

WE ARE ALL LIFELONG LEARNERS

Board of Education HIGHLIGHTS

What are you learning
in your daily life (home,
work) through:

- Reading
- Watching
- Listening

What do you want to
learn next?

Delisle Elementary School prepared their bulletin board for their "Lifelong Journey" gatherings with parents last month.

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**PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION**
Learners for Life

Board approves temporary subdivision changes

At its meeting on Monday, February 11, the Prairie Spirit Board of Education approved a motion to submit a request to the Ministry of Education regarding a temporary reduction of one board member until provincial school board elections are held next year in 2020. As a result of this decision, a by-election for Subdivision 8, which is currently vacant due to a recent Trustee resignation, will not be held a year before general elections and those associated costs will be saved.

The Board made a similar decision for vacant Subdivision 5 in October, 2018. As a result, boundaries for both Subdivision 5 and Subdivision 8 will be temporarily removed from the school division map. The schools in these subdivisions will be covered by other Trustees in the interim, as follows:

Subdivision 5 schools	Trustee
Lord Asquith School	George Janzen
Perdue School	Bernie Howe
Eagle Creek Hutterite	Ken Crush
Sunnydale Hutterite School	Ken Crush

Subdivision 8 schools	Trustee
Aberdeen Composite	George Janzen
Allan Composite School	Dawne Badrock
Colonsay School	Dawne Badrock
Riverview Hutterite School	George Janzen

In collaboration with the Ministry of Education, the Prairie Spirit Board has initiated a general review of the Division's subdivision boundaries. The Division's subdivision boundaries have not been reviewed since the formation of the school division through the amalgamation of three school divisions in 2006.

Student transportation in Prairie Spirit

Noel Roche, Deputy Director, provided a quarterly Transportation Report to the Board at its meeting on February 11. The Ministry of Education requires that this regular report is provided to the Board.

Roche reported that Prairie Spirit is a provincial leader in bus driver training. Prairie Spirit's Bus Garage staff have been asked to be involved in planning a provincial bus driver training program.

All Prairie Spirit bus technicians are now SGI certified, indicating the highest level of training and certification, Roche said.

Every school day, Prairie Spirit safely transports 6,000 students to school on over 140 bus routes, travelling 20,000 km.

School Resource Officers (SROs) in Prairie Spirit Schools

At the February 11 Board meeting, Lori Jeschke, Director of Education, described the supports provided to Prairie Spirit schools by RCMP School Resource Officers (SROs).

Prairie Spirit appreciates the support the SROs provide to schools, staff and students. Two constables from the Warman RCMP detachment serve as dedicated SROs in 17 Prairie Spirit schools.

"SROs provide invaluable support to some of our schools in planning and executing safety drills," Jeschke said. "Their expertise is also beneficial for schools in general safety planning and in working with students and families both during and after crisis events."

Jeschke told the Board that Prairie Spirit will be formally requesting expanded SRO support from the RCMP to include all Prairie Spirit schools.

Board approves request for capital projects

The Board approved its annual request to the Ministry for major capital projects. For 2020, Prairie Spirit submitted requests for two schools: Blaine Lake Composite School and Clavet Composite School.

Major capital projects are classified as projects with a cost in excess of \$1 million. The Ministry of Education accepts up to three major capital requests from each school division in the province each year. The Ministry then determines which, if any, projects are approved for provincial funding.

Blaine Lake requires architectural, mechanical and structural modifications while Clavet requires architectural, mechanical, electrical and site renovations. Approximately \$1 million of structural restoration has been completed at Clavet over the last couple of years.

The last major capital project request from Prairie Spirit to receive provincial approval was the Rosthern school consolidation project, which was approved in 2017.

Educational Associate Allocation in Division

Prairie Spirit's Educational Associate (EA) Allocation team presented to the Board on February 11, describing how EA staffing decisions are made throughout the Division. Fay Cassidy and Kim Beaulieu, Learning Superintendents, and Diane Kendall and Susan Protz, Coordinators, work together to make EA staffing decisions throughout the school year.

"EAs are a vital part of our school teams in their support for our students, said Cassidy. "Having a team to make decisions in this staffing area is critical."

The total number of Educational Associates in the Division is based on the budget allocation. In 2018/19, the budget provided for 226.8 full-time equivalent (FTE) EA positions for the Division.

The committee members explained the complexities of staffing schools and the variety of supports available for students and staff. "Support comes in many forms," Cassidy explained.

"Sometimes an EA is needed for personal care while in other situations there may be other ways to support students," she said.

The support of the school Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT), school counsellor, Learning Support Services (LSS) team and behaviour specialist were also highlighted.

The Trustees expressed their appreciation to the team and thanked them for their strong work together in this area.



The Educational Associate Allocation Committee presented to the Board (left to right: Diane Kendall, Kim Beaulieu, Fay Cassidy and Susan Protz)

Board Winter Workshop

January 25 + 26, Division Office

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education's annual Winter Workshop focused on student and adult learning and Division budget planning.

The Board and the Division Leadership team explored evidence of My Prairie Spirit Classroom (MPSC), using the learning classroom model (vertical, non permanent spaces). They identified examples of

MPSC in Division classrooms, including engagement, side by side learning and relationships.

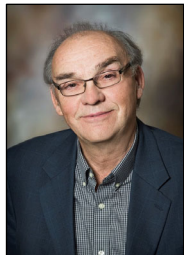
The Board discussed the upcoming provincial budget which will be released on March 20. The Division's budget must be presented to the Ministry by the end of June.



Prairie Spirit Board of Education



Subdivision 1
Pam Wieler
*Blaine Lake
Laird
Leask
Waldheim
Green Leaf, Riverbend +
Leask Colonies*



Subdivision 4
George Janzen
*Dalmeny
Hepburn
Osler
Asquith, Aberdeen +
Riverview Colony (interim)*



Subdivision 9
Bonnie Hope
Martensville



Subdivision 2
Trina Miller
*Duck Lake
Hague
Rosthern*



Subdivision 6
Bernie Howe
*Delisle
Pike Lake
Vanscoy
Willow Park Colony
Perdue (interim)*



Subdivision 10
Sam Dyck
*Board Chair
Warman*



Subdivision 3
Ken Crush
*Board Vice-Chair
Borden
Langham
Eagle Creek + Sunnydale
Colonies (interim)*



Subdivision 7
Dawne Badrock
*Clavet
Dundurn
Hanley
South Corman Park
Hillcrest + Lost River
Colonies
Allan + Colonsay (interim)*



Subdivision 11
Kimberly Greeyes
Muskeg Lake Cree Nation

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The purpose of the **Board of Education Highlights** newsletter is to inform Prairie Spirit staff about the work of the Board of Education and its impact on student learning and staff supports.