



Board Highlights



READING UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION

The Board heard from Linda and Rhonda Side, as well as Reading University's Principal, Corinne Kruse, regarding the success of Reading University 2024: 190 students, 96 from GPPSD, attended the university held at the Northwestern Polytechnic from July 2 – 19, 2024.

The Reading University provides students the opportunity for intentional, focused literacy intervention that lessens the (cont).

lagging skills gap and builds confidence to help them be successful in Grade 4 and beyond. The Board shared their appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of this wonderful opportunity for Grade 3 students in the community.



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GPPSD EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK

The Board heard from senior leadership about the second annual GPPSD Employee Appreciation Week, which will be held from February 24 to 28, 2025. GPPSD's Human Resources team is leading this special week to formally acknowledge the division's appreciation for all staff. The week will be spent celebrating the dedication and commitment of all employees to the students.

The purpose of the week is based on GPPSD's [Education Priority 2–Belonging](#), an outcome of which is supporting the emotional and mental health of students and staff.

The current employee appreciation plan was strategically developed a year ago after reflection by leadership. This new plan acknowledges all staff at the same time for their contributions to helping every student succeed.

Throughout the week, staff will be recognized with tokens of division appreciation that will be delivered to staffrooms across the GPPSD. Students are also making thank you cards to distribute to all employees.





FEBRUARY 28, 2025

GPPSD EMPLOYEE WELLNESS DAY

The Board was updated on the plans for this year's Division Wellness Day on Friday, February 28. Employee Wellness Day is the last day of the week-long GPPSD Employee Appreciation Week. The intention is to provide dedicated time for employees to develop new understandings of ways to support their well-being so they can continue to pursue excellence in education for GPPSD students.

The Board was informed of a change: the day will not begin with a keynote address. Feedback from the Division Wellness Committee membership showed that staff appreciate the opportunity to engage with colleagues from other schools instead.

The morning will start with an all-staff assembly at Grande Prairie Composite High School for breakfast and socializing, followed by three wellness sessions for staff related to the nine elements of wellness: community, creative or intellectual, emotional, environmental, financial, physical, social, and spiritual.

The Board sincerely thanked the many community organizations and businesses that are making this day possible.





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GPPSD ANNUAL BOARD & SCHOOL ASSURANCE MEETINGS

Over the last week, the Board held GPPSD’s annual School Assurance Meetings:

January 30, 2025

- Derek Taylor Public School
- Grande Prairie Christian School
- I.V. Macklin Public School
- Riverstone Public School
- Alexander Forbes The Academy School
- Crystal Park School

February 4, 2025

- Aspen Grove School
- Parkside Montessori
- Swanavon School
- Roy Bickell Public School
- Hillside Community School
- Avondale School

The Board expressed gratitude to the school administrators for their time commitment to presenting their school strategies to the Board and shared that the meetings helped the Trustees further understand how students are supported in the division.

Board Meetings

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

Future Board Meetings

- 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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