In September 2018, professional growth networks were invited to share key activities, successes and milestones with the Federation. These “Bright Spots” highlight the work of the networks.

**Association provinciale des enseignantes et enseignants des école fransaskoises (APEF)**
- Encourage member-to-member workshops within our network.
- Working on new and exciting initiatives within our network by getting members to think outside the box.

**Early Childhood Education Council (ECEC)**
- Hosted two successful workshops in literacy and mathematics in the past year.

**Literacy Educators’ Network of Saskatchewan (LENS) (formerly Saskatchewan Reading Council)**
- Membership is free and includes the LENS newsletter.
- *Young Saskatchewan Writers* is a journal of K to 12 writing and is published yearly. Local councils host celebrations for their writers.
- Read to Me project promotes family reading at home and provides books, bookmarks and brochures to families. Last year we reached over 1,000 families.
- Sponsor author visits to schools.
- Active on social media through Facebook and Twitter.

**Saskatchewan Art Educators Association (SAEA)**
- What a fantastic day of learning and creating at our annual fall conference in September where we had 10 new members. The majority of attendees travelled from outside Saskatoon who heard about our conference and organization through Facebook.
- We are so thrilled to have had such a diverse group of educators from around the province connect and create together!
- At the AGM four new members volunteered to sit on our Executive. One of the members also works at the Remai Modern in Saskatoon and hopes to build a connection between them and our network!
- Through Facebook and our website, we do our best to advertise and find out the needs of teachers. We send a notice to all conference attendees for feedback and to find out what they would like to see at future conferences, i.e., breakout sessions, panel discussions, etc. We are stronger together!
- We want to celebrate YOU as artists and art educators. If you have an upcoming art show or event you would like us to feature and recognize, please let us know! We also want to feature your community involvement, special projects and art education successes! Direct message us on Facebook or email us through our website.

**Saskatchewan Association of Teachers of French (SATF)**
- Held professional development days for French teachers across the province.
- Attended the Pan-Canadian day of study for French as a Second Language discussing nationwide issues and solutions.
Saskatchewan Business Teachers’ Association (SBTA)

- Our annual teachers’ conference and student case competition celebrated its seventh year. It was exciting to have case competition alumni as key members in planning and facilitating the event at the University of Saskatchewan.
- Paul Raycroft, a teacher from Humboldt, was the recipient of our annual Award of Merit for his contribution to the promotion of business education in the province.
- Executive members are involved in Ministry curriculum renewal and writing teams for Practical and Applied Arts and Finance 20 and 30.
- Join and follow our Facebook page and check out the business education resources for teachers!
- We WAIVED our membership fee to our network so join us now!! We are looking for new business teachers from all over the province to attend our annual case competition in May. Contact our President, Cindy Lowe, at clowe@chinooksd.ca if you teach business courses.

Saskatchewan Career and Work Education Association (SCWEA)

- Recognize the need for work around mental health and its connection to career choices.
- Work with safety organizations around workplace safety and career safety training.
- Organized provincial conference and meetings in support of graduate and post-graduate planning.
- Continue to collaborate with all levels of career professionals and staying on the cutting edge of a changing workplace – education, private, post-secondary.

Saskatchewan Council for Exceptional Children (SKCEC)

- Increase in membership for the last four years.
- Support two individuals yearly with $1,000 scholarships to continue or pursue a career directly supporting students and individuals with exceptional needs all while promoting inclusion of ALL.
- Support an individual with exceptional needs with life transitions (home, school, work) and sponsor an individual with exceptional needs to attend a summer camp.
- Provide professional development to deepen understanding and prompt inclusive practices for individuals with exceptional needs.
- Striving to increase community awareness through “FUN”draising activities.
- Have the highest representation per capita on the International Council for Exceptional Children (CEC).
- “Yes I Can” awards and ceremony celebrate and recognize students aged 10 to 18 with exceptional needs and their families from across Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan Drama Association (SDA)

- Created a screencast video on how to use our Mary Ellen Burgess Library and a digital binder on how to host a regional festival.
- Host regional and middle years festivals and provincial festival workshops and performances.
- Involved in Northern Mentorship Program.

