



Board Highlights



GPPSD BOARD BYLAW DEVELOPMENT

The Board discussed the Municipal Affairs Amendment Act (Bill 20), which has changed two parts of the Local Authorities Amendment Act related to the requirements that candidates for school board trustee must include in the nomination packages they submit.

The Board approved a motion asking the administration to submit two draft Board bylaws, for the Board's consideration, regarding the following:

- Draft bylaw 1 would require candidates for public school board trustee in the City of Grande Prairie to submit a criminal record check with their nomination papers, to be considered eligible to run for trustee in municipal elections, and
- Draft bylaw 2 would require candidates for public school board trustee in the City of Grande Prairie to submit a deposit with their nomination papers to be eligible to run for trustee in municipal elections.





PERSONALLY OWNED DEVICES

The Board thanked GPPSD students, staff, parents, and guardians for providing feedback regarding the provincially mandated restrictions on the use of personal mobile devices and social media in schools.

Trustees reported hearing from different liaison groups over the past month about the mostly smooth implementation of the new provincial policy, including feedback that most students and staff appreciate the increased focus on distraction-free learning environments.



MODULAR CLASSROOM SUBMISSION

Mr. Ola Oladele, GPPSD's Associate Superintendent of Business Services, updated the Board regarding the division's request for eight modular classrooms for two GPPSD schools that are currently at or near capacity.

Six modular classrooms have been requested for the Grande Prairie Composite High School until the longer-term solution of a permanent addition is approved, as the school is expected to be over 100% capacity in four years.

Two modular classrooms have been requested for Isabel Campbell Public School, which is projected to exceed 100% capacity in three years.

The Board expressed the need for a rapid response to the request for modular classrooms from Alberta Education to support future planning.

CAREER PATHWAYS THOUGHT EXCHANGE

The Board was pleased to learn about the division's launch of its latest online engagement. As part of the division's review of current programming, they are engaging with staff, students, parents/guardians, post-secondary institutions, industry, and the community to identify essential skills and student experiences.

The information shared through the online platform ThoughtExchange will inform the pre-school to grade 12 division framework that is being developed. Readers can participate below.

The Board was informed that the division will be hosting in-person engagements in early 2025 to learn more about the top themes that emerge. Information about these in-person engagements will be shared in the coming months.

"WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT SKILLS OUR STUDENTS NEED TO PREPARE THEM FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?"



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ANNUAL STUDENT ATTENDANCE REPORT

Mr. Paul Therrien, GPPSD's Director of Student Supports, presented the Annual Student Attendance Report to the Board.

The report summarizes student attendance data and information on strategies used in division schools to support regular student attendance, defined as being present on at least 90% of school days.

Regular attendance is necessary to help students develop positive habits and prepare to transition into life after high school.

The Board was pleased to hear that approximately 500 students increased their attendance to 90% or better last school year, representing a 5% increase in that category, the most significant increase since before 2020.

The Board expressed gratitude to division parents/guardians and staff who are working to ensure that every day counts. Attendance information and resources are available on the division website at gppsd.ab.ca/attendance.

Board Meetings

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

Future Board Meetings

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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