

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 held in the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, commencing at 4:30 p.m.**

**Present for the meeting were Board Members:** Sam Dyck, Vice Chairperson; Joanne Brochu; Ken Crush; Deanna Greyeyes; Bonnie Hope; Bernie Howe; George Janzen; Keith Wagner; and Pam Wieler.

**Also in attendance:** John Kuzbik, Director of Education; Bob Bayles, Superintendent of Human Resources; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director.

**Guests in attendance:** Kerry Donst, Facilities Planner (joined at 4:44 p.m.; left at 5:20 p.m.)

**Absent:** Larry Pavloff; and Shantelle Watson.

Sam Dyck acted as Chair and called the public meeting to order at 4:44 p.m.

Kerry Donst, Facilities Planner, joined the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda  
Wieler

**Carried.**

2. THAT the minutes of February 9, 2015, be adopted as presented.

Minutes  
Wagner

**Carried.**

3. THAT an excused absence be granted to Larry Pavloff for today's meeting.

Excused  
Absences  
Howe

**Carried.**

The following motions arose from Committee of the Whole.

4. THAT the Board reduce the Governance budget by 5% for the 2015/16 fiscal year.

Board  
Governance  
Budget  
Crush

**Carried.**

5. THAT the Board approve the Provincial Funding Shortfall Information for parents as attached and forming part of these minutes.

Funding  
Shortfall Info  
for Parents  
Hope

**Carried.**

Kerry Donst presented the decision report regarding general contracting services tender. General contractors were evaluated based on experience, price, location, similar projects, technical competence and references. Future contracts will be awarded to successful contractors on a cost-plus basis. Prairie Spirit has the option of tendering projects in excess of \$400,000.

6. THAT the Board approval the following contractors to provide general contracting services for Prairie Spirit School Division:

General  
Contractors  
Crush

- Saskatoon Fire & Flood Ltd.
- Con-Tech General Contractors Ltd.
- Kim Constructors Ltd.

**Carried.**

Kerry Donst reviewed the decision report requesting approval for submission of Emergent Funding Program Application to the Ministry of Education for \$1.5 Million as outlined below:

- Engineering reports & temporary shoring costs - \$250,000
- Hague Elementary School - \$300,000
- Aberdeen Composite School - \$800,000
- Engineering design fees - \$150,000

The Ministry of Education has already indicated they will not fund engineering reports and temporary shoring costs.

7. THAT the Board approve the submission of the Emergent Funding Program Application to the Ministry of Education for structural repairs at Aberdeen and Hague Schools.

Emergent  
Funding  
Program  
Application  
Janzen

**Carried.**

The Ministry has also asked that the Major Capital Request for Hague schools of \$1.5 Million approved for submission by the Board at their meeting of September 8, 2014, be withdrawn.

8. THAT the Board withdraw the \$1.5 Million application for Major Capital Project Funding for Hague High School structural renovation originally approved for submission on September 8, 2014.

Revise  
Major Capital  
Project Funding  
Application  
Wagner

**Carried.**

Kerry Donst left the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

John Kuzbik presented the Joint Use Agreement with the Town of Delisle for approval.

9. THAT the Board approve the Joint Use Agreement between the Town of Delisle and Prairie Spirit School Division.

Joint Use  
Agreement -  
Delisle  
Howe

**Carried.**

John Kuzbik reviewed the quarterly financial statements as at November 30, 2014.

10. THAT the Board accepts the Quarterly Financial Statements as at November 30, 2014, as presented by Administration.

Quarterly  
Financial  
Statements  
Wieler

**Carried.**

The Board highlighted activities and meetings attended since the last Board meeting.

11. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:35 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, March 9, 2015, at 11:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn  
Dyck

**Carried.**

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Chairperson

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Secretary to the Board



# Provincial funding leads to \$6 million Prairie Spirit shortfall

## Why?

- A new education funding model has been in place in Saskatchewan since 2012.
- The funding model is intended to fund school divisions equitably so that all students in the province receive similar learning opportunities.
- The funding model fails to fund Prairie Spirit equitably.
- Prairie Spirit is funded significantly lower per student when compared to similar school divisions.

