

**FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE****SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT****School: Saunders Secondary School****PART 1 – Student Achievement**

As a part of increased pathways funding, we were able to acquire teachers to work with students and improve their achievement. Students who needed support to develop a plan and engage in credit rescue were identified.

At Saunders, this team worked with 124 students and helped 73% of these students improve their marks. Of these students, 31 were FNMI students.

**FNMI**

<b>Number of Students</b>	31
<b>Average Attendance</b>	46%
<b>Average % gain</b>	5.18%
<b>% of updated improved</b>	73% (8/11)
<b>% of updated 50% or greater</b>	55% (6/11)

**FNMI Tutor** - Quincy Sickles-Jarvis started as a pilot program tutor in the school with our FNMI students. She has developed relationships quickly and students are eager to work with her. Her current focus is on those students who have grades close to passing.

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

**Grade 9 Voice Conference** - This event was held on May 28<sup>th</sup> at Boler Mountain. Trisha, Kathleen, Sandra and Quincy, accompanied the students to this event. This conference was intended to provide grade 9 students an opportunity to discuss their experiences during their first year of high school at Saunders. Students participated in START/ STOP/CONTINUE AND LOOK AHEAD groups. They had time and an opportunity to voice favourite events of the year, concerns, new ideas and what the future of their education might look like for them. We also had a guest speaker, Dionovan Grosbeck, who shared his journey and the importance of using your voice while you have a chance as a student. They enjoyed a lunch at Boler and followed up by an opportunity to try the ropes course. Many of our students conquered their fears and made it to the end of the course. We are so proud of them in their accomplishment!

**Beal Spring Gathering** – Kathleen Doxtator and Trisha Whiteye took students to the Beal spring gathering. They used this opportunity to raise money for their Relay for Life teams, socialize with other students and participate in dancing and lacrosse.

**Fundraising** - On May 25<sup>th</sup>, students on the Relay for Life teams did a fundraiser at the Bear Creek Gas Station. They sold cupcakes, cookies and buttons for a donation. They raised \$289.00 during the 4 hours they were there.

**SKA-Nah-Doht Iroquoian Village** – Mike Cywink hosted a Boys Conference at Ska-Nah-Doht on May 30<sup>th</sup>. 10 students attended. There were a variety of outdoor activities that had the boys receive fire, land and Lacrosse teaching.

**Relay for Life** - 18 students signed up to compile the 2 Relay for life teams. Students and staff participated in the events of the day and the students organized a lacrosse game for the afternoon. Our students made us so proud in their desire to include the traditional game of lacrosse in the day and it will be a permanent part of the Relay for Life activities in the years to come. We also had some community come out to participate and watch the game. We ended the night at midnight and 9 of our original 18 managed to stay until the end!!

**4<sup>th</sup>R** - Movie with 4th R mentors and mentees as a year end wrap up with Mike Cywink on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Oneida Language Carousel** - This was held at Ska-Nah-Doht. Kathleen Doxtator's 4th period Oneida class were leaders in the activities that day.

### **PART 3 – School News**

*School-wide events and updates*

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

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