



The
Saskatoon
Preschool
Foundation

Report

2014



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

The Saskatoon Preschool Foundation continued in 2014 to uphold our mission of advocating for and supporting access to preschool programs. We did this by providing 92 tuition subsidies in the amount of \$59,415.00 to 35 different preschools in the City of Saskatoon and surrounding area.

As Saskatoon grows, the number of tuition subsidy applications from families requesting financial support increases as well. Preschool education costs are also increasing annually, thus requiring increases to our subsidies in order to keep preschool costs affordable for financially strapped families. We strive to meet the needs of the community so as not to deny the significant, positive impact that preschool provides to a developing child.

We again provided opportunities for preschool teachers to attend our sponsored workshops on Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports free of charge.

Our Board is fully committed to our mission and has seen the addition of several new members.

We cannot thank enough our corporate and individual donors, for without your continuing support, we would not be able to fulfil our mission.

Sincerely,
Terry Sirois, President

Advocacy/Public Relations Committee

There are three main goals regarding Advocacy/Public Relations with a variety of related activities that took place in 2014. Some activities are related to more than one goal and the work of other committees. The goals and some of the activities of the SPF include the following.

- **To raise the level of awareness of the people of Saskatoon and area regarding the SPF and its work** through, among others:
 - the annual raffle, including a ticket and information booth in a local business, and
 - workshops related to Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) for individuals who work with preschool-age children.
- **To ensure that all children have access to preschool** through, among others:
 - support for fundraising activities,
 - approval of tuition subsidies for preschoolers whose families would have difficulty providing the resources,
 - exploration of the gap that currently exists for preschoolers with some degree of special need that places them in the zone above the 2% of children who qualify for school division supports (e.g., a preschooler with an intellectual disability in the mild range who may not be toilet trained) and
 - meeting with representatives of the Early Learning and Childcare Department of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education.
- **To continue to improve public relations and communication** through, among others:
 - website updates,
 - presentations and distribution of information about the Foundation at workshops and conferences (e.g., the Preschool Information Registry System, the Early Childhood Education Conference),
 - communication with the Ministry of Education regarding the work of the SPF and its fit with the goals of the ministry,
 - invitations to interested individuals to attend our Annual Meeting and
 - recruitment of new board members representing a wide variety of preschool populations.

Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports Workshops

The SPF continued to sponsor full-day workshops on Positive Behaviour Supports (PBS) for preschool and pre-kindergarten teachers, teacher assistants and preschool board members, beginning in April 2013. These workshops provided information regarding practical steps toward a positive environment for successful student learning and social behavior. In 2014, two different workshops provided information at the introductory level and at a more intensive level for students who need something more than what is provided to all the students. Participants have had the opportunity to learn about the fundamental elements of PBIS as well as strategies to increase the positive behavior of their students. Feedback from the workshops indicated that the participants felt the information would be highly valuable in assisting them in their work with children. Providing the workshops at no cost to the participants makes attendance more accessible due to the financial restraints related to professional development for many individuals who work with preschoolers. In response, the SPF has planned two additional workshops in 2015.

Jean Bacon

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 were appointed as our auditors. A review, not an audit, was considered appropriate again this year.

Joan Parkins, Chairperson

Corporate Committee

The goal of the committee was to increase corporate and special interest donations. The committee continues to approach new individuals and businesses to support the work of the Preschool Foundation. As well, applications were made to various groups under the umbrella of the Saskatoon Community Foundation for funding.

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

Platinum (\$10,000.00 +) PotashCorp

Gold (\$5,000.00 - \$9,999.00)

Terry & Denis Sirois
Kiwanis Club of Riversdale
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Ann Atchison
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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.
Wintergreen Learning Materials – gift basket for raffle.

