



Newsletter for the Saskatchewan Association of Student Council Advisors

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Rely on Each Other

As leadership advisors in Canada, we are so lucky to have access to amazing resources to guide us with our students. Whether we teach a leadership course or work with SRC/SLC groups, it's comforting to know that we are just a click or a phone call away from some excellent resources. The networking we do at provincial and national conferences is invaluable. The people I've met at these conferences have opened my eyes up to so many experiences and ideas, and allowed me the confidence to try new things with my leadership students. My students have benefited from these connections in so many ways. Allowing myself to become connected through our national and provincial associations is one of the best steps I have taken as an educator. Please do not hesitate to reach out to other leadership advisors in our province or country. Share your ideas, and expand on the ideas of others. Allow your leadership journey to take place in a village, rather than an island. Your students and schools will thank you for it!

*Heidi Marchant
SASCA Newsletter Editor*

HORIZONS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Horizons is an opportunity for an advisor to bring some core leadership students and give them a day to look to the horizon and plan what they can do to improve their school and community. More importantly, it is an opportunity to introduce some potential leadership students from your school to a motivating and inspiring conference. Sessions are also provided for the advisors, and our keynote speakers work with the advisors to give them resources and ideas to expand their leadership horizons as well. The total cost for the conference is \$25 per delegate and each delegate gets a lanyard and lunch provided. The day starts at 9:00 am and ends at 2:00 pm.

2018

Mar. 2	Kindersley Composite School
April 17	Turtleford School
April 18	John Paul II Collegiate
April 25	Weyburn Composite High School

Kindersley, SK
Turtleford, SK
North Battleford, SK
Weyburn, SK

SASCA Executive

Meet your 2017/2018 SASCA Executive:

President- Kristin Lee

Secretary/Treasurer- Gordon Rook

Newsletter Editor- Heidi Marchant

Past President- Ren Lukoni

CSLA Rep- Deavin Vanthuyne

Website- Monique Bonneau

Scholarships and Bursaries- Don Wheler

Members-at-Large- Gayle Fahlman
Tenille Kirtzinger
Jade Bloor
Nicole Philp
Tina Edwards
Glenda Tulloch
Jana Fisher



2016 Conference Host- Monique Bonneau

2017 Conference Host- Kristin Lee, Judy Rudd & Kelly Andris

2018 Conference Host- Patti Zerr and Fallon Prince

What We Do:

Your SASCA executive meets twice a year at the Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation building in Saskatoon.

During our meetings we discuss leadership in our province, receive updates about what's happening at the national level, provide support to the SSLC conference host committee, discuss bids for upcoming conferences, and go through applications for Advisor of the Year, Student Council of Excellence, CSLA Leader of Distinction, and Honorary Lifetime Membership awards. We spend time talking about how we can best support the leadership teachers and SRC advisors in our province, and grow our membership. We discuss newsletter items and what we can add to the website to provide the most relevant information to our members. We also meet at SSLC each year to run the SASCA AGM, sell teacher resources and assist the host committee where needed. The SASCA executive splits up executive duties to ensure equality and make the workload more manageable for all. If you'd like more information about what being a SASCA member entails, please feel free to reach out to any of us. New members are elected each year!

SSLC Conference Host Schools: <https://www.sascaleadership.com/conferences-ct1d>

Saskatchewan Student Leadership Conference Hosting Banners for Sale

If you have hosted a provincial leadership conference in the past, you can purchase a banner to hang in your gym from Positive Signs in Esterhazy. The banners are 36 x 72". Logos will need to be in eps files. You will be sent a mock up and quote.

