

Board Advocacy



Provincial Budget announcements

South Corman Park School

The Board is excited to share that the Ministry of Education has announced approval for a major renovation project at South Corman Park School to transform it into a Kindergarten - Grade 12 school. This was part of the budget day announcement from the Government of Saskatchewan this week.

The budget announcement includes funding for the design of the project. Once this major renovation project design is determined, this will be a multi-year project.

We know families will have many questions about this exciting project. More information will be provided to South Corman Park families once plans are developed. Our planning will include meaningful consultation with students, staff and the community. Over the years, many South Corman Park families have advocated for a K-12 school in their area. Once the project is completed, students will be able to spend their entire school career in their community.

Waldheim School

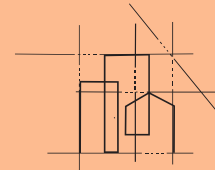
The Ministry of Education announced approval for a renovation project at Waldheim School. This project will include renovations in the gymnasium including the roof, washrooms/change rooms, hardwood flooring, mechanical system upgrades and revitalizing the stage.

This work will be planned to start as soon as possible. We know these renovations will be welcome and will support a positive learning environment at the school. We are excited that Waldheim students will have the opportunity to learn and play in an updated space.

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The Board regularly advocates to the Ministry for the funding needed for Prairie Spirit students and school facilities. The Board is well informed of the requirements for each school facility and community and determines the most pressing needs. The Board approved its major capital priorities for 2025/26 at its meeting in January. The Board's major capital priorities include a new joint use high school for Warman and Martensville and a consolidated K-12 school in Langham.

This work is part of the Board's goal of Innovative Stewardship in the Division's strategic plan for 2023 - 2026. As part of this goal, the Board seeks to increase supports through informed advocacy.



Board Pride & Joy

Busing in Prairie Spirit

The Board appreciates and celebrates the valuable role of bus drivers in Prairie Spirit. Prairie Spirit bus drivers are often the first staff members to greet students in the morning and the last staff contact at the end of the school day. Thank you to all bus drivers for being that friendly face, providing an encouraging word and for your commitment to student safety on your bus.

The Board received a comprehensive student transportation report from the Division's Transportation Department at the Board's regular meeting on February 23.

Every school day, Prairie Spirit buses over 5700 students with 146 routes, covering 20,000 km. Prairie Spirit drivers benefit from excellent training from the Division.

Prairie Spirit's Transportation Services Department is recognized by SGI for its excellent training and safety record.



A Prairie Spirit bus pulling into Clavet Composite School.

Board Learning

Board Professional Development

In order to serve Prairie Spirit's communities, Trustees ensure they have the information they need to make decisions for the benefit of students. The Board met for a planning workshop in January with a focus on communication and student supports.

Trustees received a comprehensive presentation on how student supports are planned and allocated in Prairie Spirit schools. As a result, Trustees gained a greater understanding of classroom management in Prairie Spirit schools. This information will assist Trustees in effectively advocating to the Ministry of Education for additional funding for student supports.

Trustees also discussed their personal "compelling why" for joining the Board of Education and how that impacts their work as Trustees.



Trustees l to r:

Christa-Ann Willems, Angela Bothner, Kimberly Greeyes, Pam Wieler, Kimberly MacLean, Adin Dereniwski, Kate Kading, Dawne Badrock, Bernie Howe, Grace Wudrick and Ken Crush

Contact information available on the [Prairie Spirit website](#).

Board Connection

Board Pancake Breakfast

Every year, Board Trustees serve a pancake breakfast for Division Office staff before the February Board meeting.

Staff members from the Division Office, School Services Building and Transportation Department were invited to enjoy the pancake breakfast before they started their workday on a snowy Monday in February.



Trustees Bernie Howe, Adin Dereniwski and Dawne Badrock worked hard in the kitchen!