

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From November 15, 2016 Meeting

For Immediate Release

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### *Oscar Adolphson Primary – Student Presentation*

Administration and students from Oscar Adolphson Primary School joined the November 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting by video conference to present a video on their “Outdoor Living Space”.

### *PowerSchool Presentation*

Jennifer Ferguson, Learning Services Coordinator, presented to the Board an online view of what parents will see when logging into “PowerTeacher Pro”, the new reporting system for their child.

This access will allow them to see the assessments their child has taken part in, in the first term and their progress on those assessments. Once the Parent Portal has been opened to them, they will be able to log in on a regular basis to see how their child is growing academically. Teachers will be able to comment on student learning directly through this reporting system, and through the PowerSchool Mobile app, parents will have the ability to receive notifications when their child’s assessment profile is updated.

### *“Making IT Happen”*

Northern Gateway is pleased to announce that Jason Yaremchuk, our Director of Information Technology, was presented with the “Making IT Happen” award at the Alberta Technology Leaders in Education (ATLE) Conference, held in Calgary this past week.

The Making IT Happen award honors outstanding educators and leaders who demonstrate extraordinary commitment, leadership, courage and persistence in improving digital learning opportunities for students. Congratulations Jason!

### *Annual School Operational Viability Report*

The Board received a report from administration which reviewed enrolments, school utilization, student programming and average per pupil instructional spending. The report was accepted as information.

### *A Comprehensive Approach to Planning and Reporting*

The Board received a draft of the publication “A Comprehensive Approach – Looking Back: Annual Education Results Report 2015-2016 and Moving Forward: Three Year Education Plan 2016-2019.” This document is a combination of the Annual Education Results Review Report and the Three Year Education Plan.

A requirement of the Alberta Education, the Annual Education Results Review Report (AERR) outlines achievements in the Division, outcomes of strategies from the Three Year Education Plan, highlights of capital plans, school highlights, strategies for success, as well as future challenges.

Also a requirement of Alberta Education, the Three-Year Education Plan addresses the goals of the Division and its progress towards reaching those goals, Strategies and outcomes set by the Division and the government lists, with progress in the various areas outlined. Results of Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Examinations are also reported.

### *Student Learning Experiences: Here & Now*

The Board received a presentation on Dual Credit – “Student Learning Experiences: Here & Now (and a Whisper of the Future)”, relaying all the great programs already in our schools and proposed future endeavors.

### *Next Meeting*

The next Board meeting will take place **Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016** commencing at **3:00 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.