



# Board of Education HIGHLIGHTS

Stobart Community School students painted “wishing” rocks and set them around Duck Lake. The wishing rocks wish peace, good luck, hope, love, happiness and good health to those who find them.

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**PRAIRIE SPIRIT  
SCHOOL DIVISION**

*Learners for Life*

## Board passes 2019/20 budget

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education approved the Division’s 2019/20 budget at its meeting on June 17. Division-wide staffing levels will be maintained to support Prairie Spirit students.

For 2019/20, the Division will receive almost \$123 million in provincial funding for operational costs. This represents an overall increase of \$1.9 million in funding (1.86%) over the previous year.

The funding increase is based on a projected enrolment increase of approximately 100 students this fall.

“The Board is pleased that this budget maintains Division staffing to support our students,” said Sam Dyck, Board Chair.

The budget reflects the Division’s rising fixed costs in a variety of areas, including utilities, employment costs and facilities.

Despite the funding increase, reductions were required to balance the budget, including reducing:

- Division-based teacher professional development
- Teacher release time for extra-curricular activities
- Discretionary budget to add staff as needed throughout the school year

In addition to these reductions, other operational efficiencies will be implemented.

Due to the increasing number of students requiring bus transportation, three new bus driver positions and bus routes are part of the 2019/20 budget.

In this budget, the Board has responded to the provincial priorities, as detailed in the Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP). The Division will be adding the equivalent of

three full-time, temporary teaching positions to support the provincial goals in the following areas:

- Early Learning;
- Reading/Writing/Math;
- First Nations and Métis Engagement and Graduation Rates; and
- Graduation Rates.

ESSP Learning Support Facilitators	
Literacy: K - 8	Amanda Bernesky
Literacy: K - 8	Michelle Lockinger
Numeracy: K - 8	Kirsten Dyck
Numeracy: 9 - 12	Davin Fischer
FNM Engagement + Grad Rates Literacy: 9 - 12	Charmain Laroque
Early Learning	Jennifer Mason

These temporary, part-time Learning Support Facilitator positions will be in place for up to three years to strategically support student outcomes. Restricted reserve funds had been designated for this work and will be used to cover the costs of these positions.

“We are very excited about the impact these teaching positions will have in these key learning areas in our school division,” said Lori Jeschke, Director of Education. “Our long-range planning has allowed us to access the funds needed to move ahead with this strategy.”

All school divisions must submit a balanced budget to the Ministry of Education by the end of June each year.



## Celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day

Staff, students and special guests celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day at Division Office on Tuesday, June 18.

Brad Nichol, Learning Superintendent, led the program, with the theme of "Sharing our Gifts". The "gifts" included drumming by the Junior Sky Boyz drumming group and jingle dancing, both involving students from Stobart Community School and a performance by Grade 8 band students from Warman Community Middle School. Elder Herb Seesequasis, Sr., spoke at the celebration.

Nichol highlighted the school division's current partnerships, including Instructional Shared Services Initiatives (ISSI) with Muskeg Lake Cree Nation and Beardy's and Okemasis First Nation. This celebration was attended by representatives from Muskeg Lake Cree Nation, Beardy's and Okemasis First Nation, the Prairie Spirit Board of Education, Division Office staff, Stobart Community School, Blaine Lake Composite School and Leask Community School.

The program concluded with a song called *Every Day is Yours*, led by the Junior Sky Boyz, and a spontaneous round dance (above).





## CUPE agreement signed

A new agreement between CUPE Local 4254 and Prairie Spirit School Division was officially signed on Monday, June 17, at Division Office. The agreement will be in effect until August 31, 2020.

*Back row, l to r: Lynn McCormick, CUPE 4254; Jarid Brown, PSSD; Janet Zwaan, PSSD; Tammy Lynchuk, CUPE 4254.*

*Front row, l to r: Monica Neale, CUPE 4254; Grace Wudrick, CUPE 4254 President; Bob Bayles, PSSD; and Ken Crush, PSSD Board Vice-Chair.*

*Missing: Dawne Badrock, PSSD Board Trustee*

## New joint use agreement

A new joint-use agreement between the City of Martensville and Prairie Spirit was officially signed on Monday, June 17, at Division Office. The agreement will be in effect for five years.

This agreement is designed for collaboration and cooperation between the two organizations and encourages extensive and innovative community use of Division and City facilities.

*L to r: Scott Blevins, City Manager; Lori Jeschke, PSSD Director; Kent Muench, Martensville Mayor; and Sam Dyck, PSSD Board Chair.*



## Rosthern Community School



The work at Rosthern Community School is on schedule and moving forward. Note how Rosthern High (far left, with barrel roof) is dwarfed by the new school under construction!

The school will open in fall 2020.

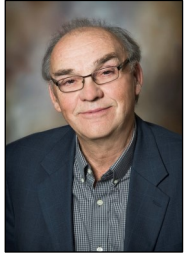
# Prairie Spirit Board of Education



## 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 + Sunnysdale  
Colonies (interim)*



## Subdivision 7

**Dawne Badrock**

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



## Subdivision 11

**Kimberly Greyeyes**

*Muskeg Lake Cree Nation*



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