

November (2023)

Trustee Report – Adin Dereniwski

### Board Advocacy

The Board's strategic plan includes a goal of Advocacy.

We want to ensure that we are championing Prairie Spirit School Division and continue to advocate in ways that we can.

- The Prairie Spirit Board of Education had invited the Minister of Education and local MLAs to attend a meeting with the Board on October 23.
- Jeremy Cockrill, Minister of Education, Terry Jenson, MLA Martensville-Warman, Delbert Kirsch, MLA Batoche and Dana Skoropad, MLA Armriver attended the meeting and had an engaging discussion with the Board about a number of current issues in education in Saskatchewan. Also in attendance was Carol Lafond from Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. We were pleased that she was able to attend.

We continue to advocate for our Division and build relationships to help us move forward.

The Board's strategic plan also has a focus on strengthening foundational skills in mathematics, reading and writing. At its October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the Board received an update on the Division's work in the area of reading.

We know that strong reading skills provide the foundation needed for learning in all subject areas at every grade level. Targeted and intentional reading supports will have an impact throughout the student's time in school and extend into adulthood.

- Prairie Spirit students in Grades 1 - 6 who are reading below grade level will have a specific reading support plan created for them during 2023/24.
- Prairie Spirit is piloting a new reading assessment in seven schools this year, with plans to expand to all schools in the next few years.

### By-Election Update

There will be a By-Election to fill the vacancy in Subdivision 9. (Martensville). The date set is for December 13, 2023.

A candidate must live in Prairie Spirit School Division. Nominators must reside in Subdivision 9 –City of Martensville. Nominations will close this Wednesday, November 8.

More details: Elections – Prairie Spirit School Division ([spiritsd.ca](http://spiritsd.ca))

School Tours - November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We went to Leask, Blaine Lake and Stobart schools.

(SCC Fall Assembly ) date for October 28<sup>th</sup> had been cancelled. It was PD days for many schools as well as a long weekend for families and very close to Halloween. Engagement with SCC's and learning and working together is important. We wanted to ensure that when we have the SCC Fall Assembly, it would be better if more could attend and do it at a time that is easier for all involved.