

Board Highlights



May 3, 2022 Regular Board Meeting



2022-2023 Budget Approved

The Board has approved its budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. After undergoing extensive reviews at previous planning meetings, the Board put its stamp of approval by voting 10-0 in favour of the budget. Prairie South has significant operating and inflationary costs that were not covered by the funding received by the provincial government which puts us in a position where we are required to use our reserves to maintain the same level of educational services. Please see the Release and Backgrounder for more information.

Rural Catchment Change Applications



The Board reviewed 18 requests from families wishing to change their school catchment area to allow for transportation to another school. The Rural Catchment Committee met the transportation department to review all applications thoroughly prior to making their decisions. The Board approved the recommendation made by the Rural Catchment Committee.

Preventative Maintenance Renewal Plan



Prairie South manages a multi-year Preventative Maintenance Renewal (PMR) Plan. Each year the Ministry requires an updated Board-approved plan. The 2023-2025 PMR Renewal Plan was presented to the Business, Infrastructure and Governance Board Committee where the current plan was approved. Some of the major projects expected to take place next year are an HVAC system at Rockglen School, washroom upgrades and change room renovations at Assiniboia Schools, partial roof replacement at École Palliser Heights, and flooring upgrades at Caronport Elementary.



Digital Citizenship

Charmaine Collinge, Vice-Principal of the Virtual School and Gillian Crocker, Vice-Principal of Empire School, presented to the Board on the importance of digital citizenship. We went from computer labs to one-to-one devices in classrooms. In today's world, everybody has access to the world at the palm of their hand, connecting students with people all over the world – even with strangers! With this, comes concerns around cyberbullying, privacy, setting limits and constant digital engagement. It's important to understand using technology as a tool – not just as a toy and when it's appropriate to use. We want to support the development of digitally literate students who maintain balance and healthy limits. We want to create digitally fluent students. Students must know how to protect, educate and respect themselves and others. It is a community effort. We must teach students to become critical thinkers. We will be working to re-engage our SCCs in this work and develop partnerships between school, community and parents.

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