



To The Saskatchewan Drama Association

This is a follow-up report to the Diversity Grant request for Paradise Hill School for our participation in the SDA Provincial Festival held from May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup> in Regina. In total, we sent twenty-two students and three chaperones to attend all three days of the festival.

Our expenses included our hotel costs, which totaled \$4654.50. There were also food costs of \$211.69. We also incurred fuel costs associated with the parent volunteer who hauled our trailer and props from Paradise Hill to Regina.

Our trip was very successful and did much to revitalize our drama program in the post-COVID era. The benefit of bringing such a large group ranging from grade seven to twelve is just how invaluable this experience will be for those younger actors and crew. They have been fortunate enough not only to see what it takes to compete in drama at such a high level but also to be able to do so in a safe environment that rewards those who take a chance and try something big. I had a number of actors ask if they could try something different with how they delivered a line or add a little character action here or there just based on what they had watched from the other plays. It was very encouraging to see the students' eagerness to grow and improve their skills.

I should also mention as well, that this experience was not lost on our older actors and crew. They have often felt as though they missed out on a lot of drama opportunities because of the pandemic. As such, they were able to reconnect with drama after a long layoff through this festival.

To top it all off, we were incredibly humbled and honoured to receive the Wayne Apostle Spirit of the Festival Award in recognition of our dedication to drama. While awards are not necessarily required to have a successful festival, it was very reassuring to know we are on the right track in rebuilding our program by winning this award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Charles Tremblay".

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