

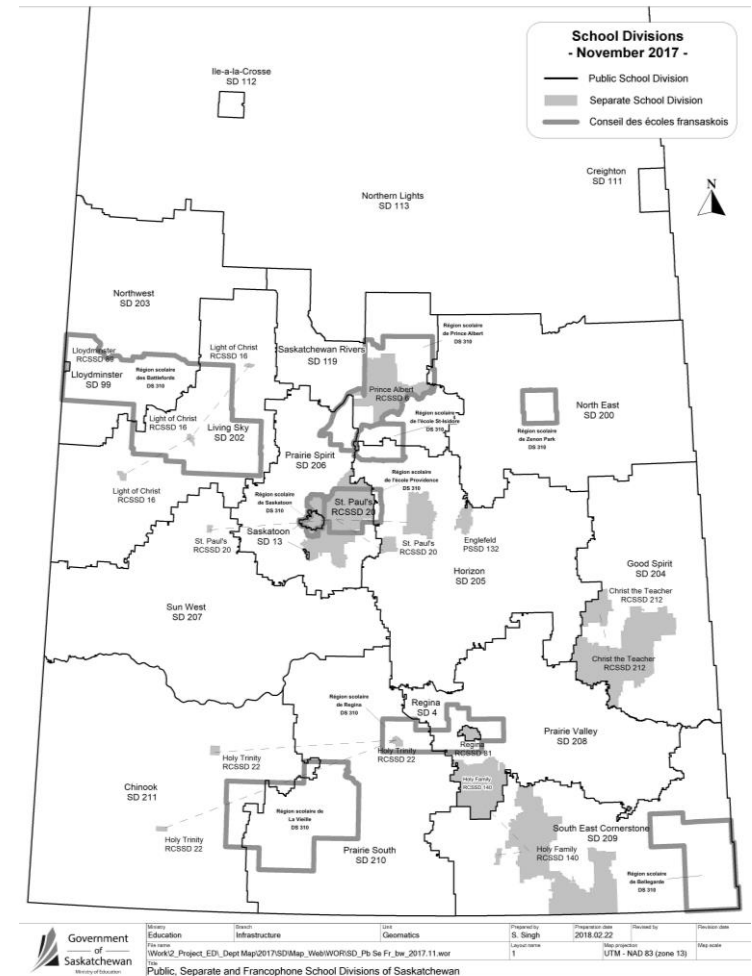
SSBA OVERVIEW

2022



Saskatchewan School Boards

- Locally elected to govern K-12 education
- Brings the community and local voice to the publicly funded education system
- 27 school divisions: 18 public, eight Catholic separate, one francophone



Trustees in Saskatchewan



Saskatchewan trustees at the SSBA 100th Anniversary Fall General Assembly in 2015

What is the SSBA?

- Represents all public, separate and francophone school divisions
- Democratic and voluntary non-profit organization
- Provides advocacy, services and board development for members



What is the SSBA Executive?



Executive Composition

- President
- Vice-President
- Catholic Constituency
- Central Constituency
- CSF Constituency
- Indigenous Constituency
- Northern Constituency
- Southern Constituency
- Urban Public Constituency



Shawn Davidson
President



Jaimie Smith-Windsor
Vice-President



Jerome Niezgoda
Catholic Constituency



Christine Gradin
Central Constituency



Élizab eth Perreault
CSF Constituency



Kimberly Greyeyes
Indigenous Constituency



Nathan Favel
Northern Constituency



Robert Bachmann
Southern Constituency



Donna Banks
Urban Public Constituency

How does the SSBA work?

- General Assemblies
 - Budget
 - Bylaws
 - Position Statements
 - Resolutions
 - Elections
- Executive Meetings
 - Strategic Plan
- Board Chairs Council
- Publications



What are some of the other roles in which Executive members serve?

- Internal Committees
 - Audit and Investment Committee
 - Board Development Committee
 - Executive HR Committee
 - Resolutions and Policy Development Committee
- External Committees
 - Provincial Bargaining Committee
 - Educational Relations Board
 - Curriculum Advisory Committee
 - Saskatchewan High School Athletics Association

Who are the SSBA's Sector Partners?

- Ministry of Education
- STF
- LEADS
- SASBO
- Public Section
- Catholic Section
- CSBA



Who are the SSBA's Community Partners?

- FSIN
- MN-S
- SUMA
- SARM
- Sask. Chamber
- Universities



How is the SSBA engaged with sector and community partners?

- Executive Delegations
- Mosaic School Nutrition Challenge
- Premier's Board of Education Award
- Award of Distinction
- Life Memberships
- Scholarships
- Proclamations



How does the SSBA help school boards?

- Advocacy Services
- Board Development
- Communications and Policy Support
- Employee Benefits Plan
- First Nations and Métis
- General Insurance Plan
- Group Tendering
- Legal Services
- Strategic HR / ER



Sections

There are two Sections of the SSBA – Public and Catholic.

