

**FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**School:**     **Saunders Secondary School**

**PART 1 – Student Achievement**

**FNMI SST** – Our last FNMI SST meeting was held on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. In this meeting, we discussed the successes and struggles of our Oneida, Chippewa and Urban students. As a team of SST teachers, administration, guidance counsellors, LSTs, social workers, attendance counsellors, education liaisons from the communities and a transitions coach, we also spent a large portion of the meeting speaking about how we as a team can help support these students. Looking forward to next year, we discussed ways to proactively support our indigenous students and make Saunders a welcoming, comfortable and safe place for them. We also spoke about strategies to help improve attendance and encourage student success.

**PART 2 – Initiatives to Support First Nations Students**

**Indigenous Trustee Election** – A delegate of Saunders students went in support of our student candidate – Chiara Kennedy, who was selected as next year's Indigenous Student Trustee.

**Grade 9 Voice Conference** – This event is scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup> and is planned to take place at Boler Mountain. This conference is intended to provide grade 9 students an opportunity to discuss their experiences during their first year of high school at Saunders. We are hoping to gather insight from students to inspire positive change for next year.

**Relay for Life** - This event is taking place at Saunders on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We currently have 16 indigenous students who will make up 2 teams.

**SKA-Nah-Doht Iroquoian Village** – A group of Oneida language students will attend this event on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**PART 3 – School News**

*School-wide events and updates*

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Victoria Day (No School)

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Spring Concert (7-9pm)

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** – Relay for Life

**June 14<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** – Grade 9 Math EQAO

**June 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>** – Exams

**June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>** – PD Days