PositiveSigns | 425 Main Street | Box 1510 | Esterhazy, SK S0A 0X0

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Saskatchewan Student Leadership Conference

September 19-21, 2018

Registration Opened November 1st

Register your school today! <https://sslc2018.com/>

SSLC 2017 Awards



Pam Gordon- Advisor Award



Judy Rudd - CSLA Leader of Distinction



Kindersley Composite Achievement Award



Monique Bonneau- Honorary Lifetime Membership



Tisdale- Recognition Award for Hosting SSLC



Deavin Vanthuyne & Heidi Marchant- CSLA Leaders of Distinction



Maple Creek Achievement Award

SASCA Scholarships and Bursaries

\$1000 Scholarships:

Parker Campbell- Maple Creek Composite School

Parker acted as student co-chair of the Saskatchewan Student Leadership Conference in 2016. He also acted as student host of Horizons leadership conferences in his school in 2014 and 2015. He displayed leadership in his school as captain of the football team and SRC president. Throughout his time with SRC, Parker planned and ran many activities and participated in fundraising efforts for multiple organizations, including purchasing an AED machine for his school. Parker was chosen to attend the Great Oriole Challenge, and spent a week as a crew member on board the HMS Oriole. He has played many school sports and participated as an actor and set designer for the school drama club. Parker plans to pursue Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan.

Tasker Wanlin- Eastend School

Tasker participated in many school and community volunteer activities and fundraising efforts for organizations such as Saskatchewan Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, and 30 Hour Famine. He played various roles on his SRC including treasurer, vice-president and president. He acted as treasurer of SADD, student representative of the SCC, and head editor of the yearbook. He was also part of his school's We Day committee, organizing various activities and was heavily involved in school sports. He is a piano player, and volunteered once a week to play piano for seniors in his local seniors home. Tasker plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Anatomy and Cell Biology and the University of Saskatchewan.

Bursaries:

\$200- Janise Michel- Eastend School

Janise participated in many school and community activities and initiatives including the We Day committee, SADD, and SRC. She acted as a church volunteer, played volleyball and took voice lessons among other involvements.

\$200- Alanna DeCorby- Langenburg School

Alanna participated in several school clubs and activities including SRC, graduation club and volleyball. She displayed church involvement, and acted as a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

\$100- Rachel Kay- Maple Creek Composite School

Rachel was active in SRC, Jazz Band and Musical Theatre. She coached skating, volunteered in the school and community, and was a part of the conference committee for SSLC 2016 in Maple Creek.

Advisor's Idea Share

Edam Ideas

Pam Gordon- SRC Advisor

*Each month we have a school wide assembly. Coaches speak about what's happening with teams. Student achievements are recognized. There is always a game or activity for everyone to play. This year we added a new twist. At the beginning of the assembly I pull 2 high school names out a box full of student nominations. Teachers nominate them for doing great things showing leadership or kindness etc. I pull 3 names out of the elementary box. We bring my couch and loveseat out of my classroom for the assembly. These 5 students then sit on the comfy seats at the front of the gym for the entire assembly. We serve them drinks and junk food to their hearts content! What a huge hit!!

*We book "Youth for Christ" every second year for a gym blast for 7-12. Each year my SRC members put on a gym blast for K-3, and another for 4-6. We play similar games to the high school blast. The kids and teachers love it!

*I got really tired of hearing "What does the SRC do for us?" Last year I made a banner each time we did something. I posted them on a prominent wall in the school.

*Each September we host a community barbecue following the Terry Fox Run. This is a free event. We do collect a silver collection, but all proceeds go to the Terry Fox Foundation. We barbecue about 400 burgers. It takes all morning. We have 3 barbecues at our school. One was purchased by the SRC last year.

*During winter months each Friday, we plug in the big perk and set out hot chocolate for grades 10-12.

*Each student from K-6 gets a birthday gift from us. These are from Dollarama, so very inexpensive. One of our students takes the bins to them on their birthday and they get to choose what they want. Our President makes cupcakes once a month for 7-12 birthday students. Previously we gave them a gift certificate to the canteen on their birthday.

*We set up a Valentines Photo Booth in the hall last year. It was well used.

*We held an elementary dance. We started right after school and went until 5:00pm. Be sure you have students willing to lead the dances!

