

In September 2019, professional growth networks were invited to share key activities, successes and milestones with the Federation. These “Bright Spots” highlight the work of the networks.

Bright Spots

Association provinciale des enseignantes et enseignants des école francsaskoises (APEF)

- Added the role of Technology Advisor to our committee which allows us to make our resources, professional development opportunities and forms more accessible.
- In the past few years, we have opened our conference to community organizations to offer them the opportunity to promote their services.

Early Childhood Education Council (ECEC)

- Six local organizations throughout the province provide their local teachers with valuable inservice and information.
- Membership is just \$10 per year.

Literacy Educators' Network of Saskatchewan (LENS)

- Celebrating our 50th Anniversary!
- Membership is free and includes LENS Focus which is our e-newsletter sent to all members four times a year and includes book reviews, teacher tips, lesson plans and resources. We are active on social media through Facebook and Twitter.
- Held a strategic planning session through STF Professional Learning and would recommend the process for any network in the process of reorganizing, rebranding or refocusing.

Saskatchewan Art Educators Association (SAEA)

- Hosting annual fall conference with teachers from across Saskatchewan attending, learning and growing together as art educators. Looking to expand our knowledge on reaching teachers in rural Saskatchewan so we can support as many art educators as possible.
- Have new connections with galleries and increased support for more First Nations, Indigenous and Métis art.
- Updated our logo and have a new and unified visual identity.

Saskatchewan Association of Teachers of French (SATF)

- Will host about 200 participants at our provincial conference in October.
- We have a new website.
- Our strong, little committee is helping to grow our association.

Saskatchewan Business Teachers' Association (SBTA)

- We are proud of the relationships we created with our business communities. They support us with presenters, partnerships and sponsorship at our annual teacher conference and student case competition.
- At our student case competition, students get a chance to qualify for scholarships from the University of Regina and University of Saskatchewan while creating networks with students and university faculty.

Saskatchewan Career and Work Education Association (SCWEA)

- We have a strong First Nations and Métis presence on our executive and membership.
- Our members serve on various curriculum writing and advisory committees and have a strong presence with career-focused groups provincially and nationally.
- We are a networking hub for career professionals in education and beyond.

Saskatchewan Council for Exceptional Children (SKCEC)

- Awarded two Harry Dahl scholarships to high school students who overcame many challenges to graduate and be accepted to post-secondary programs.
- Hosted our annual “Yes I Can” awards honouring five exceptional youth for their amazing accomplishments.
- Sent two siblings to Camp Tamarack.
- Broke away from the American Focused Council for Exceptional Children and became an independent professional growth network so that our organization can be more locally focused and relevant to Saskatchewan teachers.

Saskatchewan Drama Association (SDA)

- 40th Anniversary Conference!
- Provide resources for new drama curriculum and adding more French content soon.
- Developed hoop dance resource kits.
- Northern drama and southwest leadership developments.

Saskatchewan Health Educators Association (SHEA)

- Establish partnerships with health promotion action targeting youth in Saskatchewan.
- Continue to develop sample learning experiences in health education with a focus on cross-curricular outcomes and social justice.
- Continue to be active on Twitter promoting health and wellness and facilitate professional discussion.

Saskatchewan Home Economics Teachers' Association (SHETA)

- Year 50 as a professional growth network!
- Moved our website to be hosted by the Federation and we love the support we receive.
- Members are active in the practical and applied arts curriculum renewal processes.
- Our first president was Elizabeth Dowdeswell who is the current Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

Saskatchewan Mathematics Teachers' Society (SMTS)

- We meet virtually as a network.
- Our president attended the Annual Leadership Conference for affiliates in the summer of 2019.
- Awarded a grant to support hosting a series of family math evenings.
- Our editors of *The Variable* won the annual publication award from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Saskatchewan Middle Years Association (SMYA)

- Our Youth Grant supports and encourages special projects, initiatives and student conferences.
- Our Harold Schultz Middle Years Development Fund financially assists individuals, groups and/or schools in developing programs or research projects that increase the understanding and awareness of children in middle years in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan Music Educators Association (SMEA)

- Award a number of scholarships and bursaries to well-deserving applicants.
- We use four major communication vehicles including our newsletter, annual journal and website.

Saskatchewan Outdoor and Environmental Education Association (SaskOutdoors)

- Building partnerships with Leave No Trace Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Federation to offer workshops in English and French.
- Awarded over \$8,700 in action grants to support outdoor and environmental education activities.
- Hosted first national conference on climate action education EECOM 2019.
- Board member Jeff Moore was named a 2019 Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence certificate recipient in environmental outdoor experience-based learning.



Saskatchewan Physical Education Association (SPEA)

- Hosted another Student Leadership Experience for 35 university students from across Canada, and a Cultural Diversity Conference from the lens of physical education.
- Developing resources to help support K to 12 curriculum and involved in Physical Education 20/30 curriculum renewal.
- Partnered with STF Professional Learning to host two successful workshops.

Saskatchewan School Based Leaders (SSBL)

- Invited to represent Saskatchewan administrators at the Twin Peaks Symposium at the ULead Conference.
- Award a Student Leadership scholarship.
- Held a one-day workshop, Mental Health in Schools, and hosting Legal Issues in Educational Administration in Saskatoon and Regina in February and March.

Saskatchewan School Library Association (SSLA)

- Celebrated our 60th Anniversary in 2019!
- Hosted a writing workshop and hosting three online webinars in 2019-20.
- Published a K to 6 FNMI resource list online and are pursuing a Grades 7 to 12 resource list.
- Active on Twitter and Facebook to promote professional development, share resources and celebrate learning.

Saskatchewan Science Teachers Society (SSTS)

- Sciematics is back in 2020 after a five-year hiatus.
- Executive involved in secondary science curriculum renewal.
- Our president, Carla Cooper, was awarded the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in STEM in 2018.

Saskatchewan Teachers of Applied Technology (STAT)

- Showing growth in membership and conference attendance.
- Executive involved in curriculum writing and developing resource database.
- Promoting network through multiple marketing strategies.
- Bursaries given for professional growth of membership.

Saskatchewan Teachers of English as an Additional Language (SKTEAL)

- Hosted four book circles in Regina and Saskatoon.
- Provide bursaries to teachers who want to take EAL classes and attend EAL conferences.
- Submitted resolutions to Council.
- A group of EAL professionals are interested in establishing an EAL collaborative research network.



Saskatchewan Teachers of Ukrainian (STU)

- 40th Anniversary of Ukrainian Bilingual Education in Saskatchewan!
- Attended the biennial Teachers' of Ukrainian National Conference in Winnipeg in May with educators from across Canada and Ukraine. A great opportunity for collaboration!

Saskatchewan UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network (Saskatchewan UNESCO ASPnet)

- Partnerships developing with local First Nations communities.
- Students and teachers participated in a UNESCO schools conference "Learning from the Language of the Land and the Lives of Others" in Olds, Alberta.
- Teachers and students took part in several international video conferences (on climate change, human rights and Indigenous ways of knowing). These were unique learning experiences that were springboards to creative work and projects in all of our focus areas.



Bright Spots is also available as a PDF on the Federation website, www.stf.sk.ca.

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