



Board of Education HIGHLIGHTS

Lord Asquith Pre-Kindergarten students enjoying a beautiful fall day.
Photo credit: Jen Mason, Lord Asquith Pre-K teacher

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PSSD supports EAL students

Members of Prairie Spirit’s English as an Additional Language (EAL) team—Liz Harrison, Cheryl Redekop and Robert Troupe—provided an overview of their work at the Board of Education meeting on September 5. For their presentation, they used a visual map of the EAL journey in the school division. Visual mapping is an effective strategy for EAL learners.

EAL supports in the school division began in 2008, with the new wave of immigration coming into the school division. At first, support was offered to a variety of schools through the allocation of one teacher’s time for this work. Since then, the work has expanded into a team approach.

When the supports were first offered almost 10 years ago, there was a focus on taking students out of the classroom to work with the Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT).

As this work has evolved, the needs of students are being met more effectively in the classroom and teachers have appropriate support. There is a high level of collaboration between the classroom teacher, the Learning Facilitator and the administrator in the work supporting EAL students. This approach is closely aligned with the big ideas found in *My Prairie Spirit Classroom*.

“Our work would dissipate without this collaboration,” said Redekop. She explained that the challenges of working with higher numbers of EAL students has required new ways of thinking and taking risks. In 2016/17, there were over 700 EAL students in the school division.

There are challenges in providing these supports in a rural school division, with a lack of translation services available in smaller communities.

“We will continue with the work, constantly asking ourselves how we can do it better,” said Harrison. This requires a commitment to adult learning, she added.

Trope is a new addition to the team. He speaks Chinese and will be offering a bridging English class at Warman High School.

The team said that strategies that benefit EAL students will truly benefit all students in the classroom.



Prairie Spirit’s English as an Additional Language (EAL) team presented to the Board of Education at its meeting on September 5; left to right: Cheryl Redekop, Rob Troupe and Liz Harrison, using a visual map to describe the EAL journey.

“We are grateful for your commitment to our students,” said Larry Pavloff, Board Chair. “You are providing supports to students and their families throughout the school division.”

Grand openings for new Prairie Spirit schools

The new schools in Prairie Spirit School Division—Traditions Elementary School in Warman and Lake Vista Public School in Martensville—opened for students on the first day of school for the 2017/18 school year.

These new schools officially celebrated their grand openings on September 18 and 19. The grand openings were joint events in conjunction with the Greater Saskatoon Catholic (GSCS) schools that share the school facilities.

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Grand Opening Celebrations (continued)

Traditions Elementary School Grand Opening (Warman)

Monday, September 18

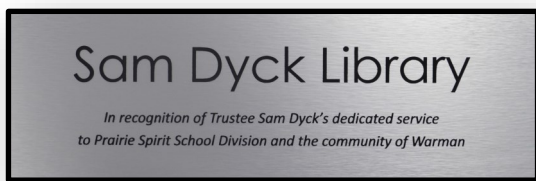
Principal: Scott Dyck

Vice-Principal: Danielle Olson

The new Minister of Education, Bronwyn Eyre, was in attendance at the joint grand opening of Traditions Elementary School and the new Catholic school, Holy Trinity Catholic School, in Warman.

Prairie Spirit's Board Chair, Larry Pavloff, was part of the official program. "The school has beautiful indoor and outdoor learning spaces designed for collaboration, side by side learning, school community building, inclusion and innovation," he said in his official remarks. "We know this new learning community will support our students as they develop the skills of twenty-first century learners."

As a special tribute to the Trustee from Warman, the Traditions Elementary School library was named the Sam Dyck Library following the grand opening ceremony.



Special sign unveiled for the Sam Dyck Library at Traditions Elementary School

Lake Vista Public School Grand Opening (Martensville)

Tuesday, September 19

Principal: Chris Mason

Vice-Principal: Heather Wright-Ohryn

Nancy Heppner, Minister of Energy and Resources and MLA for Martensville-Warman, represented the Minister of Education at the Grand Opening ceremony in Martensville. Former Minister of Education, Don Morgan, was also in attendance.

As part of his formal remarks, Pavloff encouraged the students to continue to learn throughout their lives and to take advantage of the learning opportunities they will have at Lake Vista Public School.

The next Prairie Spirit Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 2, at Division Office in Warman.

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Grand Opening of Traditions Elementary School and Holy Trinity Catholic School

Left to right: Wayne Stus, GSCS Trustee; Sam Dyck, PSSD Trustee; Nancy Heppner, MLA; Bronwyn Eyre, Minister of Education; Ed Brockman, Holy Trinity School Principal; Holy Trinity student; Scott Dyck, Traditions Elementary School Principal; Traditions Elementary School student; Larry Pavloff, PSSD Board Chair; Sheryl Spence, Mayor of Warman; Diane Boyko, GSCS Board Chair; Lori Jeschke, PSSD Director of Education; Greg Chatlain, GSCS Director of Education



Naming of Sam Dyck Library at Traditions Elementary School

Prairie Spirit Trustees (left to right): Bonnie Hope, George Janzen, Garth Hetterly, Larry Pavloff, Sam Dyck, Pam Wieler, Trina Miller and former Board Trustee, Keith Wagner



Grand Opening of Lake Vista Public School and École Holy Mary Catholic

Left to right: Wayne Stus, GSCS Trustee; Greg Chatlain, GSCS Director of Education; Diane Boyko, GSCS Board Chair; Nancy Heppner, MLA; Luisa Giocoli, Principal, École Holy Mary; École Holy Mary student; Chris Mason, Principal of Lake Vista Public School; Lake Vista student; Don Morgan, former Minister of Education; Larry Pavloff, PSSD Board Chair; Bonnie Hope, Trustee; Lori Jeschke, PSSD Director of Education

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



Subdivision 2

Trina Miller

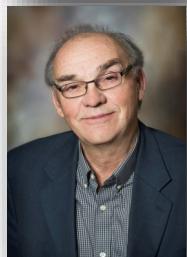
*Duck Lake
Hague
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*Borden
Langham*



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Colonsay
Riverview Colony*



Subdivision 9

Bonnie Hope

Martensville



Subdivision 10

Sam Dycx

Board Vice-Chair
Warman



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Kimberly Greeyes

*Muskeg Lake
Cree Nation*



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First Nation*



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