

FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School: **Saunders Secondary School**

PART 1 – Student Achievement

FNMI SST Meeting – Our last SST meeting was on March 25th. Based on the discussions from this meeting we have devised support strategies for some of our in risk students. Since that meeting, the administration, guidance, teachers, education advocates, parents as well as our school supports (Trisha, Sandra and Tracey) have worked together to support our students.

PART 2 – Initiatives to Support First Nations Students

Ribbon Skirts - April 9th is sewing day. We have about 20 girls participating in skirt making. They can wear these skirts for any ceremony. All participating students are encouraged to join in the water ceremony.

Water Week – Water week is being held in connection with earth day on April 22nd, 2019. We are working with SDCl, Beal, Davidson and the community to have a positive day of ceremony and awareness. We are also planning a social on Wednesday April 24th. We are currently finalizing details for the remainder of the week.

Indigenous Trustee Preliminary Election - The election date is May 2nd and we are hoping to host a practice night to provide students with dinner and an opportunity to be asked possible questions. All students who are interested are encouraged to participate and build their speaking skills as we have many strong candidates that we would love to put forward.

Bridging Groups – Bridging activities are continuing with students from our feeder schools. The upcoming event will focus on classroom activities at the secondary level.

Literacy Night @ The Palasad – Saunders students and teachers participated in the literacy night at The Palasad on April 25. Teachers led students through skills needed for the literacy test

PART 3 – School News

School-wide events and updates

April 19th – Good Friday (No School)

April 22nd – Easter Monday (No School)