*We filled 109 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child last year and 84 this year. We have a very generous business owner in town who pays all the shipping for us! This allows us to fill so many more boxes!

*We purchased a popcorn machine last year. We have random popcorn days for the entire school. This happens when I can spare SRC members from my classes to stand in the hall and run the popcorn machine.

*We play "steal the heart" on Valentines Day, boys in the morning, girls in the afternoon. We then crown a King and Queen of Hearts.

*We sponsor a child through Children International.

*We hired an artist last year and held a paint night. It was sold out.

*We held a Spring Craft and Trade Show in May. It was a huge success! We rented tables for \$10, plus a gift **donation** for the raffle table. We had over 30 tables rented. We sell popcorn at the event, and sell tickets for the raffle prizes. Free admission to the event.

*We purchased a vending machine in June. We got it up and running this fall. I have one student in charge of it. She fills it daily. It has been a huge hit with the students!

*We have 3 major fundraisers. Our biggest money maker is Dielman Catalogue Sales. We run this in the fall. We made just under \$3000 with it this year. We give each K-6 student a dollar store prize if they sell. We play "Let's Make a Deal" with 7-12 students that sell. I stole this idea from Turtleford School, thanks Chrissy! They start with a chocolate bar and they can trade for a gift bag, which might be a cool hat or great headphones or a gag gift. We supply a big ice cream party to the classroom that raises the most \$/student.

*Our second fundraiser for the last 3 years has been selling Football Saskatchewan lottery tickets. This brought in just under \$2000 this year for us. We gave gifts to our top sellers, either actual gifts or VISA gift cards. Last year we ran the sales as a contest between the classes. Football Saskatchewan was very generous and got on board with us. We gave our grade 9 class a pizza party and Football Saskatchewan threw in 2 Roughriders to join the party! Josiah St. John and Dan Clark travelled to Edam for the day! Sometimes, you just have to ask!!



Advisor's Idea Share

Kindersley Composite School SLC Raises \$8162.75 For the C95 Radio Marathon for Cancer Research

As part of our annual Think Pink week for cancer research, the students on our SLC split up into grade alike teams and compete to see who can raise the most money for cancer research. This year our SLC was able to raise \$8162.75 in seven days for the C95 Radio Marathon for cancer research. Our grade 11 SLC group once again did their "Flush Away Cancer" community toilet campaign. They picked up 3 old toilets from the dump, painted them, added some bling and started sending them around town. Community members who found the toilet on their lawn could pay \$10 to have the toilet taken away, \$20 to send it to the next family, or \$30 to purchase "toilet insurance" to ensure the toilet would not appear on their lawn again. Our grade 12 group did "Stop the Bop," where an annoying song played over our intercom during breaks and noon hour until enough money was raised for it to stop. They also did "Puppy Therapy," bringing puppies to school at noon hour and asking staff and students to make a donation in order to spend time with the puppies. The grade 10 team took to the middle school in town, selling floats and also ran a bake sale in our school. All of our teams also went door to door around town with pledge sheets.



**Canadian Student
Leadership Association**

Did you know? CSLA member schools are eligible for a variety of things, from the Great Oriole Challenge, to the fabulous Idea Share site, monthly newsletters, and student bursaries. Become a CSLA member today! For a limited time, SASCA members can get all the benefits of a Canadian Student Leadership Association membership for only \$75. This is a savings of \$15. Keep your school connected with leadership in our country and add yourself to the network of leadership advisors. You won't regret it!

<https://studentleadership.ca/membership/join/?page=CiviCRM&q=civicrm/contribute/transact&reset=1&id=2>

**Be sure to choose "Pay by Cheque" in order to take advantage of the \$75 special!*

School Assembly Information



Canadian Youth Speaker's Bureau

The Canadian Youth Speakers Bureau is a group of professional Canadian motivational speakers that work together to bring powerful, inspirational and valuable messages to Canadians.

