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Prairie Spirit Board holds organizational meeting

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education held its annual organizational meeting on November 28 and elected its Chair and Vice-Chair for the upcoming year. Bernie Howe will serve another term as Chair, with Kate Kading continuing to serve as Vice-Chair.

As part of the organizational meeting, all Prairie Spirit Trustees were assigned to a variety of roles on Board Committees for the 2022/23 year.



Bernie Howe

Bernie Howe has served as a Board of Education Trustee since 1991, representing Delisle, Vanscoy, Perdue, Pike Lake and Willow Park Hutterite Colony in Subdivision 6. Bernie served as Prairie Spirit Board Chair in 2020/21 and 2021/22.

Howe thanked his fellow Trustees for his re-election as Board Chair for a third consecutive one-year term. "This kind of continuity shows a confidence and cohesiveness in our board," he said. "There is a growth in our division, our strategic planning process, and our vision for the future that will strongly support our students and their families. We've all had challenges these past few years, but it has inspired innovation and different ways of thinking, keeping our Board on the leading edge of education."



Kate Kading

Kate Kading has served as a Trustee for Subdivision 2, representing Duck Lake, Hague and Rosthern, since Board elections in November 2020. She served her first term as the Board's Vice-Chair in 2021/22.

"I am honoured to be serving as the Vice-Chair for a second year with Bernie as the Chair. It's exciting to be part of a Board and a division so committed to innovation and yet still keeping foundational learning at the core of the decisions we make. I'm looking forward to continuing to return to in person events so we can further showcase Prairie Spirit and the achievements of our learners," Kading said.

Provincial Board involvement



Kimberly Greeyes

Kimberly Greeyes, Prairie Spirit Trustee representing Muskeg Lake Cree Nation (Subdivision 11), was re-elected to lead the Indigenous Constituency at the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) annual general meeting in November. In this role, she is part of the SSBA's provincial executive and is the first Indigenous woman to be part of this leadership team. This is Kimberly's fourth consecutive term as the Indigenous Constituency Representative at the SSBA. She was first elected to this position in 2019.

"It is an honour to be returning to the SSBA Executive as Indigenous Constituency Representative. I look forward to leading and supporting the very important work underway to advance Truth and Reconciliation action in education for the benefit of all Saskatchewan students," Greeyes said.

Prairie Spirit School Division serves 12,000 students in 47 schools and 28 communities surrounding the City of Saskatoon.