



#### HIGHLIGHTS 2023-24



# Saskatchewan Mathematics Teachers' Society

- SMTS hosted their SUM Conference in April 2024. There were approximately 225 attendees. Keynote speakers included Marian Small and Howie Hua.
- SMTS membership is well over 200. This is a significant increase from the year prior!

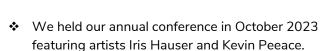
www.smts.ca





www.saskart.ca





- SAEA contributed to the Annual Saskatchewan Arts Education Conference in March 2024 by providing a session, being in the trade show and participating in the panel discussion.
- Our member, Bridget Osaka, won the Canadian Society for Education Through Art provincial affiliate award!







- Changed our finance auditor.
- Redesigned our website.
- Created a strategic plan.
- Added members to our Executive.



We were able to secure a host for the Saskatchewan Student Leadership Conference in 2026.

Find us on Facebook at sascaleadership

Find us on Instagram @sascaleadership

Find us on Twitter @leadershipsasca



www.sascaleadership.com/



We had a professional book study for our primary teachers. Our plan is to continue this year with some professional development events for teachers and our writing contest for students.

@learnsask is on Instagram! LEARN www.learnsask.net/

LEARN Saskatchewan





- We held a virtual professional development event where members shared resources, as well as two in-person idea exchange events in Saskatoon and Regina.
- We have been active on social media sharing resources and ideas via Facebook.

www.smya.ca





# Association Professionnelle des Enseignants Fransaskois

- Our committee is thriving with dedicated volunteers. We had our first in-person meeting since the new presidency.
- We were the recipient of another Ministry of Education bursary.
- We had a successful tradeshow at our last conference and our out-of-province speaker was very well received.
- We collaborated with our colleagues at the Saskatoon Teachers' Association to work towards mutual professional development opportunities for our members.

Visit our active Facebook page.





#### SASKATCHEWAN SCIENCE TEACHERS' SOCIETY

- We hosted SPARK 2023 at the University of Saskatchewan.
- We created grants and an accompanying application process for our members and are providing grants to two SSTS members to increase science skills in their classrooms this fall.
- We have also increased our social media presence and updated our website this year.

www.ssts.ca







www.sbtaonline.ca

Growing our business teacher network and providing resources and support for our members.



www.saskecec.ca



- SK ECEC has seen a change in its executive members and while we have had a quiet year, we are excited to plan events for the coming school year with renewed excitement and energy.
- We updated our website, made plans and connections with presenters for upcoming conferences, and ignited our ECE fires through our dedication to our classrooms, personal education journeys and continued professional development.



#### Physical and Health Education Saskatchewan

- September started with hosting the Student Leadership "Experience" at Dallas Valley for university students from across Canada and first-year teachers.
- In January we held our inaugural Health Forum, bringing together health teachers and healthbased organizations to help build relationships.
- The year ended with PHE Saskatchewan and PHE Canada co-hosting the PHE National Conference on Treaty 6 Territory in Saskatoon.

www.phesask.ca/







## Saskatchewan Association of Teachers of German



- We began a student-generated video contest (instead of our annual language contest).
- We worked to support two new teachers in our professional growth network.

www.saskgerman.wordpress.com



In collaboration with the Saskatchewan Arts Alliance. we created easy-to-use template letters that were delivered to key stakeholders, including the Minister of

Education, President of Saskatchewan School Boards Association and local MLAs. This advocacy work strengthened our ability to raise awareness of the critical role music plays in student development and education.

- ❖ A highlight from this year was our partnership with two networks, Saskatchewan Drama Association and Saskatchewan Art Education Association, Dance Saskatchewan, as well as three school divisions to host the inaugural Arts Education Conference. This event brought together educators from the art streams of dance, music, drama and visual arts to create a unified, cross-disciplinary approach to arts education. The conference was a success, garnering high praise from participants for its innovation and collaborative spirit.
- SMEA sponsored a student-focused Indigenous Art Education Workshop in collaboration with SAEA's president. This one-day workshop centred on art education through an Indigenous lens and provided a rich and meaningful experience.
- SMEA's community outreach programs continue to expand, particularly the Learn English Through Singing program now in its second year. Offered in partnership with the Global Gathering Place, this virtual program helps new Canadians develop their English language skills through music. Our music outreach program has also grown with instructors across the province bringing music education to diverse settings from daycare centres to old-age homes ensuring that individuals of all ages can experience the joy of music.
- Our traditional programs, such as the Junior Band and Honour Groups, continue to thrive with recordhigh participation. Additionally, we have developed new curriculum resources that connect to our existing music educator videos on our YouTube Channel, ensuring that educators have the tools they need to deliver high-quality music education. Through these initiatives, SMEA has played a vital role in enhancing and expanding access to music education throughout Saskatchewan.











