



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

October 22, 2024

Board Highlights



MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS STATUTES AMENDMENT ACT (BILL 20)

Trustees reviewed the potential impact of Bill 20, intended by the United Conservative Party government to strengthen local elections and councils, on school trustee elections.

The Act will be debated soon in the Legislature and is scheduled to come into effect October 31. Upon the Act being proclaimed by the Government, the Board will follow up at a future meeting to discuss the need for new Board Bylaws relating to the potential (cont.)

requirement for school board trustee candidates to submit a criminal record check and/or a deposit with their nomination papers in future elections.

More information about the Act is available online at <https://www.alberta.ca/strengthening-local-elections-and-councils>.

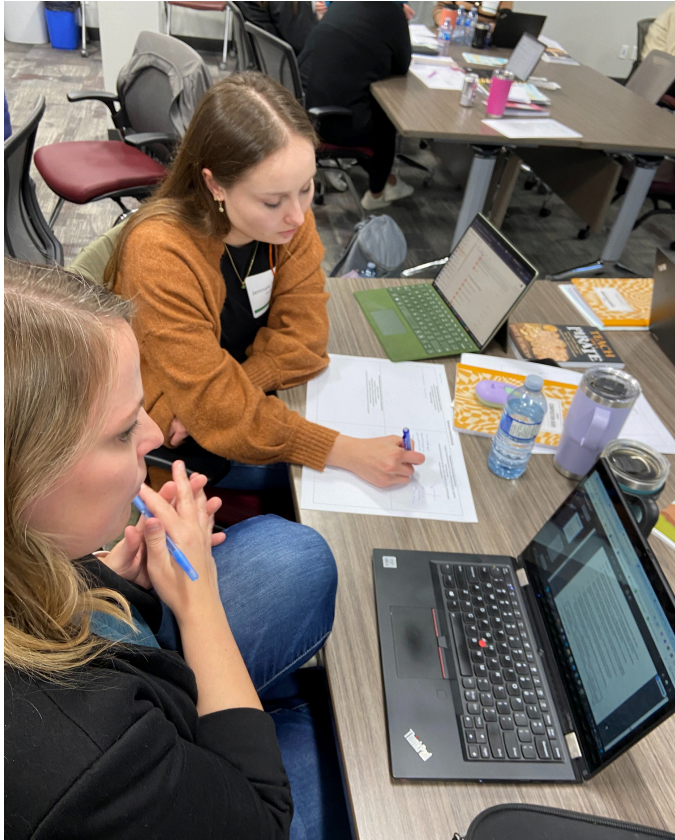


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TEACHER MENTORSHIP



Trustees learned about the successful launch of GPPSD’s Teacher Mentorship Program, thanks to a partnership with Trumpeter Local 26 of the Alberta Teachers’ Association. On October 16, 18 first-year teachers and their veteran mentors gathered at GPPSD’s central office for their first large group meeting focused on collaboration and learning.

This year, the program includes two full-day meetings, supported by GPPSD Director of Teaching and Learning Corinne Kruse, Alexander Forbes teacher Rhonda Schneider from the ATA, and a professional learning facilitator from the provincial Association. In addition, each mentor pair will continue working together throughout the year.



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Mentorship allows for growth, collaboration and life long learning so that every student can succeed.”

ANNUAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES HOLIDAY CARD ART CONTEST

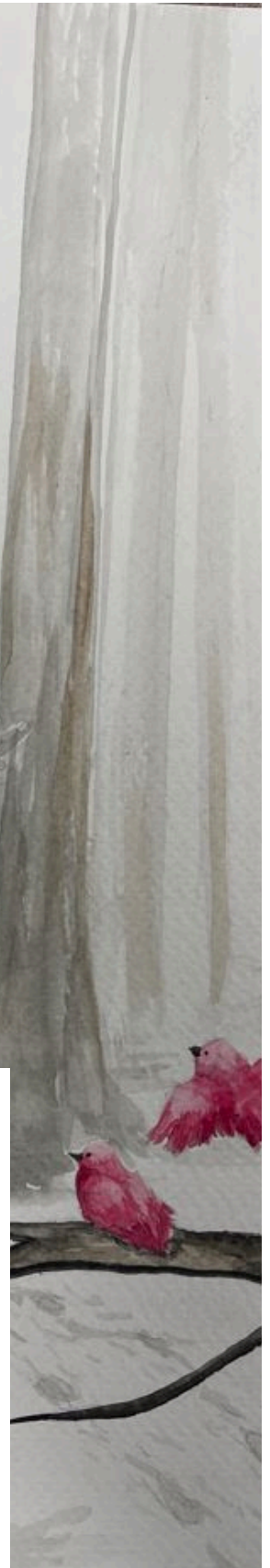
The trustees were happy to announce their annual holiday art card contest for students! This year's theme is 'All is Bright.'

For the second consecutive year, division high school students are being asked to unleash their creativity for a chance to have their artwork on the cover of the annual Holiday card. Students from Charles Spencer, the Grande Prairie Composite High School and the Bridge Network can submit artwork to win cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The deadline for submissions is November 4, 2024 – see contest details on GPPSD's website [here](#).



Submissions due November 4, 2024

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
unleash your creativity & win!**



2023-2024 Winning art work by
Kyler, Grade 10, Grande Prairie
Composite High School



Grande Prairie Public School Division

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Board Meetings

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

Future Board Meetings

November 12, 2024
November 26, 2024
December 10, 2024
January 10, 2025
January 28, 2025
February 11, 2025
February 25, 2025
March 11, 2025
March 25, 2025
April 8, 2025
April 22, 2025
May 13, 2025
May 25, 2025
June 10, 2025

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CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNICATORS IN EDUCATION (CACE) BRAVO AWARDS

Trustees were pleased to hear about division work that is being recognized by the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE). CACE's Bravo Awards honour exemplary work in all aspects of school public relations, communications, marketing and engagement.

They warmly congratulated GPPSD staff nominated for a 2024 Coupe de Coure Award and the highly esteemed Bravo Award. Mrs. Shannon Stambaugh, GPPSD's Communications Officer, was specifically mentioned.

The following projects were nominated:

1. Kindergarten: Our Story
 - [Kindergarten: A day in the life of our students](#)
 - [Kindergarten to Graduation: Getting your child ready for the world!](#)
 - [Kindergarten: Learn, explore and grow with us!](#)
2. Kindergarten Registration Campaign
3. Website Modernization Project

Mrs. Stambaugh will be travelling to Calgary to receive awards on behalf of the GPPSD teams, which will be announced on October 26th.