

Northern Gateway Public Schools

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Board Highlights

From February 25 meeting

For Immediate Release

Approved 2014 – 2015 Fees

· The following 2014-2015 fees were approved at the February 25, 2014 regular Board meeting.

2014 – 2015 Mandatory Student Curricular Fees

Student Curricular Fees have not been approved, we will advise as soon as possible.

2014-2015 Non-Alberta Students Tuition Fees

(No increase to rates)

- \$7429.00 full year
- \$3714.50 half year

2014-2015 Transportation Fees for Grant Ineligible Students

(No increase to rates)

- \$290.00 per student
- \$145.00 per half day ECS Student and \$290.00 per full day everyday ECS Student
- \$722.00 Maximum per family

Policy

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

Policy 4 – “Trustee Code of Conduct”

Policy 6 – “Role of the Vice-Chair”

Policy 7 – “Board Operations”

2014-2015 School Year Calendar

- At their February 25th, 2014 regular Board meeting the Board of Trustees approved the 2014-2015 School Year Calendar.

Recognizing the Completion of Canada's Mission to Afghanistan

- Wednesday, March 12th will officially mark the end of Canada's tour. This is a very significant day for Canadians and for Alberta and a great opportunity to teach children valuable lessons.

The Alberta Government will begin the day by lowering all flags to half-mast. At noon, those flags will be raised to full height to mark the return of Canada's last troops.

The province is also looking to use the end of the mission as a learning experience, by bringing the ceremony and history of the mission into Alberta Schools. Northern Gateway schools will be asked to follow the lead of the Alberta Government with the flag protocol.

Community Lunch Box – Apples for Schools Program

- Tara Baker, founder of the Community Lunch Box Program, presented to the Board on the history of the Lunch Box Program and Apples for Schools Program.

The Community Lunch Box program was first started in 2004 at Central School, with a small group of volunteers making 10 lunches a day. However, since then the Community Lunch Box program has grown substantially. Today the program is in all schools in Whitecourt from both Northern Gateway and Living Waters School Divisions.

The children that benefit from the Community Lunch Box Program are from K to Grade 12. The children are offered breakfast, lunch and healthy snacks throughout the day are accessible and available for all. Each school organizes their own breakfast program, makes bag lunches and have apples located around the school.

The apple budget for the Lunch Box Program for this year was \$27,200.00. Whitecourt students have eaten more than 50,000 apples this year. To keep the Apples for Schools viable, Tara is asking if the Board of Trustees would be able to offer support in any way to help sustain this program within the schools.

The next Board meeting will take place Tuesday, March 11th, 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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