



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

January 28, 2025

Board Highlights



ASCA WORKSHOP – CHAIR BASICS, NOT JUST FOR CHAIRS

The Board hosted a workshop presented by the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) on January 23, 2025.

The workshop was well attended by School Council Chairs, Vice-Chairs, Trustees and Administration.

Topics included how to facilitate effective meetings, promoting discussions and facilitating group decision-making.

The Board expressed its gratitude to all who attended.



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NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION: 2025-2026 School Year

The Board was pleased to hear the campaign for Kindergarten and new student registration is on track and opens on March 10, 2025, at 8:30 am for all GPPSD schools:

- February 3: Community advertising, general communications, and open houses begin.
- February 24 to March 9: Families can save time by creating their online account and filling out their online registration form
- March 10: Online registration opens. The filled forms need to be submitted to complete registration.

Kindergarten is open to children born in 2020. For full day learning, we offer a fee-based Program of Choice called KinderPAL. Visit our website to learn more.

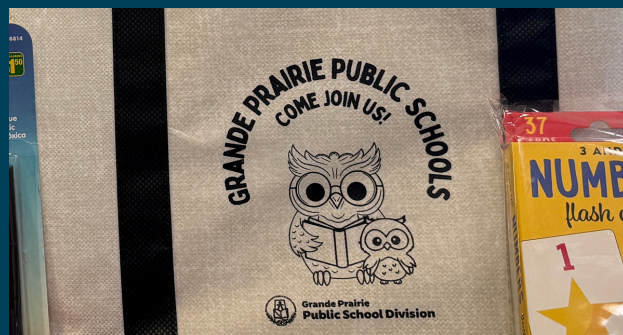
WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Division leadership informed the Board of a new initiative to help welcome new children and their families to Kindergarten 2025: Come Join Us bags.

The bags include a welcome letter, GPPSD Kindergarten information, and materials like flashcards and modelling clay to help children be kindergarten-ready!

Families across the city can expect to see more information via mail, road signs and promotional videos on social media and other venues across the city.

The Board was pleased to hear the bags are destined for local daycares, preschools and other childcare providers in the city.





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2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Board heard that the Provincial Testing dates for the 2025-2026 school year have been confirmed by Alberta Education.

Division leadership gave the Board a brief refresher on the results of feedback gathered by school principals that was presented to them in December regarding the draft calendar.

The Board approved the 2025 - 2025 school year calendar at the Board meeting. View the calendar [here](#).

Board Meetings

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

Future Board Meetings

- 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

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

**2025-2026
School Year
Calendar**

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