



Preschool Tuition Subsidy Project

How We Do It

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1. Who We Are

The Saskatoon Preschool Foundation is a non-profit organization formed in the early 90's **to support early learning for vulnerable children ages 3 and 4 in Saskatoon and**, more recently, the surrounding area (GSCSD, SPSD, PSSD).

Mission:

To advocate for and support access to preschool programs.



1. Who We Are

Vision: *We See ...*

- *All preschool children having an opportunity for a brighter future.*
- *Quality preschool programs.*
- *Increased parent participation in preschool programs.*
- *Greater support for early childhood education.*
- *Preschool programs **expanding** as needs are identified.*



1. Who We Are

Guiding Principles:

- *Acting in the best interests of children*
- *Support for families*
- *Respecting the values and cultures of families*



2. What We Do

Advocacy & Support

- *Promotion of the **benefits of early learning** with parents and the wider community & the **availability of the grants and subsidies***
- ***Workshops** to provide **accessible** professional development for preschool teachers*
- ***Funding** in 4 main areas*
 - *Field trip grants*
 - *Books and materials grants*
 - *Start up/Critical support grants*
 - ***Preschool tuition subsidies***



2. What We Do

Preschool Tuition Subsidies

- *Provided for children in families who **cannot afford preschool tuition** and who live in areas where there are no Prekindergarten programs*
- *Requests range from approximately \$400 to over \$1500: **The maximum subsidy is \$800/child/school year.***



3. How We Do It

Advocacy

- Promotion with the 3 school divisions, the Saskatoon Preschool Teachers Group, the Preschool Information Registry and Support (PIRS), ministry of education, etc.

Fundraising

- Presentations to companies and agencies
- Grant opportunities,
- Special events (Raffle, Trivia Night)



Tuition Subsidy Process





3. How We Do It



Tuition Subsidy Process



1. We get the word out. Parents apply using the application form found on our website www.spf.sk.ca .
2. Applications are reviewed by a board member and approved by a subgroup of the board (approximate 20 minutes/application).
3. The parents and preschools are notified by the board.
4. A cheque is sent to the preschool. Preschools are asked to return any amount that is unused.



2. What We Do

Some Interesting Numbers (2016)

- From 2014-2016, the number of subsidies provided increased by 54% (92 to 142).
- The amount of the subsidies increased by 95% (approximately \$60,000 to \$94,000).
- An unofficial average of preschool tuition was \$100/month with a range of \$55 to \$130.
- Approximately 1/3 of the children were recent newcomers to Canada
- Subsidies were provided to 38 preschools.



3. How We Do It

Who Provides Financial and In-Kind Support

- Individual donors
- Potash Corp
- Brossart Construction
- Saskatoon Golf and Country Club
- Prairie Meats
- Canlan Ice Sports (Gemini)
- Eb's Source for Adventures
- Saskatoon Downtown Progress Club, Kinsmen Clubs
- Preschool Boards
- Foundations (e.g., Maunders-McNeil, Saskatoon Community, Arnasson-Bourassa)
- Saskatoon Public School Division (office space, workshop presenters)

THANK YOU!

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