**Saskatoon Preschool Foundation 2016 Annual Report**

**Mission Statement:**

To advocate for and support access to preschool programs.

**Vision Statement:**

**WE SEE**

* all preschool children having opportunities for a better future.
* quality preschool programs.
* increased parent participation in preschool programs.
* greater support for early childhood education.
* preschool programs expanding as needs are identified.

**Guiding Principles:**

* acting in the best interests of children.
* support for families.
* respecting the values and cultures of families.

# A Message to Our Community

SPF 2016 President’s report

Over the past 25 years Saskatoon Preschool Foundation has succeeded in fulfilling its Mission Statement to advocate for and support access to preschool programs. During this time period Prekindergarten classes were established in community schools in Saskatoon in both of the school divisions, thus allowing greater access to early childhood education in these neighbourhoods. However, the same obstacles for attending preschool continue to exist in all areas of the city.

Meanwhile, our donor base continues to decline despite our best efforts to reach those in the community who might offer support to the Foundation. This past year we updated our web site, making it mobile friendly, and hopefully more user friendly and inviting as well.

We again surpassed our budget for tuition subsidies by $12,000.00. This trend is likely to continue. We polled our applicants and discovered that 51 families were new to Canada representing 15 different countries.

We are grateful for the foresight of Foundation boards in the past who set aside funds which have grown through the years. We now use the interest earned on these investments to supplement our fundraising efforts. We continue to seek out new and expanded areas of support for the Foundation but the economic downturn faced in this province in recent months and years makes these efforts extremely difficult.

The board of the Foundation will continue to be a working board and take on all tasks ourselves. We may face difficult decisions in the coming years but I am sure this Board will put forth their best efforts to see the Foundation succeed.

Sincerely,

**Terry Sirois**, President

## Advocacy/Public Relations Committee

In 2016, the board of the SPF continued to work on three main areas regarding Advocacy/Public Relations:

* **Raising awareness within the areas encompassed by the three school divisions within and around Saskatoon** (i.e., Greater Saskatoon Catholic, Saskatoon Public, Prairie Spirit) regarding the SPF and its work, including:
  + Participation in YXE Connects 2016, an open house regarding services and supports available to families, and
  + Workshops and conference presentations for preschool teachers.
* **Ensure that cost is not a barrier for vulnerable preschool children to have access to an early learning program**, including:
  + Fundraising and grant writing,
  + Tuitions subsidies for children whose families have a limited income, and
  + Exploration of the gap in services for preschoolers with a degree of special need that places them outside the 2% of children who qualify for early entrant programming through school divisions.
* Continue to build public relations and communication regarding the importance of early childhood learning, including:
  + A new website design that is more user-friendly and print materials for distribution,
  + Presentations and distribution of information at workshops and conferences,
  + Establishment of a connection with other organizations and agencies focussed on early learning programs (e.g., Saskatoon Preschool Teachers Group, Preschool Information Registry and Services [PIRS], the three immediate school divisions, the Ministry of Education, the Saskatoon Early Learning Partnership).

**Jean Bacon**, Chairperson

# Budget & Finance Committee

The goals of the committee are to:

* keep directors informed about the financial situation
* oversee the preparation of books and records for the annual review.

Ernst & Young LLP continue as our auditors. A review, not an audit, was considered appropriate again this year.

**Holly Matkowski,** Chairperson

# Corporate Committee

The Corporate Fundraising Committee is working diligently to keep up with the increasing number of applicants for tuition subsidy. The committee has applied for a variety of grants in the past year and hopes that making our web site mobile friendly will enable us to approach a larger number of individuals throughout the community.

We would like to thank the following corporate, individual and interest group donors. Without their support and generosity, we would not be able to continue our work.

**Terry Sirois**, Chairperson

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**We are very grateful to:**

**Saskatoon Golf & Country Club –** Meeting space.

**The Saskatoon Public School Division –** providing office space and support.

**Terry Sirois**, Chairperson

# Subsidies to Preschools

2016 was another record breaking year for preschool subsidies. We received 155 applications from 38 various preschools. 142 of these were approved at a cost of $93,914.50.

The following preschools received our assistance:

Arlington Preschool

Boy’s & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon – College Park Bilingual

Boy’s & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon – John Lake Preschool

Care-A-Lot Preschool

Country Kids Cooperative Preschool

Dundonald Preschool Inc.

Eastview Centre for Early Learning

Erindale Co-operative Preschool

Explorer’s Preschool

Golden Rule Preschool

Hampton Free Methodist Preschool

Hansel & Gretel Preschool Inc.

Happy Little Hearts Preschool

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His to Grow Christian Preschool

Holliston Community Preschool

Huskie’s Den Preschool

Lakeridge Preschool

Lawson Heights Co-operative Preschool

L’il Lights Preschool

Little People’s Preschool

Lutheran Early Learning Centers Inc.

Montgomery Little Sprouts Preschool

Mother Teresa Cooperative Preschool

Northern Heights Co-op Preschool

North Park Richmond Heights Preschool

North Saskatoon Cooperative Preschool

PCA Kindercollege Preschool

Petits Pandas Preschool

Preston Early Learning – Holy Family

Queen Elizabeth Co-op Preschool

Ready Set Grow Preschool

Rosewood Co-operative Preschool

Saskatoon Misbah School

Sunshine Corner Preschool (Greystone)

St. Augustine Preschool

Varsity View Co-op Preschool

**13** grants were issued to preschools for field trips and learning materials at a cost of **$3,100.00**.

**Arley Wieler,** Chairperson

# Preschool Raffle



**Jen Boutin**, Chairperson

**Financial Statements**

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| **Saskatoon Preschool Foundation** |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Statement of changes in net assets** |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Year ended December 31 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | **Restricted for endowment purposes** | **Unrestricted** | **Total 2016 $** | **Total 2015 (Restated) $** |
| Balance, beginning of year |  | 236,212 | 393,158 | 629,370 | 605,773 |
| Correction of accounting error |  | - | - 20,000 | - 20,000 | - |
| Excess of Revenues over expenses |  | - | - 28,197 | - 28,197 | 3,597 |
| Balance, end of year |  | 236,212 | 344,961 | 581,173 | 609,370 |

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| **Saskatoon Preschool Foundation** |  |  |
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| **Statement of Operations** | | |
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| Year ended December 31 |  |  |
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|  | 2016 $ | 2015 (Restated) $ |
| **Revenues** |  |  |
| Contributions | 57,379 | 71,847 |
| Raffle | 7,315 | 6,380 |
| Trivia | 2,990 | - |
|  | 67,684 | 78,227 |
| **Expenses** |  |  |
| Advertising and promotion | 152 | 117 |
| Grants | 782 | - |
| Insurance | 1,289 | 1,726 |
| Interest and bank charges | 484 | 547 |
| Office | 5,872 | 945 |
| Professional fees | 3,827 | 4,173 |
| Tuition supplements | 91,552 | 76,366 |
| Telephone and utilities | 468 | 483 |
| Wages and employee benefits | 22,715 | 21,825 |
|  | 127,141 | 106,182 |
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| **Deficiency of revenues over expenses from operations** | - 59,457 | - 27,955 |
| Investment earnings | 31,260 | 31,552 |
| **Excess of revenues over expenses** | - 28,197 | 3,597 |

**Thanks to our Donors!**

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