Terry Sirois & Yvette Jaspar, Chairpersons

Subsidies to Preschools

Subsidies totalling \$59,415.00 were granted in 2014. These provided preschool tuition for 92 children. The following preschools received assistance:

Arlington Preschool
Boy's & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon – College Park Bilingual
Boy's & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon – John Lake Preschool
Buena Vista Creative Preschool
Care-A-Lot Preschool
Discovery Co-operative Playschool
Delisle Co-operative Playschool
Dundonald Preschool Inc.
Explorer's Preschool
Forest Grove Community Church Preschool
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Hansel & Gretel Preschool Inc.
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Little People's Preschool
Little Sprouts Preschool
Lutheran Early Learning Center
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Northern Heights Co-op Preschool
North Park Richmond Heights Preschool
North Saskatoon Preschool
Osler Building Blocks Preschool
Over the Rainbow Preschool
Park Heights Creative Preschool
Queen Elizabeth Co-op Preschool
Rosewood Cooperative Preschool
Sadok Dzvinok Preschool
Saskatoon Misbah School
Silverwood Co-operative Preschool
St. Bernard Preschool
Sunshine Corner Preschool (Greystone)
Varsity View Co-op Preschool
Wildwood Co-operative Preschool **Arley**

Wieler, Chairperson

Preschool Raffle

Proceeds from this year's raffle were shared equally between the participating preschools/ prekindergartens and the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation. This year the Board was, once again, able to offer a \$100.00 gift certificate from Wintergreen Learning Materials to the preschool that sold the most tickets. Dundonald Preschool was the winner, with ticket sales amounting to \$1300.00.

We would like to thank the following preschools/ prekindergartens for taking part in the raffle:

Alerces Spanish Immersion Preschool
 Boy's & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon
 – College Park Bilingual
 Boy's & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon – John Lake School
 Dundonald Preschool
 Hansel & Gretel Preschool
 Holliston Community Preschool
 Lawson Heights Co-operative Preschool
 Northern Heights Co-operative Preschool
 Osler Building Blocks Preschool
 Sutherland Prekindergarten (Kim Little)
 Sutherland Prekindergarten (Kelsea Meredith)

The Foundation would like to thank the following businesses for the raffle prizes:

Superstore – Gift card
Prairie Meats – Gift card
Biking Package – Bike & Helmet donated by Saskatoon Preschool Foundation
Learning Package – Tablet & Activities donated by Saskatoon Preschool Foundation
Skating Package – Program sessions donated by Canlan Sports. Skates and Helmet donated by Saskatoon Preschool Foundation

Jen Boutin, Chairperson

Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2014

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 51,875	\$ 5,045
Accounts receivable	<u>20,244</u>	<u>691</u>
	72,119	5,736
Investments	<u>538,023</u>	<u>549,766</u>
	\$ 610,142	\$ 555,502
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Deferred contributions	<u>\$ 4,369</u>	<u>\$ 19,412</u>
FUND BALANCES		
Restricted for endowment purposes	\$ 216,212	\$ 216,212
Unrestricted	389,561	319,878
	<u>605,773</u>	<u>536,090</u>
	<u>\$ 610,142</u>	<u>\$ 555,502</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Restricted (endowment)	Unrestricted	2014 Total	2013 Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 216,212	\$ 319,878	\$ 536,090	\$ 484,147
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	69,683	69,683	51,943
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 216,212</u>	<u>\$ 389,561</u>	<u>\$ 605,773</u>	<u>\$ 536,090</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DECEMBER 31, 2014

	2014	2013
Revenues		

Raffle	\$ 3,867	\$ 4,157
Contributions	<u>91,692</u>	<u>66,404</u>
	<u>95,559</u>	<u> </u>
	70,561	

**We regret any errors or omissions in recognizing our donors.*

Expenditures

Advertising and promotion	205	216
Insurance	1,319	1,344
Interest and bank charges	431	397
Office	3,457	1,022
Professional fees	3,985	3,685
Telephone and utilities	480	480
Tuition supplements	59,415	53,440
Wages and employee benefits	<u>20,632</u>	<u>24,088</u>

Deficiency of revenues over expenditures from operations	5,634	-14,111
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Investment earnings	64,048	66,054
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Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 69,683	\$ 51,943
	89,924	
	<u>84,672</u>	<u> </u>

Board of Directors

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