



# Board of Education HIGHLIGHTS

The *Prairie Pulse Concert Band Symposium* welcomed Prairie Spirit students from around the Division to Martinsville High School on February 13.

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## Board approves plan for Ministry funding

Last month, the Ministry of Education announced a mid-year funding allocation of \$7.5 million to be distributed to school divisions in the province. The funds are to be used to address areas of greatest needs. Prairie Spirit's portion of the overall funding allocation is \$438,700.

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education approved the use of these mid-year funds at its regular meeting on February 26. Following consultation with the Administrators' Leadership Group (ALT) and with recommendations from Admin Council, the funds will be used to build and support student and staff capacity in the following areas:

- Flex staffing: increasing FTE for both teachers and EAs to meet emergent needs
- Counselling team: increasing supports, including the addition of mental health itinerant position
- PD/ILOs: building capacity around mental health supports, extreme behaviours and parent engagement
- Bus Garage: adding technical staff in the shop to align with industry standards

## Graduation Rates Report

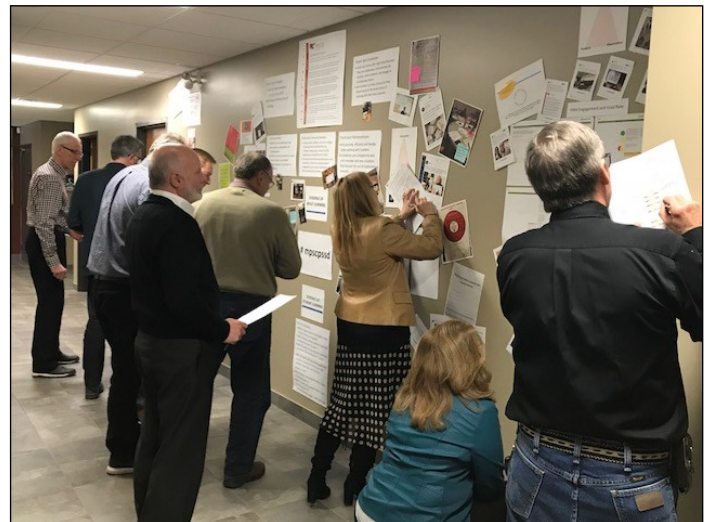
The Division's plan for improving graduation rates was presented to the Board on March 12. Kim Beaulieu, Learning Superintendent, and Dave Carter, Coordinator, described the various strategies in place to support student engagement which will impact graduation rates.

"We want our students to leave us with the skills they need to be successful," Beaulieu said. "We are looking at all students, and ensuring the highest quality education for all students," Carter added.

"For me, the collegial work and teacher to teacher sharing has been so important over the past few years," said Larry Pavloff, Board Chair. "That's My Prairie Spirit Classroom."

Trustees participated in a "wall walk" at the Division's data wall, looking for evidence and strategies that demonstrate student engagement.

"Kim and Dave are impacting the grad rate work throughout the province and in our school division," said Lori Jeschke, Director of Education. "We are very proud of them and the work they are doing with the team."



Trustees reviewed the Division's data wall for evidence of practices that support student engagement during their regular meeting on March 12.

## Early Learning Update

The Board received a report on Early Learning in the Division at its meeting on February 5. Fay Cassidy, Learning Superintendent, along with Sam Mirwald and Patricia Peech, Early Learning Consultants, presented Early Learning strategies and results. "Early Learning has a focus on play and exploration," said Cassidy. "The learning environment is central to student development."

Prairie Spirit offers a variety of professional development opportunities for Kindergarten teachers, including site visits.

The Ministry's Early Years Evaluation—Teacher Assessment (EYE-TA) is a readiness screening tool that provides information about each Kindergarten student's development and learning with a focus on reading readiness skills.

Results from the EYE-TA identify children most likely to require extra support during the Kindergarten year, based on their levels of skill development in five key domains at school entry.

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The assessment is taken in the fall and then again in the spring. The Ministry's goal is that 90% of Kindergarten students are assessed at the "ready to learn" level in the spring assessment. Prairie Spirit's result in the EYE-TA last year was 84%.

