



**Grande Prairie  
Public School  
Division**  
Every Student Succeeds

June 11, 2024

# Board Highlights



## **STUDENT RECEIVES LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ALBERTA AWARD**

The Board is proud to announce that Kairoh Winiandy, a grade 6 student from Hillside Community School, is a recipient of a 2024 Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Award.

Selected from nominees across the province, Kairoh is one of nine recipients recognized for their incredible growth through determination, initiative, and independence, leading to both academic and personal success.

Board Chair Joan Nellis was pleased to attend the awards ceremony at the Government House in Edmonton to share (cont.)

in the celebration of Kairoh's successes. The award is hosted by the Lieutenant Governor's Office and The Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA).



Image (L-R): The Honourable Salma Lakhani, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Kairoh Winiandy, His Honour, Dr. Zaheer Lakhani, and Marilyn Dennis, President, ASBA



## HONOURING SPIRIT AWARD: PAIGE AUBICHON

The Board was privileged to witness the presentation of a Star Blanket to Paige Aubichon, a grade 9 student at the Grande Prairie Composite High School, in recognition of the Honouring Spirit Award presented by the Alberta School Boards Association. Paige was one of 12 indigenous students from across Alberta recognized for their remarkable resilience, strength and determination.

Elder Joey Lane and Krista Umble, GPPSD Indigenous Program Coordinator led the ceremony that included smudging, prayers and wrapping Paige in her Star Blanket. The Board thanked the Elder and Mrs. Umble, and congratulated Paige on her exceptional leadership and dedication.



## STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The last meeting of the Board's Student Advisory Committee for the 2023-2024 school year was on June 7, 2024. Trustees Koch, Martin, and Board Chair Nellis expressed their appreciation to the students for their dedication and enthusiasm, acknowledging their personal growth. They thanked the students for sharing their invaluable insights and perspectives into student life, including student values and needs.

The Board looks forward to continuing this excellent work with the committee next year.



Image : Board Chair Joan Nellis, Trustees Donna Koch and Rob Martin joined by students of the 2023-2024 Student Advisory Committee, Kimber Frykas, Director of System Planning and Sandy McDonald, Superintendent, GPPSD.



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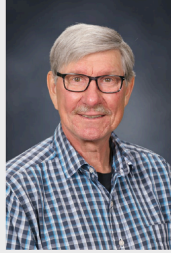
## Board of Trustees 2023-2024



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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

To assist the Board in determining their advocacy priorities for the next two years, a survey was sent to parents/guardians, students from grades 6 to 12, and school division staff on June 3rd, with a closing date of June 7, 2024.

Trustees were very pleased to hear that the short turnaround garnered 1,683 responses. The survey asked participants to identify the most important issues that are impacting our school division and to explain why each issue is important.

Themes from the survey will be used by the Board to develop their advocacy priorities and guide their work with government officials for the next two years. The results of the survey will be shared with the community this fall.

Trustees wish to thank everyone who took this opportunity to share their thoughts.



### Board Meetings

6:00 p.m., Central Office Board Room,  
Grande Prairie Public School Division

#### Future Board Meetings

August 20, 2024 - Organizational Meeting

\*Meetings for the 2024-2025 School Year will be announced after August 20, 2024.

Individuals or groups who wish to make comment on any specific item on the agenda of a Board meeting are required to register with the Board Office by noon of the day of the Board meeting. The full Board Policy 7 can be found on our website

