

Highlights

Board Governance

Board organizational meeting

The Board held its annual organizational meeting at the October 27 Board meeting. Kate Kading (Trustee for Subdivision 2 - Duck Lake, Hague, and Rosthern) returns as Board Chair for a second one-year term. Kate has served on a number of Board Committees, including Governance (Chair), Finance and Risk, and Bargaining.

Kimberly MacLean (Trustee for Subdivision 9 - Martensville) was re-elected to serve a second term as Board Vice-Chair. Kimberly has served on several Board Committees, including Finance and Risk (Chair for 25/26), Bargaining and HR.

These Board leadership positions are determined by Trustees every fall. Congratulations to both leaders!

As part of the Board's organizational meeting, Trustees were appointed to a variety of Board committees for the 2025/26 school year. The Board also works with staff in areas such as athletics, transportation and Indigenous Perspectives, Partnerships and Outcomes. Provincially, the Board is actively engaged with the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA).

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education consists of 11 dedicated Trustees representing subdivisions across the school division. Together, they provide strategic direction and governance for Prairie Spirit School Division for a four-year term (2024-2028).



Kate Kading
Board Chair



Kimberly MacLean
Board Vice-Chair

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School Review - Laird School

After passing a motion at its regular meeting on September 22, the Prairie Spirit Board of Education is conducting a review of Laird School to evaluate its operations and consider options such as status quo, discontinuing certain grades or closing the school, in accordance with *The School Division Administration Regulations*. This step is being taken due to current enrolment trends at the school and the needs of the school facility. There will be no changes to Laird School during this current school year.



As part of the legislated school review process, a School Review Committee has been formed with representation from the Laird School Community Council and the local Rural Municipalities and the Village of Laird. The Committee will share information with the public, gather feedback, and provide recommendations to the Board of Education as the Board considers the future of Laird School. The school review process is designed to ensure community consultation and consideration of all relevant factors before any decisions are made by the Board of Education.

More details

- Division's website: www.spiritsd.ca/lairdschoolreview
- *The School Division Administration Regulations*: [RRS c E-0.2 Reg 26](#) | [The School Division Administration Regulations](#) | CanLII
- Board policy: [323 – Viable Schools.pdf](#)
- School Review timeline: [J-Viable-School-Calendar-Guidelines](#)

Enrolment update

We are pleased to report that the Division's enrolment for 2025/26 is higher than projections and slightly higher than last year. Prairie Spirit's total enrolment as of September 30, is 11,620. The largest enrolment increase is in the area of home-based education. The Division's urban schools had an average enrolment increase of 2.6 students/school, while rural schools had an average decrease of 1.7 students per school.



All school divisions in the province must report their official enrolment numbers to the Ministry of Education at the end of September each year. Enrolment is a key factor in determining provincial funding to school divisions.

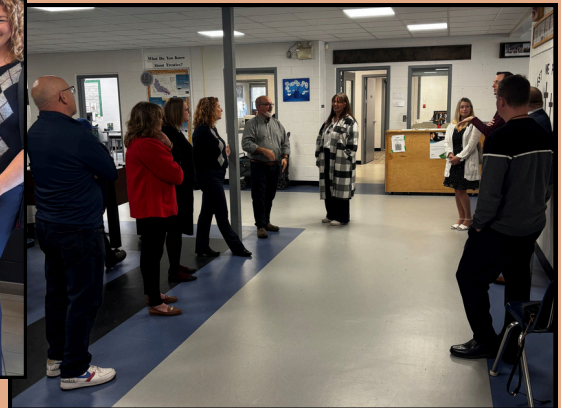
Prairie Spirit is monitoring the number of student registrations in the Sask Distance Learning Centre (SDLC), the provincial online school.

Trustees visiting Division schools

Board Trustees enjoyed visiting schools in Waldheim and Hague in late October to meet with school administrators and celebrate the good work being done at each school.



Board Trustees at Waldheim School with Stephen Kowalchuk, Vice-Principal (second from left) and Diana Jemieff, Principal (third from right)



Board Trustees at Hague High School with Brett Berry, Principal (centre)

Provincial Leadership – Trustee Kimberly Greyeyes

We are pleased to announce that Kimberly Greyeyes, Trustee for Muskeg Lake Cree Nation (Subdivision 11), has once again been selected for an important provincial leadership role. Kimberly was re-elected to represent the Indigenous Constituency as part of the Saskatchewan Schools Boards Association (SSBA) Executive at the SSBA annual general meeting in Regina in November.

In this provincial role, Kimberly continues to offer thoughtful leadership and strong advocacy. Her re-election reflects both her ongoing dedication and the confidence that trustees from across the province place in her work. Congratulations, Kimberly!



Kimberly Greyeyes
Trustee