



2022

National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education and CSBA Congress

July 6-8
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Hosted By
SASKATCHEWAN
School Boards
ASSOCIATION

Local Voices, Local Choices – Education Belongs to Community

Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel (Centre/East Room unless otherwise indicated)

Wednesday, July 6

- 7:00 a.m. **Pipe Ceremony** (optional) (see page 2) (Saskatoon Public Schools – Room 2201)
- 7:30 a.m. **Registration** (Foyer)
- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. **Congress Opening / Indigenous Protocols** (Vernon Linklater and Elder Gloria Myo)
 - Welcome – Host Committee Chair Janet Kotylak & CSBA President Laurie French,
 - Greetings – Pres. Shawn Davidson (SSBA), Hon. Dustin Duncan (Min. of Education), Coun. Bev Dubois (Saskatoon)
- 9:45 a.m. **Keynote: Chief Cadmus Delorme, Cowessess First Nation**
- 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. **Advocacy for Locally Elected Boards: Manitoba's Experience:** Pres. Alan Campbell and Exec. Dir. Josh Watt
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00-1:15 p.m. **Board buses for Wanuskewin** (Front Doors)
- 1:30-1:45 p.m. **Arrive at Wanuskewin**
- 2:15 p.m. **Welcome** (Paskwāw Room)
- 2:30 p.m. **Keynote: Brigitte Lacquette, Olympian**
- 3:30 p.m. **Break / Saskatoon Berry Treats**
- 3:45 p.m. **Explore Wanuskewin** (on own)
- 5:00 p.m. **Buses depart for Sheraton**
- 5:30 p.m. **Supper & Evening** (on own)

Thursday, July 7

- 7:30 a.m. **Smudging Ceremony** (optional) (see page 2) (West Room)
- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 8:55 a.m. **Indigenous Protocols** (Vernon Linklater)
- 9:00 a.m. **Keynote: Anna Maria Tremonti**
- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Peel District School Board Consent Culture:** Katie Green, Jana Venditti and Teralyn Phipps
- 12:00 p.m. **Congress 2023 Announcement / Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Choice of On-Site Session** (see page 2)
- 2:15 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45 p.m. **Choice of On-Site Session** (see page 2)

- 1:00 p.m. **Off-Site Excursion** (must be registered) (see page 2)
 - Tour: Whitecap Dakota First Nation / Linklater Lodge
 - OR**
 - Tour: Riverview Hutterite Colony

- 4:00 p.m. **CSBA AGM** (Top of the Inn – 8th Floor) (open to all delegates)
- 6:00 p.m. **Reception / Cash Bar** – Featuring Métis Music: Phil & Dallas Boyer, Courtney-Dawn Anaquod
Banquet
- 7:00 p.m. • Remarks: His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty, CSBA President Laurie French
- 7:15 p.m. **Dinner**
- 8:15 p.m. **Entertainment:** Matt Gore
- 9:00 p.m. **Evening Concludes / Cash Bar**

Friday, July 8

- 7:30 a.m. **Smudging Ceremony** (optional) (see page 2) (West Room)
- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. **Choice of Session** (see page 2)
- 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Cross Country Check-In**
 - Indigenous Education Award Announcement
- 12:00 p.m. **Congress Concludes / Indigenous Protocols** (Vernon Linklater and Elder Gloria Myo) / Lunch



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Optional Pipe Ceremony

The Pipe Ceremony is a sacred Ceremony for Indigenous peoples. It is considered the most powerful way of communicating with the spirit world is to smoke tobacco in a sacred Pipe. When used in a sacred Pipe Ceremony, the smoke from the tobacco carries the prayers to the Creator and is offered to the Creator and the 4 directions. The smoke creates an avenue of dialogue between the human world and the spirit world. Everyone is invited to attend the Pipe Ceremony. **Participants are requested to read the following Pipe Ceremony Protocols below prior to attending.**

Pipe Ceremony Protocols:

- Everyone is asked to participate in smudging as the Pipe Ceremony is about to begin.
- Everyone should remove their hats, eyeglasses, and metal jewelry while smudging and participating in the Pipe Ceremony.
- Everyone sits in a circle. Men sit to the left of the male Elder. Women sit to the left of the female Elder.
- Those who are able to sit on the floor, are asked to sit on the floor.
- Elder/Knowledge Keeper will explain any Pipe Ceremony Covid-19 protocols.
- Participants are asked to remain silent and refrain from visiting and conversations while the Pipe Ceremony is underway.
- Women are asked to wear a long dress/skirt that reaches below the knee or cover with a blanket and must not sit cross-legged.
- Women who are menstruating are asked to refrain from participating in the Pipe Ceremony.
- Taking photos/videos of the Pipe Ceremony is not permitted.

Directions: Walk south on Spadina to 21st St. E and then turn right and walk 2 blocks west to Saskatoon Public Schools, 310 21st St. E



Optional Smudging Ceremony

Smudging is a tradition observed by many Indigenous cultures which involves the use of one or more medicines gathered from the earth. Indigenous Peoples in Saskatchewan generally use sweetgrass, sages, cedars and other plants for smudging. To smudge is an act of purifying the mind and physical surroundings. Smudging provides an opportunity for people to stop, slow down, and become mindful and centered. This allows people to remember, connect and be grounded in the event, task, or purpose at hand. Everyone is invited to attend the smudging ceremony.

