

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From February 10, 2015 Meeting

For Immediate Release

Northern Gateway Jurisdiction Student Engagement Team (NGJSET)

Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services and 5 students; Emma Friars and Claire Patience, Onoway High School; Quintin Scott and Terri Kennedy Fynn, Fox Creek School and Jemina Moore, Whitcourt, from the Northern Gateway Jurisdiction Student Engagement Team presented to the Board.

Two students from each of our five high schools were selected for the team based on their interest and enthusiasm for engaging their fellow students. The team formed in December following the Education Minister's request to have teams of students working with each other in their own schools to:

- seek opportunities to gather student voice in their schools
- form communication links among high schools
- form student advisory councils or support existing student advisory councils within their schools
- organize Speak Out events at their school
- become involved with the Board of Trustees to carry their voice to the governance level.

Five members of NGJSET met with the Board of Trustees at their February 10th, 2015 Board meeting where they introduced themselves and shared with the Board their provincial mandate, their vision for NGJSET and their excitement for gathering the student voice.

The team feels that building comfort in their own schools and connections with students at different schools is important to their endeavor. They want to see a school environment where everyone feels comfortable to share their voice, feel that their opinion is important and know that there are real ways for their voice to be heard.

NGJSET Mission: We are equal. We make changes. We create community. We are students and we have a voice.

Government seeks input on budget 2015

A new online survey asks Albertans to identify spending reductions and revenue opportunities to address the financial changes caused by low oil prices. Ideas are also invited on how to stabilize Alberta's revenue over the longer term.

This online consultation has 16 questions and will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. The survey will be available until February 28th, 2015. Survey is posted at: www.budget.alberta.ca

Facility Review

The Board received as information the Facility Review and Three-Year Capital Plan Recommendations (2015-2018) presented by Dave Christie, Christie Consulting Services after his review of school and support facilities across the school division. This report will be considered as the Board develops its Three Year Capital plan for the Division.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will take place **Tuesday February 24th, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Division Office in Whitecourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 780-778-2800 or 1-800-262-8674.