#### Saskatchewan UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network

- Four STF members had the opportunity to attend a national conference in Toronto for all Canadian UNESCO schools in April 2024.
- We also had staff and students of various schools organizing events to reuse and repurpose fashion, participate in the tree painting projects, fundraise for various local and national causes, projects for reconciliation, promote and support cycling to school as a form of transportation, among others.

https://en.ccunesco.ca/



www.scwea.com

- Our PGN continued to work on our Career Compendium which is a valuable resource for career development professionals.
- We also offered two online professional development events.
- We continue to offer student awards opening the scope of applicants to anyone graduating that has taken a course with a work-based learning component and offer other professional awards to recognize both career professionals and businesses who support our work with youth.
- We are excited to begin offering regular online professional development opportunities beginning this fall to our membership called Career Connection Conversations.





#### Saskatchewan Home Economics Teachers' Association

- SHETA hosted a one-day mini conference in October which was a delightful success! Delegates had the opportunity to immerse themselves in a day of learning and networking all while engaging in hands-on activities such as creating beautiful ribbon skirts, exploring the world of medicinal herbs and recipes, and crafting beaded lanyards.
- Introduced our renewed board of director roles. We are optimistic that these new role alignments will better serve the needs of our membership.

www.sheta.ca





- The Let's Talk Outdoors podcast continues.
- WILD Education and other workshops were hosted both virtually and in person across the province.
- The "Get Outside! Kids Club" continued to run in collaboration with Nature Saskatchewan and Nature Regina.
- An Outdoor Play social media campaign, including Nature's Playground weekly activity posts, took place on Facebook and Instagram.
- Partnerships with the Outdoor Learning Store, EcoSchools and Learning for a Sustainable Future continued and were mutually beneficial.
- Due to our membership as a professional growth network with the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, a significant number of teachers joined our membership.

www.saskoutdoors.org





## saskatchewan **DRAMA ASSOCIATION**

www.saskdrama.com

- ❖ In May we offered those registered plays to participate in a showcase at A.E. Peacock Collegiate in Moose Jaw. We were very fortunate to have seven plays enter and approximately 150 adults and students participate in the showcase. The format saw a public adjudication similar to the format we used in the middle years. Anecdotally, it was well received and accessible to all as it was a shorter session, making it easier to attend
- The SDA strives to assist our alumni in continuing their learning and offers scholarships and bursaries for a number of students. These are available each year and information can be found on our website.



# Saskatchewan Teachers of Applied Technology

- Held a successful convention with our host Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Saskatoon who created an enriching experience for attendees.
- Networking with our members.

www.saskstat.ca





One of the professional growth networks supported by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, its aim is to provide professional development opportunities and promote appropriate training for educators working with EAL learners at the Prekindergarten to Grade 12 levels, as well as those interested in EAL in the community, and to support the creation of materials and curricula that will effectively support EAL learners.

www.skteal.com



#### Saskatchewan School Based Leaders

We strive to:

- Promote awareness of the role of school based administrators, professional development and the interests of school based administrators.
- Provide a forum for effective communication and to examine issues and directions in education.
- Provide an association for those professionals who choose to become school based administrators as a lifelong vocation.
- Cooperate with other organizations having similar objectives.

www.ssbl.ca



socialstudiessk.ca



Social Studies Saskatchewan is a professional growth network that supports social studies, history, law and psychology teachers in the province to build crosscurricular competencies through unique and effective professional development, sharing of successful practices, and celebrating excellent teaching in the province. SSS works with teacher organizations across Canada to advocate for social studies education and to provide multiple supports for humanities teachers.



#### Saskatchewan Teachers of Ukrainian

The objectives of STU shall be to:

- Promote and advance the teaching of Ukrainian language within an education framework in the province of Saskatchewan.
- Provide professional development opportunities through seminars, meetings, and the Annual Educator's Seminar/Conference.
- Make recommendations and offer advice to the STF executive and/or its committees on issues related to Ukrainian language education.
- Maintain contact with speakers of Ukrainian in other countries in order to provide language and enrichment opportunities.

### Check out the online Professional Growth Networks Toolkit!

The name, professional growth networks, emphasizes the purpose of the networks and is intended to strengthen teachers' capacity to advocate for school divisions and the provincial government to support teachers' membership and participation in professional growth networks.

The networks support professional growth and lifelong learning of teachers through networking, communications, innovative professional growth opportunities and sharing of promising practices and resources related to a specialized area of practice or interest in education. Members of the networks are also provided with publications, programs and opportunities to engage in research that contributes to the improvement of teaching and learning.

This toolkit is designed to provide information on all aspects of professional growth networks including establishment and affiliation, governance, finances, services, and roles and responsibilities.

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# Establishment and Affiliation Governance Operations Finance Professional Growth Opportunities Frequently Asked Questions