Choice of On-Site Session Schedule

Thursday, July 7: 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

- Putting Data to Work / Faisons parler les données: defining Canada's French Language teacher shortage (Nancy Pynch-Worthylake, Brigitte Cyr & Mary-Ann Zauhar-Hiscock) (**Centre/East Room**)
- Mobilising Saskatchewan's Indigenous Education Policy Framework: The Indigenous Education Responsibility Framework (Dr. Scott Tunison & Dr. Ted Amendt) (**West Room**)
- Relational Home Visits and Reconciliation: A Case Study (Emily Perreault & Marissa Poitras, Regina Public Schools & Dr. James McNinch) (**South Room**)

Thursday, July 7: 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

- How to commit to anti-racism and anti-oppression at the board-level (Dr. Jerome Cranston & Dr. Michael Cappello) (**Centre/East Room**)
- Nēhiyawitwāwin: Board Engagement of Diverse Voices in Transforming Educational Program and Facility Planning (Dr. Gordon Martell, Cornelia Laliberte, Michelle Blackmon, Derek Kindrachuk, Harry Lafond, Mary Lee & Cece Baptiste, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools & Partners) (**South Room**)
- Ozhiton Onji Peenijiee (Build from Within): Moving Equity Forward through an Indigenous Teacher Development Program (Rob Riel, Winnipeg School Division) (**West Room**)

Friday, July 8: 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

- The Story of David and Goliath; citizens take on the Government of Manitoba and Bill 64 (Sandy Nemeth, Louis Riel School Board & Lena Kublick, Lord Selkirk School Board) (**Centre/East Room**)
- Anishinaabemodaa: Ojibwe Bilingual Programming in an Urban Setting (Jennifer Lamoureux, Seven Oaks School Division) (**West Room**)
- Developing Policy to Support School Leaders - Anti-Racism and Response to Racism (Shane Skjerven, Colleen Norris & Cheryl Ermine, Saskatoon Public Schools) (**South Room**)
- Virtual Only Session: Voice in System-level Public Education Decision-Making (Dr. Katina Pollock & Ruth Nielsen, Western University & Dr. Pam Osmond-Johnson & Dr. Donna Swapp, University of Regina) <https://bit.ly/3OjJhJo>

Choice of Off-Site Excursion

Attendees interested in these tours can sign up at the registration desk on Wednesday, July. Maximum of 30 per tour on first come first serve basis.

Tour: Whitecap Dakota First Nation/Saskatoon Public Schools Presentation / Linklater Lodge – Sweatlodge Viewing Tour

This presentation will be held at the beautiful hotel and conference centre at Whitecap Dakota First Nation. The presentation will focus on the history of the relationship between Whitecap Dakota First Nation and Saskatoon Public Schools leading to the development and signing of the historic education partnership agreement. The Whitecap Dakota First Nation Partnership Memorandum of Agreement was extended for another five years in September 2019. First signed in 2014, the agreement recognizes and respects Whitecap's inherent jurisdiction over education of its members and continues the co-governance model previously created to oversee school operations. The Education Partnership supports the transition of Whitecap students to attend school in Saskatoon. Charles Red Hawk School on the First Nation offers classes from prekindergarten through grade 4, after which students are transported to Saskatoon to attend Chief Whitecap School, and subsequently, a public high school.

1:00 p.m. – Board bus and depart Sheraton
1:30 p.m. – Whitecap Dakota First Nation / Saskatoon Public Schools Presentation
2:30 p.m. – Board bus and depart Whitecap
2:45 p.m. – Arrive at Linklater Lodge
3:15 p.m. – Depart Linklater Lodge
4:00 p.m. – Arrive at Sheraton

Sweatlodges are part of Indigenous cultural tradition and are commonly used within the Indigenous community. It is a space where sacred purification ceremonies or sweats are held for the purpose of spiritual cleansing and healing. This session will offer an opportunity to view Linklater Lodge, a community sweatlodge located on Whitecap Dakota First Nation. Participants will not take part in an actual sweatlodge ceremony but rather tour a lodge site and learn about its importance to Indigenous peoples. The lodge is a stand-alone structure located outdoors on natural prairie land and viewing it requires walking a short distance on uneven ground. Participants are encouraged to wear appropriate footwear for the terrain, dress weather appropriate and bring sunscreen and bug spray. **Please note there are no amenities on-site.**

Tour: Riverview Hutterite Colony

Riverview Hutterite Colony is located roughly 30 minutes NE of Saskatoon. Riverview Colony is nestled on a riverbank and the river valley of the South Saskatchewan River. Riverbend is a large mixed farm operation a variety of crops and livestock. The colony includes roughly 85 adults and 35 children. Riverview Colony School is a K-9 school with 25 students, 1.5 teachers and a part time Educational Associate. A facility tour of Riverview Colony may include the kitchen / dining hall, church, slaughterhouse, laundry, sites, and of course, the school. Becky Simonson, Principal, and teacher will be present to answer questions and provide a glimpse of the learning program on the colony. **When touring Riverview Colony, please dress modestly and prior to taking photos, request permission.**

1:00 p.m. – Board bus and depart Sheraton
1:30 p.m. – Arrive at Hutterite Colony
3:00 p.m. – Depart Hutterite Colony
3:30 p.m. – Arrive at Sheraton