

Board of Education HIGHLIGHTS



École Traditions Elementary School launched the Division's first French Immersion (FI) program this fall. The French Immersion program at Traditions has 28 Kindergarten students and 18 Grade 1 students. Lindsay Martel, Grade 1 FI teacher (right), and Danielle Olson, Vice-Principal (left), interact with students on September 7.

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Caring, Healthy and Safe Schools

The Division's Caring, Healthy and Safe Schools Committee presented its work to the Board at the Board's regular meeting on September 4.



The Division's Caring, Healthy and Safe Schools Committee presenting at the Board meeting. (l-r: Brad Nichol, Learning Superintendent and Coordinators: Dave Carter, Peggy Mattila-Bains and Diane Kendall)

The Committee—consisting of Brad Nichol, Learning Superintendent, Fay Cassidy, Learning Superintendent and Coordinators Dave Carter, Peggy Mattila-Bains and Diane Kendall—shared the many ways the Division supports safe and healthy learning environments in schools and offices. Nichol emphasized that this work is as much preventative and proactive as it is responsive to critical incidents or issues.

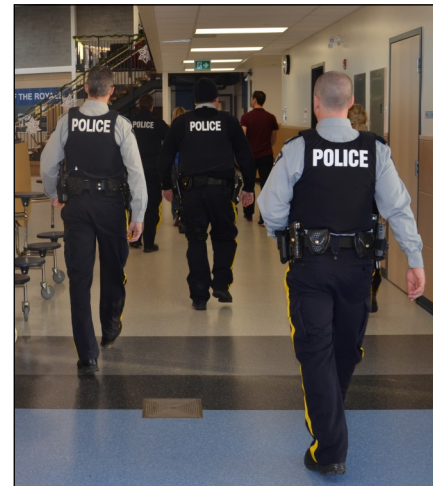
Diane Kendall described strategies in place to support mental health for students. This year, the school division has dedicated a counsellor to work with mental health in Division schools. In addition, a trauma-informed classroom counsellor is in place to support counsellors and teachers.

"Our goal is to be much more strategic in terms of how we deliver services," Kendall said. "Our work is big, but it is very exciting and we feel hopeful," she added.

Peggy Mattila-Bains described initiatives underway to support parent engagement as part of the safe schools strategy. Parents are a key component of student success. Prairie Spirit is planning a special School Community Council (SCC) conference in October

called "Growing Together". The day-long workshop will offer a variety of learning opportunities for parents and teachers as they work together to support students.

Dave Carter explained how the Division supports safe learning environments by ensuring school facilities are prepared for hold and secure or lockdown scenarios. Local RCMP officers are working with Prairie Spirit schools to ensure protocols are carefully followed so that students and staff are prepared for a possible critical incident.



Warman RCMP officers accompanying Martensville High School administrators during a lockdown drill at the school last year.

"We want to make our schools as safe as possible, while keeping a welcoming environment," he explained.

Carter also described the *Free Spirit Outreach Program* for students who are not able to be successful in school, due to mental health, behavior or legal issues. Prairie Spirit's outreach teacher works with a number of students throughout the Division, with the goal of stabilization and re-integration into the classroom.

"We are a Division that works hard to take care of our schools and our communities. I want to say how much I appreciate your work," said Lori Jeschke, Director of Education.

Prairie Spirit's 2018/19 budget

The Division's 2018/19 budget was approved by the Board at its regular meeting on June 18. The budget document was then submitted to the Ministry for formal approval.

Please go to the following [link](#) to see a snapshot of how Prairie Spirit's funding for 2018/19 is allocated in the budget to support student learning.

Disestablishment of Subdivision 12 (Mistawasis)

At the request of Mistawasis First Nation and with the approval of the Minister of Education, Subdivision 12 (Mistawasis) has been disestablished and removed from Prairie Spirit School Division, effective July 17, 2018.

This change required the approval of the Board of Education, which was formalized by Board motion at the May 23 meeting. William Badger, Mistawasis Trustee, resigned from his position on the Board in March.

"As neighbours and partners in education, Prairie Spirit will continue to offer educational services and supports to Mistawasis," said Sam Dyck, Board Chair.

Subdivision 5 schools reallocated

Subdivision 5 Trustee, Larry Pavloff, resigned from the Board effective June 30.

At its regular meeting on August 20, the Board temporarily allocated schools in that subdivision to the following Trustees:

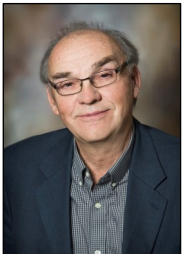
Subdivision 5 schools	Trustee
Lord Asquith School	George Janzen
Perdue School	Bernie Howe
Eagle Creek Hutterite School	Ken Crush
Sunnydale Hutterite School	Ken Crush

The Board will be determining plans for the Subdivision 5 vacancy in the next few weeks.

Prairie Spirit Board of Education



Subdivision 1
Pam Wieler
*Blaine Lake
Laird
Leask
Waldheim
Green Leaf, Riverbend
and Leask Colonies*



Subdivision 4
George Janzen
*Dalmeny
Hepburn
Osler*



Subdivision 7
Dawne Badrock
*Clavet
Dundurn
Hanley
South Corman Park
Hillcrest Colony
Lost River Colony*



Subdivision 10
Sam Dyck
Board Chair
Warman



Subdivision 2
Trina Miller
*Duck Lake
Hague
Rosthern*



Vacant

Subdivision 5
*Asquith
Perdue
Eagle Creek Colony
Sunnydale Colony*



Subdivision 8
Garth Hetterly
*Aberdeen
Allan
Colonsay
Riverview Colony*



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Subdivision 11
Kimberly Greyeyes
*Muskeg Lake
Cree Nation*



Subdivision 3
Ken Crush
Board Vice-Chair
*Borden
Langham*



Subdivision 6
Bernie Howe
*Delisle
Pike Lake
Vanscoy
Willow Park Colony*



Subdivision 9
Bonnie Hope
Martensville

