



Board of Education HIGHLIGHTS

Students play guitar outside in the sunshine, as part of the Division's band rehearsal at Allan Composite School.
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Name chosen for new Rosthern school project

The name for the new school in Rosthern was recently approved by the Board of Education. The new school, which will consolidate Rosthern Elementary and Rosthern High School, will be called: **Rosthern Community School.**

The Board of Education approved the name for the new school project in Rosthern at its regular meeting on April 9.

The naming process for the new school started with name suggestions collected from students, staff, parents and community members in February and March.

A small subcommittee representing Rosthern Elementary, Rosthern High School, the Town of Rosthern, Rosthern community members and the Division reviewed the submissions and made recommendations to the Prairie Spirit Board of Education. The Board made the final decision about the school's name.

The school's new name adds to the excitement during the construction phase. The school will open for students in fall 2020.



Architect's illustration of Rosthern Community School



Photos taken on May 23 show the progress at the Rosthern Community School construction site

Privacy and Freedom of Information presentation

The Board received a presentation on a wide range of privacy issues from lawyer Geraldine Knudsen at its meeting on April 29. Knudsen is a lawyer with the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA).

She referenced *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (LAFOIP) in her presentation. The LAFOIP legislation refers specifically to public organizations like school divisions.

Knudsen told the Board that all school division information must be made available to the public unless the Act specifically states that certain information is not to be released to the public.

She also recommended that the Board and senior leadership keep the following principles in mind when collecting data and records:

- Collect only what is required
- Ensure security of records
- Use, access and disclose records appropriately
- Retain records only as long as needed

She also cautioned the Board and its officials to be careful about how records and data are stored and who can access information in the organization.

Board approves PMR plan

The Board approved a three-year Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR) plan for the Division's schools, offices and buildings at its regular meeting on May 21.

The plan details a number of school projects, including repairs and improvements for mechanical systems, electrical systems, roofing, HVAC systems, etc.

PMR funding is determined by the Ministry of Education and is based on the square footage of Division buildings. For 2019/20, Prairie Spirit was allocated \$2.7 million for PMR projects.

Each school division must create an extensive plan for PMR funds every year.

The Division's PMR plan is approved by the Board of Education and then submitted to the Ministry of Education every year.

School Community Council Spring Assembly

Board Trustees attended the SCC Spring Assembly on April 17 at Division Office. This special event began with a soup supper served by students from Leask Community School, along with their teacher Sarah Paquette.

The Division's work in the area of mental health literacy and training was a focus of the evening. Counsellor Diane Clark explained Prairie Spirit's work and leadership in this area.

Another highlight of the SCC Assembly was the launching of the Division's new SCC handbook. The handbook will provide practical guidance to SCCs throughout the school division.



Sam Dyck, Board Chair, welcomed SCC members



Director Lori Jeschke speaks to the SCC Assembly at Division Office



Leask Community School students prepared the meal for the SCC Assembly
Principal Lindsey Buryum (far left) and teacher Sarah Paquette (far right)

Prairie Spirit Board of Education



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



Subdivision 4

George Janzen

*Dalmeny
Hepburn
Osler
Asquith, Aberdeen +
Riverview Colony (interim)*



Subdivision 9

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Martensville



Subdivision 2

Trina Miller

*Duck Lake
Hague
Rosthern*



Subdivision 6

Bernie Howe

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Vanscoy
Willow Park Colony
Perdue (interim)*



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