



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

March 11, 2025

Board Highlights



COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING

The Board met with the division's School Council Chairs on February 27, 2025.

Trustees updated the chairs on:

- January 23, 2025, Alberta School Councils Workshop
- 2025-2026 Budget Priorities
- 2025 Alberta Provincial Budget
- 2025 Alberta School Council's Association Conference on April 26, 2025.



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ANNUAL GPPSD INDIGENOUS PROGRAMMING REPORT

Director of Student Supports, Paul Therrien, presented the Annual Indigenous Programming Report to the Board, highlighting current initiatives coordinated by the Indigenous Programming Coordinator and eight Indigenous Liaisons. The Board thanked Director Therrien and the Indigenous Liaison Team for their efforts in advancing Indigenous programming in the division.



Images: Students at Isabel Campbell Public School visit Rooted Connections, a thought-provoking and visually stunning indigenous art exhibit which is part of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts TRES Program and was co-curated by GPPSD's Indigenous Liaison, Lorian Gignac.

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY PLANNING

Superintendent McDonald shared an update on the City of Grande Prairie's Community Food Security Planning Committee.

He noted an initial meeting with the city and Helping Hands, the organization leading the city's food security strategy.

McDonald informed Trustees he will represent GPPSD at the committee's leadership table, working to develop a coordinated community approach to enhancing food security in the city.

2025 ELECTION PLANNING

Planning for the October 2025 Board of Trustee Election is underway. Administration has begun coordinating with the City of Grande Prairie on shared resources and communication strategies. To help raise awareness surrounding the election, key dates and locations, GPPSD will coordinate with the city to share the same information.



GPPSD TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Trustees heard an update from Associate Superintendent Ola Oladele regarding bus passes for the 2025–2026 school year.

Applications opened on March 10th and approximately 50 applications were received.

It was noted that families are required to apply or reapply for a bus pass each year by June 30th of the current school year.

GPPSD is actively reminding families to apply as soon as possible, to support planning and organization necessary for a smooth start to the 2025–2026 school year.



PROVINCIAL BUDGET UPDATE

Associate Superintendent Ola Oladele presented an update to Trustees on the 2025–2026 Provincial Budget that was tabled on February 27, 2025 and included high-level information regarding K–12 education funding and priorities.

Key highlights include the government's investment in education and capital investment in school infrastructure.

To learn more about Budget 2025, visit <https://www.alberta.ca/budget>. The detailed budget for Alberta Education is expected prior to the end of March.

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2025-2026 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Board of Trustees for the Grande Prairie Public School Division (GPPSD) are responsible for providing direction to school division administration and making sure that division funds are used in a responsible and sustainable manner. The Board adopted the division's 2025-2026 Budget Development Guiding Principles as presented by Administration

Board Meetings

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

Future Board Meetings

- March 25, 2025
- April 8, 2025
- April 22, 2025
- May 13, 2025
- May 25, 2025
- June 10, 2025

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