

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From September 22, 2015 Meeting

For Immediate Release

Health & Safety Services Report

Cheryl Lovich, Health & Safety Services Coordinator, presented her report:

- Safety and risk assessments were conducted at each school building over the past 5 months. Playgrounds were also reviewed. All areas of concern were addressed with Maintenance and Administrators with completion dates.
- All division staff will receive WHMIS 2015 training this year through the Public SchoolWorks training program.
- This year will see a renewed Master (M) SDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) inventory at each school, which will align with the WHMIS 2015 hazardous products requirements. Public SchoolWorks also provides the division with an online and a 24/7 telephone SDS retrieval, including a hotline for emergencies.
- NGPS has a comprehensive critical response plan that is reviewed with specific information updated on an annual basis. We continue to provide annual updated information from our Emergency Response Plan to RCMP to align with their Safe Plans for Schools.
- Health and Safety topics are presented for discussion to each school's staff meetings in the fall. This year's topic is on classroom practices for using Safety Data Sheets support under the new WHMIS 2015.
- The Public SchoolWorks program continues to provide our division's safety program through automated notifications, documentation and management of staff accidents, staff training, SDS, Maintenance work orders, safety hazards, government reporting as well as being an archival systems for forms, checklists, federal and provincial links as well as access to a 24/7 chemical specialist.
- The Health & Safety handbook for School Staff was developed in conjunction with school principals and is an active document within the schools. This handbook is currently being updated and introducing new training modules (GHS WHMIS 2015, Specialized training for CTS educators and Maintenance personnel).





School Board Trustee Resignation:

The Board of Trustees accepted with regret the resignation letter submitted by Trustee Beverly Smith, effective immediately. Beverly Smith resigned from her position as Trustee for Ward 3, Electoral Subdivision No. 2 due to the relocation out of the electoral subdivision she represents.

By-Election:

By Board motion, a By-Election will be held to fill the vacancy for Ward 3, Subdivision No. 2. No dates have been determined as to when the By-Election will take place.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will take place **Tuesday October 6th, 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.

