

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From March 10, 2015 Meeting

For Immediate Release

Field Trips

The Board approved the following field trips at their regular March 10th, 2015 Board meeting:

The Board approved in principle the Hillside Jr/Sr High international field trip, "Free the Children Community", Nicaragua, scheduled for March 21st – 28th, 2016.

The Board approved in full the Fox Creek School international field trip to London, Paris France and Rome Italy scheduled for April 2nd – 11th, 2015.

The Board approved in full the Hilltop High School international field trip to Ireland and Scotland, scheduled for April 2nd – 12th, 2015.

Cosmodome Space Camp Program

Lac Ste. Anne County Council over the past few years has offered an opportunity for a Lac Ste. Anne County youth to attend a week-long Space Camp at the Cosmodome Centre in Laval, Quebec. Northern Gateway Public Schools continues to support this program and will provide a School Board trustee to sit on the Selection Committee.

Google Summit

Congratulations from the Board of Trustees to the Learning Services Team for successfully bringing the first ever rural Alberta Google Summit to the Northern Gateway school jurisdiction. The event was very well attended and provided a wealth of practical information to Division staff on the Google platform.

Rural Education Symposium

Northern Gateway Board of Trustees and administration staff attended the Alberta Rural Education Symposium, March 1st – 3rd, 2015, held in Canmore, Alberta

The symposium is about partnerships among provincial and local government, business, rural communities and educators who are interested in working together to consciously construct a vibrant, sustainable future for rural communities.

The 2015 theme was “Understanding the rural Reality: Be Part of the Conversation”.

The symposium focused on understanding how government, professions, community members, business, and schools work together for mutually beneficial programs, practices and opportunities that empower communities and enrich student learning and the quality of their education.

Full Time Funded Kindergarten

The NGPS Board discussed the merits of full time funded Kindergarten programs.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will take place **Tuesday March 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.