Saskatchewan Home Economics Teachers’ Association (SHETA)

- Facebook page provides information for members and non-members.
- New quarterly newsletter sent to our members.
- Moving our website to be hosted and maintained by the Federation.
- Brand new resources on our website developed by members for members.
- Fall conference 2018 entitled “Preparing for the Future.”
- $500 scholarship offered to students pursuing home economic based education.

Saskatchewan Mathematics Teachers’ Society (SMTS)

- President was nominated to be on the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Membership and Affiliations Committee and is serving a three-year term.
- Partner-based SUM Conference successfully diversified and grew our membership.
- Expanded the distribution of our newsletter, The Variable, and added a co-editor.
Saskatchewan Outdoor and Environmental Education Association (SaskOutdoors)

- Pop Up Nature play days were held in Saskatoon and Regina to allow people to take a break, explore their natural surrounds and PLAY!
- Led a hike for newcomer women with the Global Gathering Place.
- Held a Wilderness First Aid Course and a Canoe Certification Course to help educators safely and competently lead trips and outdoor experiences.
- Awarded $7,870 to 16 different groups to support their outdoor and environmental education activities.
- Published one issue of our journal, Of Land & Living Skies.

Saskatchewan Middle Years Association (SMYA)

- Maintain a Twitter account to promote resources and professional development for middle years teachers and to celebrate learning!
- Continue our partnership with American Middle Level Education to share resources and professional development opportunities.
- Provided grants to promote learning experiences in the middle years.
- In The Middle journal includes lesson plans and articles.
- Host an annual conference for teachers.

Art project by students at Bethlehem Catholic High School in Saskatoon who took part in a UNESCO-sponsored competition entitled Decarbonize/Decolonize.
Saskatchewan Physical Education Association (SPEA)
- Recently completed our website renewal.
- Instituted a new treasurer’s reporting system.
- Pleased to report our network has financial stability!

Saskatchewan School Library Association (SSLA)
- Hosted three online learning events.
- Developed FNMI resource list to support TRC Calls to Action, treaty education and curriculum – K to 9 multi-media resources by grade.
- Upcoming workshops with Ruth Culham (Traits of Writing, Writing Thief) in Saskatoon on April 11, 2019 and Regina on April 12, 2019.

Saskatchewan Teachers of Applied Technology (STAT)
- Hosted Summer Skills Camp with Regina District Industry Education Council and Skills SK, Culinary Arts and Robotics sessions.
- Received grant from the Canadian Welding Foundation for Welding: Mind over Metal.
- Adding to resources available to teachers on our website and increasing our online presence on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. @SASKSTAT
- Hosted an exciting conference in October with more than 25 different hands-on workshops, demonstrations and pedagogy breakout sessions and a special visit from THE General Lee!
- Supporting professional development by providing bursaries and recognition of excellence through awards.
- Executive members involved in curriculum renewal.

Saskatchewan Teachers of English as an Additional Language (SKTEAL)
- SKTEAL co-hosted a webinar with the U of S and Kate Kinsella.
- FREE MEMBERSHIP to our network!

- English as an Additional Language at LeBoldus High School in Regina:
  - Held our seventh EAL Family Potluck Supper which was a great success with more than 150 people in attendance.
  - Partnership with the Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) is doing well.
  - EAL locally developed course connected to students. Common Framework of Reference (CFR) Self-Assessment used as a guide for students to understand how to monitor their English language proficiency level.
  - Multicultural Club and Peer Leadership supports newcomers and diversity.

Saskatchewan Teachers of Ukrainian (STU)
- Hosted Annual Art Show which is a themed and judged event featuring various Ukrainian art mediums. Includes students from across the province and showcases their creativity.

Saskatchewan UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network (Saskatchewan UNESCO ASPnet)
- SK UNESCO became a PGN!
- Students and teachers from SK UNESCO schools took part in a national UNESCO conference at Winnipeg’s Museum of Human Rights.
- Students at Bethlehem Catholic High School in Saskatoon took part in a UNESCO-sponsored competition entitled Decarbonize/Decolonize.
- Annual research project in the Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve with students of Hafford Central School and the School of Environment and Sustainability at the U of S.

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

If you have any questions please contact:
Email: mservices@stf.sk.ca
Phone: 306-373-1660 in Saskatoon or 1-800-667-7762
Fax: 306-374-1122

Mail: Professional Growth Networks
Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation
2317 Arlington Avenue
Saskatoon SK S7J 2H8