



Board of Education HIGHLIGHTS

Clavet Composite School students created this colourful, collaborative art project, drawing inspiration from Kandinsky's concentric circles and The Dot by Peter Reynolds.
- photo credit: Kathryn Swiatecki on Twitter



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**PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION**
Learners for Life
Located within Treaty 6 Territory

Renovation projects

The Board received an update regarding a number of renovation projects underway at Division schools. The update was provided at the Board meeting on September 7.

Funding for these projects and for the construction of a new school in Blaine Lake was announced by the provincial government as part of stimulus funding in June 2020.

The Aberdeen project was completed in July. All other projects are ongoing (see list below).

The new school project in Blaine Lake is expected to be ready for tender by the end of 2021, with construction starting in March 2022. The project is expected to be complete by September 2023.



School	Project	Cost
Aberdeen Composite	roof replacement	\$858,000
Allan Composite	structural repairs	\$2.3 million
Clavet Composite	school upgrades	\$5 million
Blaine Lake Composite	new school	\$10.6 million
Delisle Composite	roof replacement	\$1 million
Hague Elem + High	structural repairs	\$500,000
Hepburn School	mechanical upgrades	\$1.2 million
Walter W. Brown	mechanical upgrades	\$3.5 million

Nomination for Premier's Award for Innovation

The Board approved a nomination for Spirit eLearning School, Prairie Spirit's online K-12 school, to the Premier's Award for Innovation and Excellence.

The Board strongly supported the creation of a comprehensive online school as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Spirit eLearning School (SeLS) is innovative in the way the school's virtual classrooms mirror typical Prairie Spirit classrooms in terms of daily schedule, routines and expectations.

Developed in 1999, the Premier's Award recognizes educational innovations and improvements focused on student achievement that have been advanced or directed by boards of education. The \$3,000 prize is to be used to support or extend the innovation or project.

This year's Premier's Award winner will be announced at the Saskatchewan School Boards General Assembly in November.

Trustee Highlight



Ken Crush has served as the Board of Education Trustee for Subdivision 3 (Langham and Borden) since 2013.

Ken was a teacher and administrator, completing his teaching career at Langham Elementary School as Principal.

He was the Assistant Director of Pupil Services for Saskatoon

West School Division until his retirement in 2001. After his retirement, he facilitated educational seminars for Educational Associates for the U of S Leadership unit for a number of years.

"I have worked for school boards as an administrator, so the governance role as a Trustee was certainly a shift for me!" he explained.

For Ken, visiting Prairie Spirit schools has been the highlight of his work as a Trustee. He has also been part of the hiring process for two new Directors of Education for the Division, as well as other school administrators.

Ken has also served as a Board member for the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation. He served as the Board Vice-Chair and found that role rewarding and challenging.

Ken says the development and growth of *My Prairie Spirit Classroom* is a highlight of his time as a Trustee.

