



Board of Education HIGHLIGHTS

Walter W. Brown students reading and writing outside in April!
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PRAIRIE SPIRIT SCHOOL DIVISION

Learners for Life

Located within Treaty 6 Territory

Prairie Spirit 2021/22 school year calendar

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education formally approved the [2021/22 school year calendar](#) at its regular Board meeting on Monday, April 19.

Teachers will begin the school year on Tuesday, August 24. Students will start the school year on Wednesday, September 1. Because of the timing of Labour Day this year, students will return to school prior to the Labour Day weekend.

The Division's Calendar Committee produced two calendar options and invited all staff to vote for their preferred calendar option. The results of the vote were shared with the Board of Education as they considered approving the 2021/22 calendar.

The Ministry of Education requires that all school divisions publish their school calendars by May 1 each year.

Budget planning

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education discussed its plans for the 2021/22 budget at its regular meeting in April.

The provincial budget was announced on April 6. The Prairie Spirit Board of Education and senior administration have been analyzing the impact of provincial funding on the school division for the upcoming year.

The funding increase to the school division for 2021/22 is approximately 2.8% or \$3.124 million.

The Division is cautiously planning for the new school year with the expectation that a higher number of students will continue to access learning online or as a home-based student.

The 2021/22 budget is currently planned to address the overall learning gap resulting from COVID, including:

- interventions for Grade 1 students who did not attend Kindergarten in 2020/21
- interventions for Grade 1 to 3 students in reading skills
- engagement with students and families who had low attendance in 2020/21
- supports for student and staff mental health

Prairie Spirit is also preparing a draft three-year budget projection as part of its budget planning process.

Board advocacy

Prairie Spirit's Board Chair, along with the Board Chairs from Saskatoon Public Schools and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, sent a [joint letter](#) to the Minister of Education on Friday, April 16. This letter urged the Ministry and the Government of Saskatchewan to prioritize education staff to receive the COVID vaccine as soon as possible.

Board motion: Public Health guidelines

The Board passed the following motion at its meeting on April 19:

As a Board, we continue to appreciate the guidelines provided by the Ministry of Health, and truly commend the way our staff are diligently following and carrying out those guidelines and continue to ensure the safety, care and learning of all our students and themselves.

The Board receives regular updates regarding COVID cases in the Division and the current situation in all Prairie Spirit schools.

Trustee Highlight

Pam Wieler has served as the Board of Education Trustee for Subdivision 1 (Leask, Blaine Lake, Laird, Waldheim and Green Leaf, Riverbend and Leask Colonies) since 2008.



As a result of her work in a young offender facility, Pam says she realizes the critical role that education plays in the lives of youth, giving them a chance to be successful.

“I want all Prairie Spirit students to have every opportunity to learn and be successful,” she said. “I want students to have the experience of being

supported, respected and inspired during their journey in the Division.”

Pam says her primary role as a Trustee is representing her community. “Learning about all the diversity in our Division has been humbling and enlightening. I am inspired by how the uniqueness of individuals shines within different Hutterite colonies, First Nations, and various communities,” she explained.

Pam enjoys attending events at her schools, including graduations, athletic events and community events. She appreciates the many friendships she has made with Trustees, staff and community members as a result of her work as a Trustee.

She says the new schools in the Division, including the upcoming new school project in Blaine Lake, are highlights in her work as a Trustee.

Pam has worked in corrections, mental health and social services fields. She worked with a seniors project for five years, first as a Board member and then as part of the project’s administration team.



Trustee Pam Wieler speaking with Premier Scott Moe (far left) following a special event in September to officially announce the new school planned for Blaine Lake.

Hanley Kindergarten students enjoying the outdoors.

- photo credit: Denille Martineau, Teacher, on Instagram



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