

Northern Gateway Public Schools

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Board Highlights

From January 14 meeting

For Immediate Release

Locally Developed Courses

· The Board authorized the use of the following Locally Developed Courses acquired from Alexis Band from September 1st, 2012 – August 31st, 2015; Nakoda/Nakota Language and Culture 15-12Y (5 credits), Nakoda/Nakota Language and Culture 25-12Y (5 credits), and Nakota/Nakota Language and Culture 35-12Y (5 credits). Resources used to teach the courses are listed in the Learning Resources of the Course Details.

Policy

· As part of the regular cyclical review of policies, the Board affirmed the following policies:

Policy 2 – “Role of the Board” (Amended)

Policy 8 – “Committees of the Board” (Amended)

Policy 1 – “Division Foundational Statements”

Policy 3 – “Role of the Trustee” (Amended)

School Year Calendars - DRAFT

· The Board reviewed the Drafts of the following School Year Calendars:

2014 – 2015

2015 – 2016

2016 – 2017

Calendars will be sent out to school administrators and stakeholders for further feedback.

April Board Meeting Rescheduled

· The Board approved to move the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on April 8th, 2014 to April 9, 2014.

Northwest Regional Skills Canada Competition

· At their regular Board Meeting on January 14th, 2014 the Board of trustees approved a financial request in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Northwest Regional Skills Canada Competition to assist with their funding costs.

Northwest Regional Skills Canada is part of a world-wide (40+ countries) movement, developed to address a common issue: “The shortage of skilled trades and technology employees”.

Skills Canada and its affiliates, Provinces and Regions are not-for profit organizations that work directly with governments, education, industry, labour and communities to promote:

- Careers in the trades and technology industries as acceptable, viable 1st rate career choices.
- Stay in school for long-term self-gain, (not only high school but by advancing through post-secondary).

This year’s NW AB Regional Skills Competition will be hosted in Fairview, on Friday, May 2nd, 2014 with opening ceremonies and event orientation on the evening of May 1st.

Director of Maintenance Report

- Ongoing snow removal and spreading of rock chip/ice melt.
- Snow has been removed from the roofs of the older schools first, with the other schools to follow.

Renovation Projects:

- Fox Creek School – wiring is being done in the Welder area.
- Hilltop High School – modernization of two classrooms to be completed this January and renovation of the Home Ec. room starting this summer.

The next Board meeting will take place Tuesday, January 25th, 2014, commencing at 10:00 a.m. with the regular Board Meeting at the Division Office in Whitecourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend the regular Board meeting. For more information, please call (780) 778-2800 or toll free at 1-800-262-8674.

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