

Leask Community School students took part in a "Try a Trade" event in North Battleford on October 17. In this photo, students are investigating an ambulance. - photo credit: Sarah Paquette

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## Prairie Spirit reports enrolment growth

Prairie Spirit School Division is reporting another year of enrolment growth, with an increase of over 80 students this fall. Prairie Spirit has over 10,900 students in its 47 schools, effective September 30, 2018. All school divisions in the province must report their official enrolment numbers to the Ministry of Education at the end of September each year.

This represents over a decade of enrolment growth in the school division. Prairie Spirit's student enrolment has increased by approximately 2000 students since the Division was formed through the amalgamation of three school divisions in 2006.

In addition to the 10,905 students in Prairie Spirit schools, there are also over 427 home-based students in the Division.

### Board submits request for relocatable classrooms

At its meeting on October 15, the Board of Education submitted a request to the Ministry of Education for two relocatable classrooms. The classrooms are required for École Traditions Elementary School in Warman.

The French Immersion program at École Traditions Elementary School started this school year. For 2018/19, there are 28 Kindergarten students and 18 Grade 1 students in the French Immersion track.

"Two additional classrooms are required to accommodate separate language classes in 2019/20," said Noel Roche, Deputy Director. Roche provided details to the Board regarding the placement of these relocatable classrooms at Traditions.

Last year, the Division received approval and funding from the Ministry to move relocatables within the Division. The Board approved additional reserve funds to be used to cover the entire cost of these relocatable moves.

Two relocatable classrooms will be moving to Waldheim School from Valley Manor Elementary School in Martensville. In addition, a relocatable classroom from Warman High School will be moved to Dundurn School.



### **Board decision regarding Subdivision 5 vacancy**

At its October 1 meeting, the Board discussed the vacancy in Subdivision 5, which was the result of the resignation of Trustee Larry Pavloff at the end of June. Bob Bayles, Deputy Director, reviewed the options available to the Board.

To allow time for a review of subdivision boundaries, the Board chose to request permission from the Minister of Education to maintain this vacancy until the regular 2020 municipal elections.

The Board agreed to establish a Subdivision Boundary Review Committee to undertake this work.

The schools in Subdivision 5 have been allocated to other Trustees in the interim: Lord Asquith School - George Janzen; Perdue School -Bernie Howe; Eagle Creek and Sunnydale Hutterite Schools - Ken Crush.



Prairie Spirit Board of Education and Director of Education Back row (I to r): Bonnie Hope, Trustee; Bernie Howe, Trustee; George Janzen, Trustee; Sam Dyck, Board Chair; Garth Hetterly, Trustee; Pam Wieler, Trustee Front row (I to r): Lori Jeschke, Director of Education; Dawne Badrock, Trustee; Ken Crush, Board Vice-Chair; Trina Miller, Trustee Missing: Kimberly Greyeyes, Trustee

### Prairie Spirit Board meets with GSCS Board

Representatives from the Prairie Spirit Board met with their counterparts from Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (GSCS) on October 15 to discuss their new working relationship, following the opening of the joint-use schools in Warman and Martensville in September 2017.

Prairie Spirit was represented by Sam Dyck, Board Chair and Trustee for Warman; Ken Crush, Board Vice-Chair; Bonnie Hope, Trustee for Martensville; and Lori Jeschke, Director of Education. GSCS representatives included Diane Boyko, Board Chair; Wayne Stus, Trustee; and Greg Chatlain, Director of Education.

Scott Dyck, Principal of École Traditions Elementary School, and Ed Brockman, Principal of Holy Trinity Catholic School, also participated in the discussion, sharing their perspectives on the operation of a joint-use school. The principals shared a variety of ways that the two schools are working together and creating a new learning community.

The two Boards agreed on the importance of building and maintaining strong relationships in this partnership work.

# Prairie Spirit Board of Education



**Subdivision 1** Pam Wieler

Blaine Lake Laird Leask Waldheim Green Leaf, Riverbend and Leask Colonies



**Subdivision 4 George Janzen** Dalmenv Hepburn Osler Lord Asquith School (interim)



### **Subdivision 7 Dawne Badrock**

Clavet Dundurn Hanley South Corman Park Hillcrest Colony Lost River Colony



## **Subdivision 10** Sam Dyck **Board Chair**

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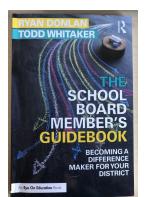
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### **Board of Education Book Club**

Board Trustees are currently participating in a book study on The School Board Member's Guidebook by Ryan Donlan and Todd Whitaker.



Trustee Bernie Howe led the discussion at the October 15 meeting. "Good governance is being involved and advocating for student needs," he explained.

Each Trustee is presenting their learnings from a chapter in the book and leading the Board's discussion.

#### Subdivision 3 **Ken Crush**

**Board Vice-Chair** Borden Lanaham Eagle Creek and Sunnydale Hutterite Schools (interim)

**Subdivision 6** 

**Bernie Howe** 

Willow Park Colony

Perdue School (interim)

Delisle

Pike Lake

Vanscoy





**Subdivision 9 Bonnie Hope** Martensville

Colonsay Riverview Colony

Subdivision 11 **Kimberly Greyeyes** Muskeg Lake Cree Nation







**Subdivision 8** Garth Hetterly Aberdeen Allan



Subdivision 2

**Trina Miller** 

Duck Lake

Rosthern

Hague