



Waldheim School hosted 1A Girls Soccer Provincials at the end of October, with the Waldheim team winning the bronze medal.

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Board of Education organizational meeting

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education held its annual organizational meeting as part of the Board’s regular meeting on Monday, November 16.

The Board elected Larry Pavloff as its Chair for the sixth consecutive year. Pavloff has been a Prairie Spirit Trustee since the school division was formed through the amalgamation of three legacy school divisions in 2006.

He was a high school teacher for 30 years and currently runs a small business. “In my role as a Trustee, I want to continue to work for students from a position away from the classroom,” Pavloff said.



Larry Pavloff

The Board has also committed to continuing its advocacy work for equitable funding with the provincial government and to submitting a balanced budget in June 2016.

Because the 2015/16 budget was balanced through the use of \$2.5 million in reserve funds, the school division will begin budget deliberations with a \$2.5 million deficit. The provincial Education Funding Model Review Committee is expected to complete its work in January 2016, and will make public recommendations. This work may have an impact on Prairie Spirit’s level of funding.

Martensville High School construction and renovation project

Students and staff at Martensville High School have moved into the newly constructed addition to the school. At its November 2 meeting, the Board approved an amendment to the school’s calendar to remove one instructional day to allow for the move on Thursday, November 5.



The Martensville Athletic Pavilion (left) is attached to the new addition to Martensville High School (right). The existing school building will now be renovated. The entire project is scheduled for completion in 2016.

This expansion project has effectively doubled the size of the school facility, adding approximately 50,000 square feet to the building.

Next Board of Education meeting:

Monday, December 7, 2015
Division Office, Warman



Sam Dyck

Trustee Sam Dyck was re-elected as the Board’s Vice-Chair, a position he has held since 2008. He was first elected as a Trustee of the legacy Sask Valley School Division in 2000, after serving as a District Board Trustee for nine years.

“For me, being a Trustee is a part of my community service,” he explained. “As a Trustee, it is my responsibility to advocate for all children and youth.”

In addition to the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Board approved membership in a variety of Board and Staff Committees.

Budget 2016/17

The Board of Education has determined the priorities, principles and commitments that will guide the development of the 2016/17 budget. The Board’s budget priorities continue to be **student and adult learning**.

“In order to support improved student achievement, we must support adult learning in our school division,” explained Board Chair Larry Pavloff.

The Board identified the fundamental values that will direct their budget decisions for 2015/16:

- Supporting a “student first” approach
- Supporting the *My Prairie Spirit Classroom* philosophy
- Gathering voice
- Ensuring transparent communication
- Following respectful practices

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Prairie Spirit Board of Education



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Pam Wieler

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



Subdivision 4

George Janzen

*Dalmeny
Hepburn
Osler*



Subdivision 7

Dawne Badrock

*Clavet
Dundurn
Hanley
South Corman Park
Hillcrest Colony*



Subdivision 10

Sam Dyck

Board Vice-Chair
Warman



Subdivision 2

Keith Wagner

*Duck Lake
Hague
Rosthern*



Subdivision 5

Larry Pavloff
Board Chair

*Asquith
Perdue
Eagle Creek Colony
Sunnydale Colony*



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Subdivision 9

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Martensville



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*Mistawasis
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The purpose of the **Board of Education Highlights** newsletter is to inform Prairie Spirit staff about the work of the Board of Education and its impact on student learning and staff supports.

