

*Prairie South Schools is deeply saddened by the tragic events at James Smith Cree Nation this past weekend. On behalf of the Board of Education, Senior Administration and all staff, we extend our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims, and offers our support to any person impacted by these senseless acts.*



## Board Elects Chair & Vice-Chair

At its annual Organizational Meeting the Board re-elected Giselle Wilson as Chair and Darcy Pryor as Vice-Chair for the 2022-2023 school year. Giselle lives in Coronach and is a trustee in Subdivision #4 which includes the communities of Bengough, Coronach and Rockglen. Darcy is the trustee for Subdivision #1, which includes Central Butte, Chaplin, Craik, Eyebrow, Mortlach, and Huron Colony School.

## Board Holds Organizational Meeting

The Board held its annual Organizational Meeting, where they set the current formula for determining trustees' remuneration and current rates for mileage, expenses and out of division activities and professional development. The Board maintained the current mileage rate at \$0.50/km and increased meal allowances to keep in line with government-approved rates. Board Meetings will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month, with the exception of January 10, 2023 which is the second Tuesday and April 3, 2023 which is a Monday.



## 2022-2023 Budget

The Ministry will be providing Prairie South with an additional \$1,050,800 in funding to cover inflationary pressures. These funds were intended to cover increased costs for transportation and insurance and not to reduce the deficit. As we have covered the cost increases by drawing on surplus out, funds will be used to provide extra resources to our students.

## Land Transfer Application

The Board approved a land transfer application from the South East Cornerstone School Division (SECSD). The family wishes to have their children attend Bengough School. A joint submission with SECSD to the Ministry will be sent requesting the approval of the application and the transfer of land.



## Welcome New PSTA President and CUPE Local 5512 President

The Board would like to extend a warm welcome to Patty Mergel, the new Prairie South Teachers' Association (PSTA) President and Bill Johnston, the new CUPE Local 5512 President. The Board would like to thank outgoing PSTA president Suzanne Vance and CUPE President Dale Smith for their service to the staff of Prairie South Schools.