

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From May 10, 2016 Meeting

For Immediate Release

Approved 2016-2017 Fees

The following 2016-2017 fees were approved at the May 10th, 2016 Regular Board meeting. Please note the Board did not increase the rates.

2016 – 2017 Mandatory Student Curricular Fees

The 2016-2017 Mandatory Student Curricular Fees will remain at:

Elementary (includes ECS) - \$60.00

Junior High - \$85.00

Senior High - \$110.00 (Adult returning to take a course)

Hillside High School – Trip to Nicaragua 2016

Mr. Craig Lawson, teacher and two students from Hillside High School, presented to the Board on a recent international field trip to Nicaragua.

This was a work based trip with the “Free the Children Organization”: Supporting a Sustainable Future: Nicaragua Service Learning Excursion. The Learning Excursion was an 8 day trip to Nicaragua to participate in service learning activities, such as building schools, playgrounds, community gardens, digging wells, and more. It also included cultural immersion activities such as guided sightseeing tours, Spanish lessons, pottery classes, and much more.

Seventeen children went to Nicaragua, where they worked in the heat (36 degrees) and dirt, overcoming their anxieties, fears, and sore muscles, to return as seventeen mature, caring and passionate individuals, who’ve had their eyes opened to the beauty and issues of the world.



Budget 2016

The Board received an overview of the Provincial Budget 2016 for Education. It reflects no significant change over Budget 2015; however the impact of an anticipated student population decline has yet to be factored into revenue calculations. Site meetings with all schools are scheduled for the upcoming weeks and will inform the development of Budget 2016 for the Division which will be brought to the Board in June.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will take place **Tuesday May 24th, 2016** 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.

