

December 5, 2023

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

ASSINIBOIA ALTERNATE SCHOOL YEAR PROPOSAL

The Board approved the Assiniboia Schools' SCCs' Alternate School Year Proposal, which will see the three schools in Assiniboia move to the alternate school calendar beginning the fall of 2024. The Assiniboia Schools' SCCs outlined a series of benefits that they believe will be achieved in their community if they move to an alternate calendar. Research does not show a significant difference in educational attainment with either calendar format. Prairie South administration will complete a follow-up review in the spring of 2026.

FACILITIES ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

The Board received a presentation from Darren Baiton, Facilities Manager. Darren and the entire facilities department do a wonderful job keeping our division facilities running smoothly which helps create a positive learning environment for our students. Our utilization rates are staying consistent and we currently have two schools above 100% capacity and we have requested relocatables at those schools - King George and Sunningdale. Currently the Ministry has approved relocatables provincially at 115%. We continue to conserve energy in buildings with the struggle of increased carbon tax. We are excited about the progress of our new school on South Hill in Moose Jaw. The weather has been great and we are gaining good ground on the current schedule for our anticipated September 2025 opening date! Thank you to our facility team and school facility staff for making this year another great year, and to the board for the great equipment funding they provide us .

ANNUAL BURSARY FUND APPOINTMENTS

The Board appointed several individuals as directors for the Prairie South Schools Bursary Fund for 2024. The fund was established to collect and invest money donated to provide scholarships to deserving students. Directors are appointed by the Board on an annual basis. Along with trustee Mary Jukes, the Board appointed Jeff Feeley, Al Kessler, Aline Kirk, Pam Ludwar, Doreen Majeran, Darcy Dumont, Amanda Olson, George Patterson, Ron Purdy, and Greg Veillard. The Board would like to extend a thank you to John Livingston, Claude Duke, Patti Roger and Jan Stewart for their years of service as Bursary Fund directors.

PROVINCIAL VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to all teams who attended Provincial Volleyball over the last few weeks. A special congratulations to our Rouleau 1A Boys on winning Gold and the Assiniboia Composite High School 3A Boys on winning Silver!

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER

Prairie South would like to congratulate Momore Afolabi from Central Collegiate on being selected as a member of the 2023-24 Youth Council. This opportunity will offer Momore the chance to provide advice and insights on education policies, curriculum, programs and priorities in response to requests made by the Ministry of Education.

The Board would like to wish all our staff, students and families a wonderful holiday season and all the best in 2024!

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Giselle Wilson, Chair	Robert Bachmann	John Bumbac	Crystal Froese	Mary Jukes
Darcy Pryor, Vice-Chair	Patrick Boyle	Shawn Davidson	Brett Hagan	Lew Young