

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From December 9, 2014 Meeting

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### 2015-2016 Approved School Year Calendar

The Board approved the 2015-2016 School Year Calendar and accepted as information draft calendars for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years.

Feedback on the draft school year calendars is welcome and can be found on the NGPS webpage: <http://www.ngps.ca/about-us/calendar>

### School Field Trips

At their regular December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board approved the following field trips:

The Board approved in principle the Mayerthorpe Jr. /Sr. High School's Vimy 2017: Beaches and Battlefields Tour to France, England and the Netherlands, scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The Board approved in full the Hillside High Band field trip to Carleton Place, Ontario, scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### Bill 202, Bill 10 and GSA's

Much discussion has happened in relation to legislation related to the rights of LGBTQ youth, the rights of parents to be involved in the education of their children, the autonomy of school boards and the constitutional rights of separate school boards. At present there are no GSA's operating within NGPS, nor is there anything preventing them from operating with NGPS schools.

### Innovative Project Grant Approvals

Applications have been reviewed and 16 schools proposals have been approved, to the total funding amount of \$651,853.00.

### Christmas Lunch

The Board of Trustees hosted a Christmas lunch for Central Office Staff at the December 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

### Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will take place **Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015** commencing with the Caucus Meeting at **10:00 a.m.** and with the regular Board meeting to follow at **1:00 p.m.**,



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