



*The completion of the \$5 million major renovation project at Clavet Composite School was celebrated with Hon. Bronwyn Eyre, MLA, Prairie Spirit Board of Education Trustees, Clavet students and special guests earlier this month.*



## Prairie Spirit Board approves 2023/24 budget

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education approved its 2023/24 budget at the last Board meeting of the school year on Monday, June 19.

With additional funding announced by the provincial government in May, Prairie Spirit will receive an increase of 2.65% in provincial funding over the previous year. The Division's funding is based on a projected enrolment of 12,159 students in 2023/24, an increase of approximately 180 students over the previous school year. The Division is expecting a 3% increase in expenses for the upcoming year, compared to 2022/23.

In total, approximately 90% of Prairie Spirit's budget is dedicated to instruction, facilities and student transportation.

The balanced budget was achieved through ongoing strategic reductions, conservative budgeting practices and the use of unrestricted reserves.

## New contract for Prairie Spirit's CUPE staff members

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) members in Prairie Spirit School Division have a new contract. The new contract was signed by the Prairie Spirit Board of Education and CUPE leadership on June 19 and is retroactive to September 1, 2022, and in effect until August 31, 2025.



Back row, l to r: Tanya Fry, CUPE; Jarid Brown, Prairie Spirit; Janet Zwaan, Prairie Spirit; Kate Kading, Board Vice-Chair; Angela Bothner, Prairie Spirit Trustee

Front row: Monica Neale, CUPE; Grace Wudrick, Prairie Spirit Trustee; Lynn McCormick, CUPE and Ken Crush, Prairie Spirit Trustee

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As a result of the new contract, CUPE support staff will receive a minimum increase of 7.5% over three years, with some employee groups receiving a larger percentage as the result of market adjustments.

This agreement covers support staff throughout the Division who are CUPE members, including bus drivers, bus garage staff, administrative assistants, educational associates, caretakers, maintenance workers, computer technical support staff and school library support staff. The CUPE contract covers approximately 500 employees in Prairie Spirit School Division.

CUPE and Prairie Spirit leadership will continue to hold regular monthly meetings to support the strong working relationship between the school division and CUPE.

### **Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR) Plan**

At its May 15 meeting, the Board approved the Division's three-year Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR) plan for 2024 - 2027 for Division schools. PMR funding is provided by the provincial government based on the square footage of Division facilities.

Eligible PMR projects are architectural systems such as building envelope, roofing, or interior construction or finishes, mechanical systems such as HVAC, and electrical upgrades including LED lighting upgrades.

### **Prairie Spirit Facilities Report**

The Board received a semi-annual Facilities report regarding the operation and condition of school buildings in the Division at its May 15 Board meeting. This report includes an overview of maintenance and repair work in Division facilities. Every year, approximately 4,000 service requests are submitted by schools and completed by Division maintenance staff.

The Facilities Department monitors and reviews enrollment growth to plan accordingly for schools requiring additional space. Facilities collaborates with school administration to find solutions to building operations challenges and provides guidance on Occupational Health and Safety requirements.

Prairie Spirit's Facilities staff are continuously identifying opportunities for energy savings with all utilities, for example: LED lighting upgrades, etc.

### **Board of Education meeting with Prairie Spirit Teachers' Association (PSTA)**

The Board of Education meets with the PSTA Executive twice each year with a focus on relationship building. The Board and the PSTA Executive met on June 14 for an engaging discussion of current priorities for each organization.



Prairie Spirit marked National Indigenous Peoples Day with a wonderful program at Division Office on June 20, sharing the Division's story of learning and growing in the area of Indigenous perspectives, partnerships and outcomes. The theme for the program was: *mamawi wuskwiytan – Moving Forward Together!* The program included students from Stobart Community School, Hague High School and Rosthern Community School.





Prairie Spirit Board Trustees recently toured four Prairie Spirit schools, including Prairie View Elementary School in Dalmeny, to hear about the good work firsthand and see the pride and joy of staff and students in each school.

(l - r): Christa-Ann Willems, Trustee; Grace Wudrick, Trustee; Pam Wieler, Trustee; Kate Kading, Board Vice-Chair; Tracey Young, Deputy Director; Ken Crush, Trustee; Dawne Badrock, Trustee; Adin Dereniwski, Trustee; Darryl Bazylak, Director; and Lee Coates, Acting Interim Principal

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