For so long there have been plenty of non-Canadian bureaus that heavily promote speakers. We believe that it's time to celebrate and promote successful Canadians to our next generation of leaders. As a country we have a unique message that needs to be recognized and embraced.

WHO?

All of our Speakers are Canadian and professional. They come from all different backgrounds. Entrepreneurship, entertainment, sports, overcoming obstacles and physical triumphs.

WHY?

Canadians supporting Canadians. We also give back! A portion of every CYSB speaker booked will be given to the Canadian Student Leadership Association (CSLA). We want to ensure the future of Canada is bright!

GUARANTEE

Each of speakers are guaranteed to bring you a professional, empowering and entertaining message. If you feel that that the presentation did not meet your expectations, we will refund your speech fee in full.

WHERE?

Our speakers are available to every Canadian Province and for every educational institution, conference and corporation.
<http://youthspeakers.ca/>

SSLC 2017 Update



SK STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2017 TISDALE, SK

This fall, Tisdale hosted the 38th Annual SK Student Leadership Conference. On September 20th, around 124 schools with over 850 students and advisors arrived in the North East for an action packed two and a half days. Wednesday evening consisted of a BBQ, activities and opening ceremonies with the SASCA Awards. Ian Tyson entertained the crowd and many local Tisdale students and musicians showcased their talent. Thursday consisted of small group sessions, Tyler Hayden and Greg Johnson, Tornado Hunter. Following the banquet, student delegates rocked the curling rink at the LCD Productions Dance. Friday concluded with additional small group sessions and Alvin Law.

Thank you to all delegates and advisors who attended. We hope that you left energized and excited for the school year! This was a fabulous opportunity for TMSS and the town of Tisdale. A huge thank you to all conference volunteers, billet families and sponsors. Without your support, the conference would not have been possible.



Interested in trying out a new fundraiser next fall? Farm to School is a unique fundraiser that allows schools to sell locally grown produce packs containing carrots, onions, parsnips, potatoes and cabbage in a colorful cloth bag. Customers can choose to buy a pack for themselves, or purchase one for your local food bank. 50% of the proceeds from each order remain with your organization. Pre-registration is necessary! Register your school at <http://www.farmtoschool.ca/>

Discount Card Fundraiser

Elite Fundraising offers an excellent community discount card. Local businesses offer discounts in support of our school. Their website is <http://www.elitefundraising.com/>. The company does all of the work of getting businesses on board to support your fundraiser. All you have to do is sell! Community members, students and parents can all make use of these cards. Fantastic fundraiser!



The 34th Annual Canadian Student Leadership Conference will be held from September 25th-30th, 2018 in Edmonton, AB. The conference will include speakers such as Phil Boyte, Michel Chikwanine, Keith Hawkins and many amazing workshops, leadership activities and experiences. As always, the host committee and the CSLA are working hard to make this a top notch professional development experience for teacher advisors. Some of the professional development experiences will include:

- Enhancing and Influencing Positive School Culture
- Diversity Training
- Inclusive Practices
- TEDx Symposium
- Leadership within Career Pathways
- Mentorship from Innovators and Entrepreneurs
- Forum of National and International Volunteer Opportunities
- Practical Skills for School Leadership
- Team building



Get your CSLA membership today to have access to early CSLA member registration!

Spirit Day Ideas from Small Town Sask

Kelsi Sullivan BRPHS

A few ideas for spirit days that we did that have been a huge hit (small town Sask):

Plaid day- more plaid the better, our school of 100+ students had almost a 98% participation day.

Camouflage/ Fluorescent orange dress up day was also a great one for participation. We didn't call it redneck or hunter's day because some of our student council was offended by those names.

Ugly Christmas sweater day- a normal sweater is easy to make "ugly" by using xmas decorations, garland, etc.

