

Highlights

Prairie Spirit Bus Drivers met for orientation at the Brian King Centre in Warman on Thursday, August 28.

Board of Education meeting
Monday, September 8, 2014

Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation update

At its regular meeting on Monday, September 8, the new Executive Director of the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation, Deb Donaldson, was introduced to the Board of Education. Donaldson began her work with the Foundation at the end of August.

She has ten years of experience accessing and securing funding to support community-based programs and services. She held a Director's position with a non-profit organization for over seven years where she successfully negotiated millions of dollars of funding to support the organization's many community programs.



Deb Donaldson

Donaldson worked collaboratively with business, federal and provincial governments and with Métis and First Nations organizations to ensure these programs were efficient, effective and successful.

Donaldson graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with an Education Degree and an Arts Degree in Native Studies.

Her background and experience in strategic planning and her strength in building relationships and partnerships will support her new role as the Executive Director for the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation.

The Foundation has been created to encourage and facilitate community and corporate support and involvement in public education. The funds raised through this charitable Foundation will be used to enhance learning opportunities for the students of Prairie Spirit School Division.

"We know the business community and our local community are interested in supporting public education," said Bonnie Hope, Prairie Spirit Board of Education Trustee and Chair of the Foundation Board. "Creating the Foundation provides a way for businesses and the community to financially support education in their community."



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The Foundation will support a variety of innovative learning opportunities for students, with transitions to careers for senior students as one example.

For more information, please contact Deb Donaldson by [email](#) or by phone (306) 683-2800.

Capital project list approved

All school divisions in the province are required to submit Major Capital Project Applications to the Ministry of Education every year, with a maximum of three projects to be included. Facilities Planner Kerry Donst made a presentation to the Board regarding priority capital projects in the Division.

The Board of Education approved the following three major capital project applications for 2014/15:

1. Rosthern Elementary School and Rosthern High School - addition and renovation - \$10,850,000
2. Colonsay School - Structural restoration - \$2,210,000
3. Hague High School - Structural restoration - \$1,500,000

These projects will be reviewed by the Ministry and may be prioritized for Ministry funding.

The Ministry will announce its list of funded capital projects when the provincial budget is released in March, 2015.

Strategic Directions: Technology

Learning Superintendent Clint Reddekopp provided the Board with an update on technology in the school division.

Reddekopp said the Division's emphasis has been on ensuring wireless services in schools are as accessible as possible. Technology staff will be talking with staff and students to get feedback about the effectiveness of updated wireless services in schools.

Reddekopp reported that schools are enjoying greater bandwidth than they have had in the past. He thanked the Board for effectively lobbying the provincial government for more bandwidth for school divisions, adding that much more band-

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width is still needed, for both learning and business operations to occur without congestion.

The school division's technology budget has decreased dramatically since amalgamation. "Technology is being strategically placed in schools where staff are ready to receive it," Reddekopp explained. He added that more staff and students bring their own technology to school and that technology staff have improved infrastructure and are adapting policies to accommodate this change in practice.

Reddekopp also reported on other initiatives in technology, including privacy, data security, online learning and PowerSchool services.

Next Board of Education meeting: Monday, September 22, Division Office, Warman

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