

# Highlights

**Board  
Focus**

## Indigenous Perspectives, Partnerships, and Outcomes in Prairie Spirit

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada and, in Prairie Spirit, we learn and celebrate together! Over the 2023/24 school year, our Board, students, staff, and communities have continued the learning journey and commitment to the goals of Truth and Reconciliation.

Our Board has engaged in learning and activities such as dancing with the Michif PreK class, gathering around the fire for outdoor learning with Grade 9's, listening to stories and drumming by middle years students, and participating in the blanket exercise. These and other shared learning experiences have supported decision making at our Board table.

Our Board Trustee, Kimberly Greyeyes, represents the Indigenous Constituency on the Saskatchewan School Boards Association and Chairs the Indigenous Council. Through this work, policies and resolutions are brought forward to enhance the quality of education, remove barriers that create inequity, and develop authentic intentional learning opportunities for all.

Prairie Spirit implemented the Indigenous Education Responsibility Framework (IERF) to actualize the goals of Inspiring Success First Nations and Métis PreK-12 framework. To support this work, Métis educators and Strategic Facilitators, Janice Reigert and Richelle Hanley, facilitated learning opportunities such as medicine and beadwork workshops, ribbon skirt/shirt making, Michif language learning, equity, and land-based learning, as well as Treaty Education. Janice and Richelle have connected directly with teachers 650 times and supported learning for over 2500 students.



National Indigenous Peoples Day is on June 21. We continue to reflect on how we build relationships, further actualize the 11 Calls to Action related to education and create opportunities to engage in meaningful reconciliation.



**Successful Learners**

- A Advance equitable student programming
- B Enhance learning supports for all students
- C Strengthen foundational skills in mathematics, reading and writing
- D Foster student mental health and well-being
- E Actualize the goals of Inspiring Success: First Nations and Métis PreK-12 Framework**



Stobart Community School students & staff participated in a Round Dance on Orange Shirt Day



Prairie Spirit teachers participated in a learning opportunity to create ribbon skirts - Fall 2023



Blaine Lake students learn alongside Knowledge Keepers and Elders in the preparation of a moose hide



Prairie Spirit teachers participated in a Medicine Walk with Métis-Nation Saskatchewan

## Board Governance

### 2024/25 School Year calendar

Our Board has approved the Prairie Spirit 2024/25 school year [calendar](#).

The calendar was developed in collaboration with Division staff and with feedback provided by School Community Councils.

The first day of school for students this fall will be **Tuesday, September 3**.

Each school will share their own detailed school calendar with local dates.



## Board Governance

### SCC Spring Assembly

The Division's School Community Council Spring Assembly was held on Wednesday, April 24 at Division Office in Warman.

Three sessions were presented to those in attendance:

1. Mental health and well-being for learning
2. Supporting student literacy
3. Understanding student assessment



The Prairie Spirit Board of Education celebrates and acknowledges the important work that SCCs do in supporting students and schools. Our Board believes that SCCs are an integral, purposeful and valued part of overall school division governance.

SCC members make a difference by:

- sharing their knowledge and understanding of their community
- listening to their community and providing local voice
- engaging parents and the community
- supporting student learning

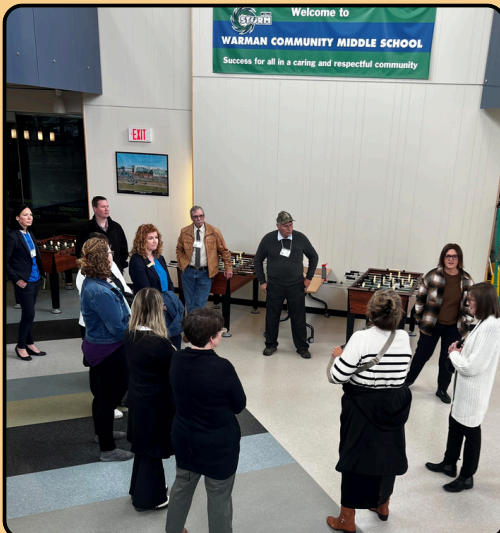


*Bernie Howe, Board Chair, welcomed SCC members to the SCC Spring Assembly*

## Board Connections

### Trustees visiting Division schools

Board Trustees enjoyed visiting schools in Martensville and Warman in early May to meet with school administrators and celebrate the good work being done at each school.



*Warman Community Middle School*



*Lake Vista Public School*

The Board invites feedback from students, families, stakeholders and the public. Please contact your Trustee or email: [contact@spiritsd.ca](mailto:contact@spiritsd.ca).