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TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



Mayor Bill Given visits 2B's 2016 Mayor's "Conference" at I.V. Macklin Public School

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BOARD SUPPORTS PARENT FEEDBACK FOR BOARD POLICY 20

Parents and community members attended the Board meeting to learn more about plans for the District's implementation of Alberta Education's "Guidelines for Best Practices" intended to support creating respectful, learning environments for diverse groups of students. Important concerns highlighted by parents included safety, parental rights, washroom use and ensuring respect and balance of all opinions.

The Trustees appreciated the feedback and advised that concerns regarding the Guidelines for Best Practices document could be forwarded to Alberta Education. Board Chair John Lehnert also advised that GPPSD will continue to seek feedback from parents through its online survey on the District website which is available until February 8, 2016.

For more information and to complete the survey, click the "M".



MEETING WITH ALBERTA EDUCATION, MLAS AND OTHER BOARDS

Our Board has been especially active recently in working diligently with Alberta Education, MLAs and other Boards to seek opportunities to collaborate for the benefit of our students. The Board continues to advocate with partners and government officials to help meet a variety of needs including transportation, increased learning opportunities and capital advocacy.





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SEEKING PARTNERS FOR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS



The Board is looking to work with certified community partners interested in operating before and after school care at Isabel Campbell Public School in September 2016 to help provide additional support to the GPPSD students and parents. Many of the Grande Prairie Public School District schools including Avondale, Rivestone and Maude Clifford have before and after school programs, kinder care and out of school care programs in place in collaboration with community partners including YMCA. Significant interest from parents exists. If you believe you can help provide kids with the opportunity for extended growth and learning, please contact Chris Farquharson at 780-518-2881 for more information.

JUMPSTART PROVIDES \$10,000 IN FUNDING TO GPPSD



The Board is very excited to announce its community partner with the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program. Canadian Tire in Grande Prairie has been consistently recognized for its efforts in collecting donations within the community to support more than 75,000 kids through its Jumpstart program. As a community partner, the Jumpstart program will provide \$10,000 in funding equipment and will support our schools to run afterschool activity programs at three schools.

Additionally, in November 2015, four GPPSD schools, I.V. Macklin, Alexander Forbes, Bridge Network and Avondale, were each surprised with \$5,000 in donations from Jumpstart to help the schools towards their breakfast programs. GPPSD is very grateful for this tremendous initiative and the generosity of our local Canadian Tire for their continuous efforts in giving back to the Grande Prairie community. The Board wishes to convey their thanks to Jim Boccioletti, Associate Dealer of the local Canadian Tire Store and Ron Regnier, General Manager for this appreciated donation to District students and their generous support.

UPCOMING DISTRICT DATES

- JAN 29 PD DAY
- FEB 1 SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS
- FEB 09 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD ROOM
- FEB 15 FAMILY DAY