## Is this fair?

- We will have a \$6 million shortfall in 2015/16 as a result of the funding model.
- Prairie Spirit's funding per student has decreased each year since 2012 because of the new funding model.
- When compared to the highest funded school division, which is similar to Prairie Spirit, Prairie Spirit receives:
  - **\$4,000 less per student!**
  - **\$40 million less overall for the school division!**

## We have...

- Asked the Ministry of Education, the Minister of Education and local MLAs on numerous occasions to provide additional funding until the funding model is fully implemented and refined.
- Requested additional grants and project funding.
- Cut \$2 million from our operating budget over the past two years.
- Used \$3 million of limited reserve funds to balance the 2014/15 budget.

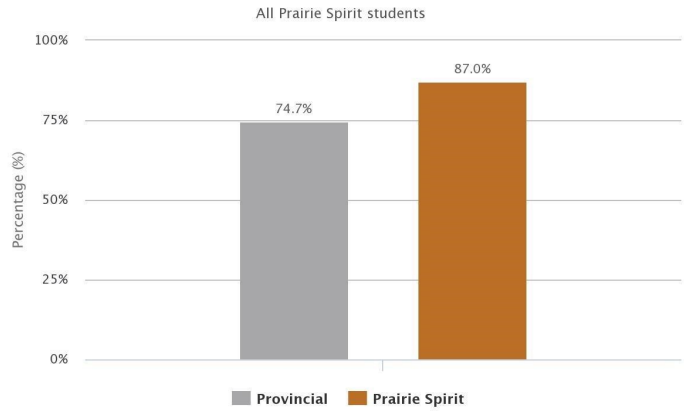
## How will your child be affected?

- We will be challenged to maintain our graduation rates, literacy and math achievement results and the success of our First Nations and Métis students, all of which are among the highest in the province.
- There will be:
  - Fewer staff working directly in schools with students;
  - Less funds to support students with diverse needs;
  - Less funds to support extra-curricular activities;
  - Less funds for student programs; and
  - Less funds for building and maintenance needs.

## For more information...

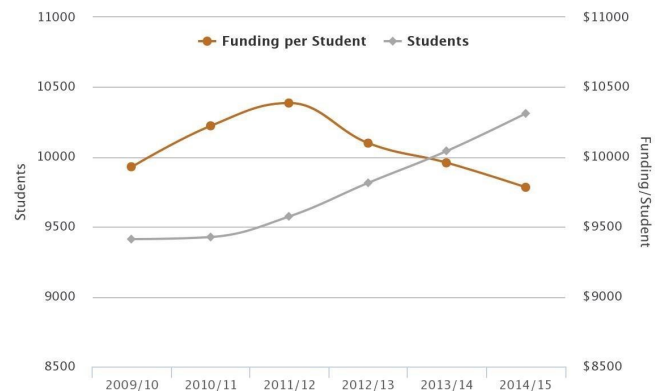
For more details about Prairie Spirit's budget and shortfall, please visit the Prairie Spirit budget blog ([budget.spiritsd.ca](http://budget.spiritsd.ca)).

Graduation Rates 2013/14



For every 100 students, Prairie Spirit graduates 12 more students than the provincial average. We will be challenged to maintain these graduation rates with a budget shortfall of this magnitude.

Base Enrollment vs. Average Funding per Student



Prairie Spirit is one of the fastest growing school divisions in the province, yet the funding per student has been declining.

## How can you help?

If you are concerned about the funding shortfall experienced by Prairie Spirit School Division, you may wish to voice your concern to:

- [Brad Wall](#) Premier of Saskatchewan  
premier@gov.sk.ca or 306-787-9433
- [Don Morgan](#) Minister of Education  
dmorgan@mha.legassembly.sk.ca or 306-787-0613

The MLAs in Prairie Spirit School Division are:

- [Greg Brkich](#) (gbrkich@mha.legassembly.sk.ca) 306-567-2843
- [Donna Harpauer](#) (dharpauer@mha.legassembly.sk.ca) 306-682-5141
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