



As part of an initiative called "Laird Cares," Laird students are highlighting what they are thankful for.

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**PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION**

Located within Treaty 6 Territory

Prairie Spirit Board approves renewed Strategic Plan (2023-2026)

The Board approved the Division's renewed strategic plan at its meeting on March 20. Staff, families and other community stakeholders were surveyed in the process of creating this renewed plan, which will be in place from 2023 - 2026.

The Board was pleased with the response to the survey, as approximately 3,800 survey responses were collected. In the survey responses, families and staff shared very similar priorities. These priorities – which include additional supports for students and instructional support – are reflected in the new strategic plan. The Division's strategic plan also aligns with the new provincial education plan. The Division's plan will be shared this spring.

Prairie Spirit Board approves capital priorities

The Board approved the Division's Major Capital Project Application to the Ministry of Education for 2024/25 at its regular meeting on January 23.

Every year, the Ministry of Education accepts funding applications from school divisions for a maximum of three major capital requests. The Ministry of Education will review all capital requests from divisions all around the province and determine which projects are approved for the 2024 budget by next March.

Major capital project priorities

The Division's current major capital priorities (projects over \$10 million) for 2024/25 are:

- 1. South Corman Park School - application to expand to a K-12 school**

This expanded school would reduce pressure on Clavet and attract and retain students currently migrating to Saskatoon schools. Total project budget: \$12 - \$22 million.

- 2. Joint-use high school – Warman/Martensville**

All Warman schools are at or approaching maximum capacity. A new facility would allow the Division to balance enrolment and manage future growth. Total project budget: to be determined based on enrolment at the time of approval.

- 3. Consolidated K-12 school in Langham**

There is community support for a K-12 school in Langham. An addition and further renovations would be required to accommodate all students in one building. Total project budget: \$10 million, depending on scope.

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Minor capital project priorities

The Ministry also accepts annual submissions for minor capital projects—projects between \$1 - \$10 million—that will be completed in a one to two-year time frame.

Prairie Spirit's two minor capital priorities for 2024/25 are:

1. **Waldheim School:** Structural repairs and renovation, with a total project budget of \$3 - \$5 million, depending on scope.
2. **Delisle Composite School:** Renovation and mechanical upgrades, with a total project budget of \$5 - \$7 million, depending on scope.

Board endorsement of Provincial Education Plan (2020 - 2030)

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education approved the Provincial Education Plan in principle at its meeting on February 27. Other school divisions in the province have also approved the provincial plan.

There are four areas of focus in the Provincial Education Plan (2020 - 2030):

- Skills and knowledge for future learning, life and participation in society
- Mental health and well-being
- Connections among people and relationships between systems and structures
- Inclusive, safe and welcoming learning environments

The Ministry of Education will share the Provincial Education Plan (2020 - 2030) once it is finalized. Prairie Spirit's renewed strategic plan aligns with the Provincial Education Plan.

Annual Human Resources (HR) Report to the Board

Jon Yellowlees, HR Superintendent, and Jarid Brown, Employee Relations Manager, presented the Division's annual HR report to the Board at its meeting on February 27. Prairie Spirit employs approximately 1300 staff members.

Contract negotiations are currently underway with CUPE employees. This agreement impacts those support staff members who are members of CUPE. Some support staff are part of the Out of Scope employee group. The local agreement between Prairie Spirit and the Prairie Spirit Teachers' Association has been extended for another year to August 2024.

Yellowlees provided information about professional development and succession planning in the Division. The Division is offering specialized professional development for teachers interested in administration roles. New teachers who join Prairie Spirit benefit from an online orientation program.

Prairie Spirit continues to use online interviews when recruiting for some positions as it reduces travel time and costs while providing increased accessibility for potential candidates.

Grade reconfiguration in Langham schools

On January 23, the Prairie Spirit Board of Education approved moving Grades 4 and 5 from Langham Elementary School to Walter W. Brown School this fall. The enrolment at Langham Elementary is continuing to grow and the school facility is currently at capacity.

By making this move, the enrolment in the schools in Langham will be more balanced, providing room for all students to learn and grow together. This fall, Langham Elementary School will have Kindergarten to Grade 3, while Walter W. Brown School will have Grades 4 to 12.

Both schools will make plans to ensure a smooth and supported transition for students who are moving to Grades 4 and 5 this fall at a new school.

Prairie Spirit School Division has applied to the provincial government for the consolidation of Langham Elementary School and Walter W. Brown School into a Kindergarten to Grade 12 school. If approved, this consolidation project would require a multi-year plan.

Board advocacy

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education was pleased to welcome two local MLAs, Terry Jenson (Martensville-Warman) and Hon. Dana Skoropad (Arm River), as part of the regular Board meeting on January 23.

The Board appreciated the engaging conversation about education and working together for Saskatchewan students. The Board is committed to engaging in informed advocacy to increase supports for Prairie Spirit students.



Terry Jenson (left) and Dana Skoropad at the Board meeting



(l - r) Trustees Angela Bothner, Adin Dereniwski and Christa-Ann Willems with Terry Jenson and Dana Skoropad



Standing (l - r): Pam Wieler, Bob Bayles (CFO), Ken Crush, Darryl Bazylak (Director), Tracey Young (Deputy Director), Dawne Badrock, Adin Dereniwski, Bonnie Hope, Grace Wudrick, Christa-Anna Willems and Angela Bothner

Seated (l - r): Bernie Howe (Board Chair), Terry Jenson, MLA, Hon. Dana Skoropad, MLA, and Kate Kading (Board Vice-Chair)

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Annual Report

Prairie Spirit's 2021/22 annual report is posted on the Division's website. All school divisions in the province are required to prepare an annual report and submit it to the Ministry of Education for approval. [Prairie Spirit Board of Education 2021-22 Annual Report - PKG.pdf \(spiritsd.ca\)](#)

All school division reports are now posted on the Legislative Assembly website. [Home \(legassembly.sk.ca\)](#)

Budget Overview

An overview of Prairie Spirit's 2022/23 budget is posted on the Board's page for public review. [Prairie-Spirit-Budget-Overview.pdf \(spiritsd.ca\)](#)