

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From March 24, 2015 Meeting

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### Field Trip

The Board approved the following field trip at their regular March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board meeting:

The Board approved in full the Onoway High School Honors Band field trip to Vancouver, B.C. to participate in the Kiwanis Music Festival, scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### Alberta School Councils' Association General Meeting

Each year, on behalf of parents, school councils and groups of school councils meet regularly in Alberta and discuss education issues that affect learning successes of their children. To influence change to these issues at the provincial level, school councils/COCSs can send the issues to the ASCA office in order that they can be considered, discussed and debated by school council delegates province-wide at the ASCA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

This year representatives from five schools from Northern Gateway Public Schools will be attending the ASCA Conference in April, 2015: Onoway Elementary, Grasmere, Whitcourt Central, Hillside High and Harry Gray Elementary.

### Edwin Parr Candidate

Annually, each school jurisdiction in the province is invited to submit the name of one outstanding first year teacher as its nomination for the Edwin Parr Award, which is sponsored by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA).

This year Northern Gateway Public Schools has nominated Trista St. Martin from the Percy Baxter School, Whitcourt, Alberta. Trista currently teaches grade six students. Congratulations go out to Trista St. Martin!

### **Three Year Capital Plan**

The Board ratified the 2016-2019 Capital Plan submission to Alberta Education with its top priority being a new K-12 School in Valleyview.

Each year, all 64 school jurisdictions and 13 charter schools submit their three-year Capital Plans to the department, which are updated annually. The proposed projects in these plans – new and replace schools, modernizations and additions – are examined. From that Alberta Education will determine the most pressing needs as identified by the school boards. Alberta Education prioritizes these project requests by first considering school board priorities and then other criteria. The criteria include health and safety of students and staff, enrolment projects, current utilization, facility conditions and capacity for program delivery.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regular Board meeting will take place **Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 10:00 a.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.