

## A Message from the Prairie Valley Board of Education

We have a lot to celebrate in Prairie Valley School Division, and January was no different.



*The Prairie Valley Board of Education hosted the Annual Meeting of Electors on January 23, 2019.*

The Board hosted its Annual Meeting of Electors to provide our community with an opportunity to hear directly from the Board about the work we are doing on their behalf. At the meeting, we looked back on the results from 2017-2018 as outlined in the Community Report. I am proud to say these were some of our best results to-date with respect to student achievement.

I was honoured to stand in front of attendees to share all the great work happening in the Division with our community members. We have more on what took place during the meeting under Publications at [PVSD.ca](http://PVSD.ca).

### LINC Agreement

In January, the Board also finalized our LINC agreement with the Prairie Valley Teachers' Association.

I am proud of the collaborative, respectful bargaining process that took place to reach this agreement and of the progressive new elements added to our teachers' contracts, such as teacher collaboration days and enrolment of teachers in the Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP). This means in the 2019-2020 school year, the Board will register and fund all teachers under contract in the EFAP program, which provides professional support services to employees and their families.

This agreement will last until 2021 and provides stability to the Division, allowing employees to focus on what is most important – providing the best educational opportunities possible for students.

As students head into semester two, I want to congratulate all those who completed their finals. It can be a stressful time of year, and we are so proud of what our students can accomplish. To all our parents, guardians and community members, thank you for your continued support of public education.

As we move forward, the Board will maintain its focus on engaging our communities in the work we do to continue building an education system that is equitable for all students, no matter their geographic location or personal circumstances.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Kotylak".

Janet Kotylak  
Board Chair