As per SSBA Bylaw No. 8: Organization of Groups within the Framework of the Association a Section is:

1. A group of members that shares a unique legal status or possesses a distinctive position within the legal framework for education in Saskatchewan, or a member that has a unique legal status, may apply to the Executive for approval as a Section of the Association.

2. The purpose of a Section is to:
 - (a) provide a forum for members of the Section to network and discuss issues unique to or of exclusive concern to the Section;
 - (b) liaise with the Executive on those issues; and,
 - (c) advocate on those issues to government in a manner that is not inconsistent with these Bylaws and the approved terms of reference of the Section.

The Catholic Section of the SSBA

Presentation for SSBA 101 Session

April 8, 2022

Catholic Section – History

- Catholic Trustees were part of the original Saskatchewan School Trustees' Association (SSTA).
- Catholic Trustees left the SSTA in 1920 becoming the Catholic School Trustees' Association of Saskatchewan (CSTAS).
- Catholic Trustees rejoined the SSTA in 1951 as a Section of the SSTA with a seat on the Executive and the ability to speak to Government on issues of exclusive concern to Catholic Section.
- In 1989, after a governance review, the SSTA eliminated Sections except for the Catholic Section. Public Section was created by an SSBA bylaw amendment in 2009.

Agreement

- The agreement to amalgamate between SSTA and CSTAS was not in writing in 1951. In 1961 the SSTA Executive confirmed the understanding regarding amalgamation in writing.
- In 1990 an agreement was made between the SSTA and Catholic Section which captured all the practices and understandings governing the relationship between the parties.
- The agreement was renewed in 1996, 2001 and 2007.
- The 2007 agreement recognized the SSTA had become the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) and that Catholic Section had incorporated itself as the Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association (SCSBA).
- The current agreement was signed in 2021.

Catholic Education in Saskatchewan

- Catholic Education in Saskatchewan is constitutionally protected.
- The mandate for Catholic Education in Saskatchewan is to provide a distinctively Catholic, faith-based, education to all who choose what we have to offer.
- Our Catholic faith permeates everything we are and everything we do in Catholic Education.
- There are eight Catholic boards in Saskatchewan educating roughly 23.5% of the students in the province.
- Catholic boards collaborate, share best practices, and coordinate joint initiatives.
- Our current SCSBA President is Jerome Niezgodka who is also the Catholic constituency representative on the SSBA Executive.

**The Public Section of the SSBA
Public Schools of Saskatchewan
Presentation for SSBA 101 Session**

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Vision

The Public Section is committed to locally governed, universally accessible, high-quality education supported by students, parents, the public and educational partners in Saskatchewan. The Public Section envisions inclusive public schools, open to all students, that are valued for providing an education that meets the challenges of a complex and changing world.

Mission

The Public Section will be a leading advocate for public school divisions in Saskatchewan and will pursue the mandate of public education. The Public Section will strive to ensure that funding for public education reflects the fundamental values of an inclusive, democratic society.

Strategic Plan

- Our strategic plan was adopted by the membership at the AGM in November 2018
- Yearly work plan adopted by the Executive in September 2021
- Recently circulated to boards as part of orientation package and available on our website

Meetings Emanating from the Strategic Plan

Minister of Education

Education Critic

SSBA Executive

Public School Boards' Association of Alta

Catholic Section

Social Media Presence

Twitter feed (almost 1000 followers)

Facebook page

Updated website

Communication

Bi-monthly “Public Section Update” to make members aware of the activities of the Public Section

Student Citizenship Awards

Introduced Student Citizenship Awards in fall of 2019 for presentation in June of 2020. Rescheduled awards to June 2021 when they were presented for the first time.

Next awards to be presented in June 2022 with deadline for submission April 15, 2022.

To be awarded to groups or classes of students that demonstrate citizenship or strong character.

Updated information on website.

Advocacy within the SSBA

Having discussions with SSBA about a agreement parallel to that negotiated with the Catholic Section.

Keeping public school issues on the agenda when needed.

General Meeting and PD Event 2021 (COVID Permitting)

Saskatoon Travelodge, June 2/3

Speakers booked: fiduciary responsibilities of a board member;
student transition to post secondary

Presenting Student Citizenship Awards

Meeting Member Boards

Chair and executive director meeting with Public Section boards as requested.

Thank You

Thanks for including us in the SSBA 101.

Please keep the channels of communication open.

SSBA Services – Table Discussion

SSBA services were highlighted in this presentation. Over the next 10-15 minutes at your tables, please discuss:

1. Your board's experiences with SSBA services.
2. Your upcoming board work plan and whether the SSBA services can support those needs.

Your feedback is important, so please document your discussion and leave on the table. The SSBA will gather that feedback and review it for our planning purposes.

Thank You



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