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McDowell Foundation surpasses million dollar mark in research project grants

Since it first started establishing its grant program a quarter century ago, the Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research into Teaching has this year reached a major milestone by having now surpassed the \$1 million mark for the more than 200 grants that have been approved during that time.

The McDowell Foundation, an independent charitable organization that was established by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation in 1991, has as its general purpose to support research focused on teaching and learning within the publicly funded K-12 education system.

This year the Board of Directors authorized another \$83,514 divided among 11 projects, thereby having reached the cumulative total of \$1,012,356 since 1994.

Similar to recent years the grants have been dispersed to an ever widening part of the province, including the likes of Spiritwood—with the largest grant of \$11,200 awarded. Melville and Val Marie were also included among the successful candidates as well as larger centres like Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw and Yorkton.

Funding is being provided for the following new projects:

- 1) *Literacy, Healing and Hope*. Koreen Geres. Saskatoon. Grant: \$7,685.
- 2) *Ochapan: Elders' and Students' Perspectives of the Elders in Residence Program*. Russell Fayant, Linda Goulet, Sarah Longman, Joanne Pelletier, Shauneen Pete and Calvin Racette. Regina. Grant: \$10,369.
- 3) *Professional Development on Individuals Engaged in Preservice Teacher Education within a Rural Setting*. Randy Albers, Melissa Ball, Donna Boake, Megan Boake, Keri Elmy, Patrick Escanlar, Tammy Fleury, Melissa Gavel, Lauren Hearn, Crystal Karius, Ann Kipling Brown, Laurie Koval, Melanie Kreklewich, Brandy Lechner, Chad Lechner, Lisa Lenkart, Darla Nashiem, Janine Neufeld-Ruetz, Jan Niebergall, Gail Simpson and Norman Yackel. Melville. Grant: \$7,965.
- 4) *Improving Outcomes for First Nations and Métis Students at Bishop Murray*. Shelly Lord. Saskatoon. Development Grant: \$500.

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- 5) *Best Practice Outdoor Education Instruction and Assessment Techniques in Saskatchewan.* Karen McIver. Val Marie. Grant: \$4,710.
- 6) *Supporting the Literacy Growth of Transient Elementary School Students.* Barbara McNeil and Jillian Wernikowski. Regina. Grant: \$7,030.
- 7) *Technology Supported Inquiry-Based Learning: Enhancing the Teaching and Learning of Secondary Mathematics.* Michelle Morley, Arlene Prestic and Cindy Smith. Yorkton. Grant: \$9,305.
- 8) *Sustainable Successful Teacher Induction: From Praxis to Practice.* Courtney Archibald, Jason Benson, Laura Froelich, Kent Gauthier, Laura Goodman, Laurie Hellsten, Chris Makahonuk, Bonnie Mihalicz, Michael Pesenti, Michelle Prytula and Nicole Syrota. Saskatoon. Grant: \$9,640.
- 9) *St. Francis School Writing Project: A School Wide Program to Improve the Writing Skills of Grade 1 to Grade 8 Students.* Mark Cantin, Renee Featherstone, Tina Mohr, Rod Orioux, Aimee Osmundson and Bev Scheirer. Prince Albert. Grant: \$7,620.
- 10) *Investigating How Collaborative Practice Affects Teacher Skills and Attitudes with Respect to the Use of SMART Boards for Teaching and Learning in the Classroom.* Becky Anderson, Laureen Booth, Jodie Schlaut, Frances Weber, Amy Weiman and Cindy Weinkauff. Spiritwood. Grant: \$11,200.
- 11) *The Impact of Self-Regulation Strategies Upon Student Learning.* Carmen Artiga, Cheryl Gagnon, Debbie MacDonald, Brad Moser, Mike Reavie, Jennifer Schindelka, Brenda Whitman-Neary and Aline Wilkie. Moose Jaw. Grant: \$7,490.