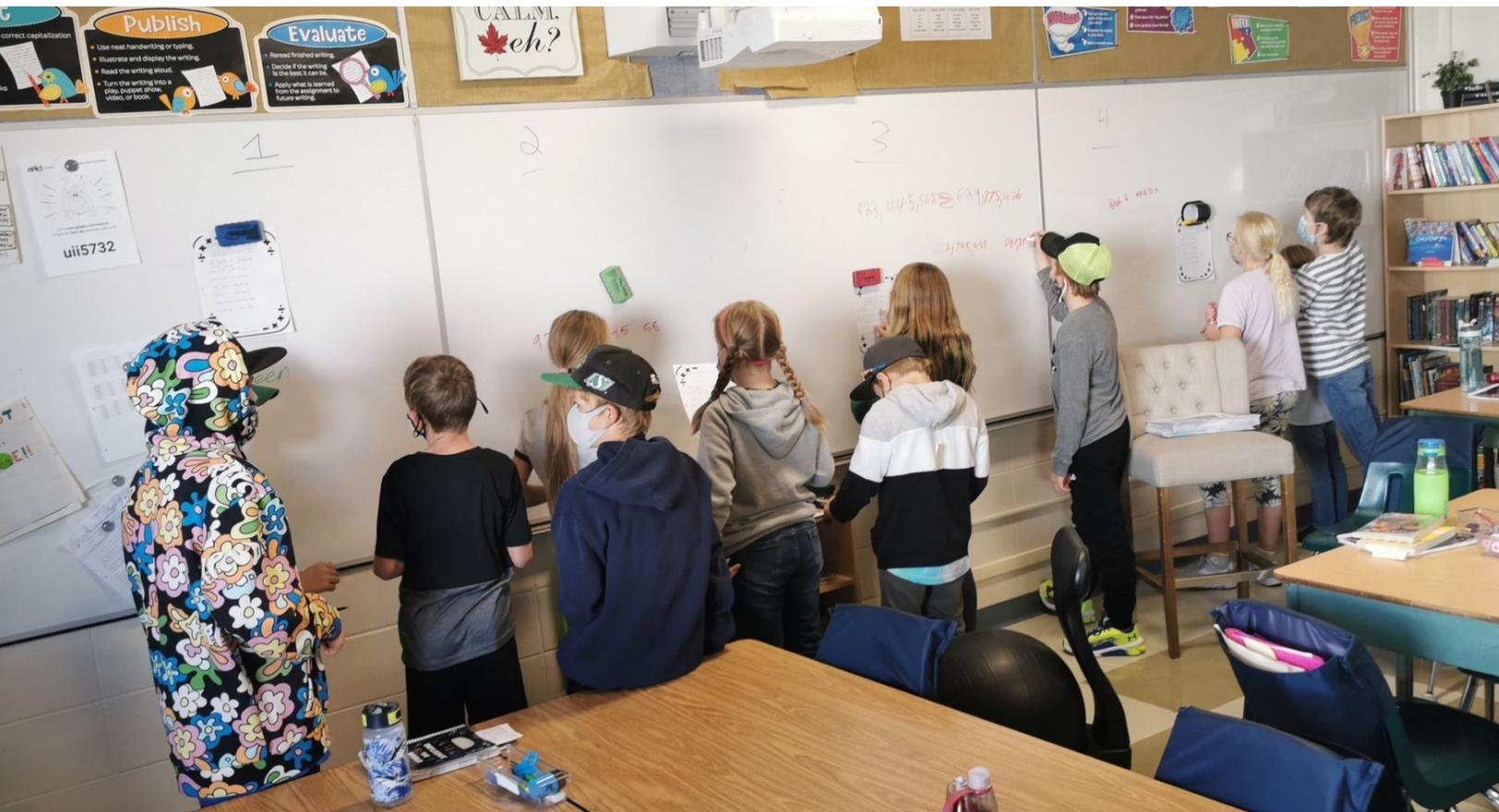
Ken is also active in his community, including involvement in the Saskatoon Unitarians, North Saskatchewan River Basin Council, and the Biggar-Sask Valley NDP executive.



Ken Crush (right), Trustee and former Board Vice-Chair, with Premier Scott Moe (left) and Sam Dyck (centre), former Board Chair, at the sod turning for Rosthern Community School in September 2018.

The Thinking Classroom in action at Aberdeen Composite School earlier this month.

- photo credit: Mitch Rohrke, Aberdeen Composite School on Twitter



Martensville student chosen for Provincial Youth Council

Grayson Hanley, a Grade 12 student at Martensville High School, will participate in the [Provincial Youth Council](#) throughout the 2021/22 school year.



Grayson Hanley

Twelve students from around the province were chosen to participate in the Youth Council. Students were nominated to be part of the Youth Council through their school divisions.

The Youth Council will have meetings with the Minister and Ministry officials during the school year.

The Ministry of Education describes the Youth Council as an opportunity for students to “address meaningful issues directly with the Minister of Education... while also providing guidance on how to better engage students.”

Grayson believes that a strong education system stems from the ideas and voices of all those involved. Every student, teacher and parent deserves the opportunity to share their ideas, opinions and thoughts equally.

He believes that knowledge, understanding and respect are essential to building strong relationships, allowing others to know their ideas and opinions matter.

Grayson has lived in Martensville almost all his life and takes pride in his community involvement through sports, work, and community events.

He enjoys living in the growing and thriving city that has awarded him many opportunities through education and especially sports.

Grayson’s involvement includes being a part of many school committees and councils, as a referee, a janitor in the elementary schools, and a lifeguard and swimming instructor at the local pool.

Grayson has been a leader in various groups such as the Prairie Spirit Student Voice Council and Martensville High School’s Indigenous Students Society.

Prairie Spirit Board of Education

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