Nutrien Eco-Science and Indigenous Learning Centre	\$	7,799
Cameco Centre of Excellence	\$	5,144
Bedford Road Alumni	\$	2,517
Other	\$	16,172
TOTAL	\$	811,182