



# Board Highlights



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chair Nellis and Trustees Martin and Koch reported on the Student Advisory Committee meeting held December 1, 2023, at Central Office. 27 students representing 15 Division Schools attended.

The meeting agenda included providing orientation for the new students, reviewing the terms of reference of the committee, building understanding of division operations, and planning for future meetings.

A focus throughout the activities that students engaged in was to explore how different people can have different perspectives about issues and to recognize the importance of seeking to understand those different perspectives.

Schools with students on the committee will be approached later in the year with a request to invite their student representatives to share about their work at a future school council meeting.

Trustees expressed appreciation to the students for the quality of their participation and their enthusiasm for the Committee.

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**Aspen Grove School Council**

October 25 · 🌐

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Aspen Grove is participating in the Rotary Dignity Drive!!

Please send packages of NEW socks and underwear with your child to donate if possible!!

We will also be accepting donations of these at the dance Thursday night for the school!



## **ANNUAL CLASS SIZE REPORT**

Director of Student Supports, Paul Therrien, shared with the Board the Annual Class Size Report.

Of note:

- Enrollments surpassed spring 2023 projections, with an increase of 4.8% recorded on September 30, 2023, with the greatest increases coming in grades 4-12.
- Additional staff were recruited in the spring of 2023 in anticipation of enrollment increases.
- Additional staff have been hired, and continue to be, to address the increase in enrollments.
- A combination of teachers and educational assistants have been hired to address the increase in enrollments. Individual schools are using a variety of strategies to support the general and specific needs of students in each school.

## **COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING - NOV. 30**

Trustee and system leadership staff met with School Council Chairs for the first Council of School Councils meeting of the year on November 30, 2023.

The Board thanked School Council Chairs for the work they, and their colleagues on Council, do to support the work that happens in our schools. School Council Chairs were provided updates regarding Division enrollment, budget planning, and capital planning as well as reported to the group regarding recent meetings the Board has had with the Minister of Education.

The next event for the Council of School Councils is a workshop on January 18, 2024 in the Board Office to explore different aspects of division operations in more depth, to support School Councils in the advisory role they have for school principals.



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## Grande Prairie Public School Division

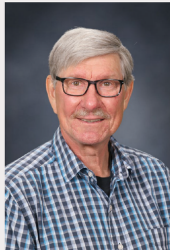
## Board of Trustees 2023-2024



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### Board Meetings

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

#### Future Board Meetings

January 9, 2024  
January 23, 2024  
February 13, 2024  
February 27, 2024  
March 12, 2024  
March 26, 2024  
April 23, 2024  
May 14, 2024  
May 28, 2024  
June 11, 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

## MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR NORTHWESTERN POLYTECHIC - JAN. 11, 2024

The Board of Trustees discussed agenda items for the upcoming meeting with the NWP Board of Governors on January 11, 2024.

The primary goals for the meeting are to establish a relationship with the NWP Board and explore what common interests and opportunities may exist to support our students and school communities. Trustees are looking forward to the meeting.

## LETTER TO THE MINISTER

Trustees discussed the ongoing implementation of the new provincial digital assessment platform and expressed interest to learn more about the process.

Trustee Buziak, the Board Representative to the Zone 1 Alberta School Boards Association will share the issue with the Alberta Education representative at the next Zone 1 meeting and Chair Nellis will write a letter to the Minister seeking more information about the impact on students of the processes being used this year.