"We appreciate the support the Division provides to our youngest students and their teachers," said Sam Dyck, Vice-Chair.

### Prairie Spirits hosts Ministry colleagues

On February 26, the Deputy Minister of Education and other officials from the Ministry visited Prairie Spirit. The Ministry officials met with the Division's senior leadership team and Board Vice-Chair, Sam Dyck. The Division's work was shared through the lens of *My Prairie Spirit Classroom*, highlighting both successes and challenges.

"We were pleased to welcome our Ministry of Education colleagues for a discussion about best practices, lessons learned and our plans for the future," said Lori Jeschke, Director of Education.

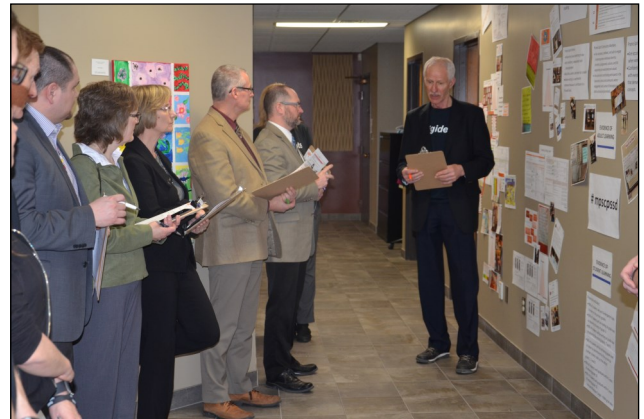


Clint Repski, Assistant Deputy Minister; Heather Balfour, Director, Ministry Learning Unit; and Donna Johnson, Assistant Deputy Minister, display their PSSD hashtag wristbands. #allstudents #engagement #collaborate



Back row: Lori Jeschke, Director; Clint Reddekopp, Learning Superintendent; Sam Dyck, Trustee; Jon Yellowlees, Learning Superintendent; Rob Currie, Deputy Minister of Education; Pat Bugler, Ministry FNMI Adviser; Fay Cassidy, Learning Superintendent and Kim Beaulieu, Learning Superintendent

Front row: Tracey Young, Learning Superintendent; Clint Repski, Assistant Deputy Minister; Donna Johnson, Assistant Deputy Minister; Bob Bayles, Deputy Director; Heather Balfour, Director, Ministry Learning Unit; Brad Nichol, Learning Superintendent; Noel Roche, Deputy Director



Sam Dyck, Board Vice-Chair, discusses Prairie Spirit's learning goals and their alignment with the Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP) during the Ministry visit to Prairie Spirit.



Congratulations to Michael Collins, former Principal of Warman High School, on the renaming of a portion of Klassen Street to Collins Street! The official ceremony was held by the City of Warman on March 13 and included Sam Dyck, Warman Trustee, as well as members of Michael's family and WHS students.

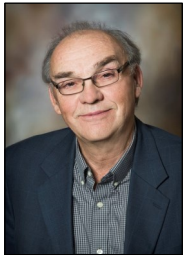
**Please note:** As a result of this street name change, Prairie Spirit's Division Office address is now: 121 Collins Street, Warman, SK, S0K 4S0.

The next Prairie Spirit Board of Education meeting will be held **Monday, April 9**, at Division Office in Warman.

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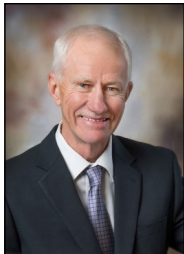
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**George Janzen**  
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Hepburn  
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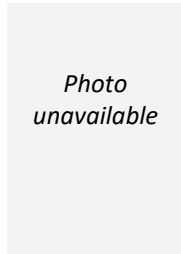
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**Board Chair**  
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Perdue  
Eagle Creek Colony  
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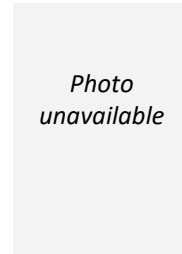
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**Subdivision 9**  
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