

Highlights

**Board
Connections**

Trustees advocating for Prairie Spirit students and staff

At the heart of the Prairie Spirit Board of Education’s [strategic plan](#) is a commitment to “Innovative Stewardship”—which includes championing the needs of Prairie Spirit students and schools through informed, impactful advocacy.

The Prairie Spirit Board regularly invites MLAs to meet to discuss issues in education. In late February, Trustees had the opportunity to meet with four local MLAs whose constituencies are part of Prairie Spirit School Division:

- Terry Jenson, MLA for Warman and Minister of Social Services
- Barret Kropf, MLA for Dakota-Arm River and Legislative Secretary for Education
- Jamie Martens, MLA for Martensville-Blairmore and Provincial Secretary
- Darlene Rowden, MLA for Batoche and Minister of Environment

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss effective advocacy and strengthen the relationship between Prairie Spirit’s Board of Education and local MLAs.



l to r: Tracey Young, Director of Education; Terry Jenson, MLA; Christa-Ann Willems, Trustee; Kimberly MacLean, Trustee; Jamie Martens, MLA; Cindy Friesen, Trustee; Bernie Martineau, Trustee; Kate Kading, Trustee; Barret Kropf, MLA; Emily Summach, Trustee; Mike Richards, Trustee; Adin Dereniwski, Trustee; Darlene Rowden, MLA; Shelby Poggemiller, Trustee; Kimberly Greyeyes, Trustee; and Wendy Friesen, Trustee



The Prairie Spirit Board of Education met with the four MLAs for an engaging conversation about effective advocacy with the provincial government.



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Board Focus

School Capital Projects

The Board is excited to see how the following investments in school facilities around the school division will support and serve Prairie Spirit students.

Borden School

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education was pleased to approve an exciting renovation project for Borden School which will benefit students, staff, and families. The \$1.5 million renovation project for the school includes improvements to the gym with a new floor and weight room as well as renovations to the washrooms. This project will begin later this year.

Relocatable classrooms

The Ministry of Education has approved the Board of Education's application for three relocatable classrooms for Prairie Spirit schools. The need for additional classrooms is based on current year enrolment and school utilization rates.

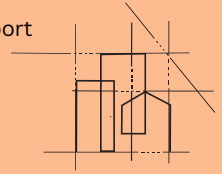
- Blaine Lake Composite School will receive a new relocatable classroom.
- South Corman Park School and Clavet Composite School will both receive a relocatable classroom moved from another school in the school division.

These additional classrooms will be ready for students this fall.

New Martensville-Warman Joint-Use School

A new school for students in Martensville, Warman and the RM of Corman Park was announced by the provincial government as part of its budget announcement on March 18. This is outstanding news for Prairie Spirit and the Board is pleased to start the work of designing and planning for this school. The Board looks forward to working with our partners at Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools as we plan a school that will serve students in Martensville, Warman and the RM of Corman Park.

Once the design for this major school project is finalized, this will be a multi-year project.



Board Strategic Plan

Prairie Spirit Mathematicians

One of the goals of the Prairie Spirit Board of Education's [strategic plan](#) is "Successful Learners," which includes "strengthening foundational skills in mathematics, reading and writing" (right). The strategic plan also includes a focus on math with an aspirational goal for **Prairie Spirit Mathematicians** (see below).

Math is a core subject from elementary to high school in Saskatchewan. Prairie Spirit's goal is to support students to enter Grade 10 with the math skills necessary to be successful in whatever math pathway they choose. Post-secondary opportunities require different math pathways as prerequisites for further study.

Families can support their children by accessing **Building Math Success Parent Support Pamphlets** for Grades 1 - 9 on the Ministry of Education [website](#). These materials provide an overview of what Saskatchewan students will be taught in school and provide support to parents/caregivers.



Prairie Spirit Mathematicians

Are effective and accurate when working with numbers, with the confidence to solve current and future problems involving mathematical concepts.

Successful Learners

- A Advance equitable student programming
- B Enhance learning supports for all students
- C Strengthen foundational skills in mathematics, reading and writing
- D Foster student mental health and well-being
- E Actualize the goals of *Inspiring Success: First Nations and Métis PreK-12 Framework*

Board Pride + Joy

Legacy Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation funds allocated to schools

The Board directed that the remaining funds from the legacy Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation be allocated to schools to fuel innovative school projects. The funds were allocated following an application process, with schools detailing how their proposed project aligns with the Prairie Spirit [strategic plan](#) and *My Prairie Spirit Classroom*.

In total, 20 schools will benefit from the remaining funds of \$70,212, with a maximum of \$3,500 per school. In addition, the Prairie Spirit's second annual pow wow on June 2 will also receive funds.

The Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation was in operation for a decade with the mission to enhance learning opportunities for Prairie Spirit students.

OUR VISION

Learners for Life

OUR MISSION

Inspiring a lifelong love of learning

The Board welcomes feedback from students, families, stakeholders and the public.

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