Advisor's Idea Share

Turtleford School Ideas

Christie Kotzer-Milne

Pep Rally Rules: Make it count- if valuable then teachers will be on board and students will enjoy. Pep rallies must have something:

1. that recognizes or celebrates- sport teams, individuals, drama etc.
2. that motivates: inspirational you tube video ie: kid president
3. that entertains: ie: SRC air band, teachers dress up as Harlem Globe Trotters and come in dressed nerdy challenging a basketball team, teachers do a Jimmy Fallon dance off (pick a random idea that has to be made into an interpretive dance ie: getting into skinny jeans Etc.)

VIP Pep Rally Seating- Each pep rally we bring in a comfy couch and place it front and center of the viewing area. The SRC chooses 4-5 people to win random awards to recognize: ie: best Halloween costume, best beard after a shave, top fundraiser, best hidden singing voice, best lunches, best socks and flip flops attire etc. At beginning of rally these individuals are called up to sit in the couches and are called on stage for acknowledgement. We make sure we are having fun with and not at, as well we work on choosing people who may never make it to the stage so all can feel a part of the school.

Pep Rally Recognition- Each year we also recognize our grade 12's. The SRC built a trophy that is passed on from year to year. It is won by winning the most teacher/ graduate challenges. Each pep rally time is set aside for a game – ie: chariot races, tug a war, hoola hoop X's and O's, balloons tied to ankles and each team is to try and stomp on the others until one team is annihilated etc.

November: We feel we need to give to our community and school in a positive way. November seems to be a stressful time as is Christmas to struggling families. Each year we have a food bank challenge. The class that can bring in the most food will get to eat first at our Winterfeast (School Christmas Turkey Dinner). We set a goal of 1000 items. We will meet with church members in charge of food bank upon their pick up and help sort the groceries. In addition, we also sell candy canes grams at lunch. Students purchase for themselves or others, attach a note and leave it with SRC for delivery. For an extra dollar students can make it a singing gram. SRC will enter room unannounced and serenade the individual receiving the candy cane. (songs are short and simple similar to what you would hear at a birthday song in Boston Pizza). The SRC will also provide a hot lunch sale. Money from the sales go towards buying stocking stuffer Christmas gifts for the children in families receiving a food bank box. We work with the local church to get numbers and ages, and they look after getting gifts to the needy families.

Christmas Feast: Students from K-12 are asked to bring \$3 and food item assigned to each class. SRC purchases plates, turkeys and ice cream desserts.

Students k-12 are paired up randomly, and are then sent over to the rink where the SRC is busy preparing in the community kitchen (setting tables, chairs, cutting buns and pickles, cooking corn, carving turkeys and getting food in warmers etc.). Older kids help the elementary students dish up and then spend time with their buddy sledding, crafting or spending time in the movie or games room until all have eaten.

At this time we will feed bus drivers and provide meals on wheels that day for our seniors. We deliver earlier so that some SRC members can visit with the residents and provide music, entertainment etc. before meeting elementary buddy. Left overs are packaged for struggling families, and used in our canteen or Home Ec. program.

Elfie on the Shelfie – different activities or tricks played each day of the last week of school. For example: Have a teacher dressed up as Elfie and hiding in morning- first ten people to find him and bring a specific item from Elfie to SRC headquarters wins a prize. Elfie tricks – after first period students will leave classroom to find loads of balloons and bubble wrap in the halls with a note on wall that states he's sorry for causing chaos.

Advisor's Idea Share

Head and Shoulders, Knees and Cup!

Submitted by Jana Fisher- Wynyard

HOW TO PLAY THE CUP GAME

1. Get enough cups for half of the group. If you have a club of 40, get 20 cups.
2. Partner students up.
3. Partners face one another.
4. Call out commands like "Head" and everyone has to listen carefully and touch their heads.
5. The commands continue in random order (knees, shoulder, elbows, toes, eyes, ears.....CUP!)
6. After "cup" is said, the first person to grab the cup moves on to the next round and finds a new partner. The other person takes a seat.
7. Last one standing wins.