

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From January 24, 2017 Meeting

For Immediate Release

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### *Field Trips*

At their January 24<sup>th</sup> Regular Board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the following field trips:

- the Board approved in principle Fox Creek School's International field trip to Germany, Italy and Switzerland, scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> – April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- the Board approve in full Onoway High School's field trip for three students to attend Encounters with Canada program in Ottawa: Destiny Potts –Science & Ecology April 23<sup>rd</sup> – April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017; Celine Sewepagaham – Vimy: Canada's Coming of Age April 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and Kennedy Tuccaro – International Relations February 12<sup>th</sup> – February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### *Policy*

As part of the regular cyclical review of policies, the Board reviewed/amended the following policies:

- Policy 2 – Role of the Board
- Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee
- Policy 4 – Trustee Code of Conduct
- Policy 5 – Role of the Board Chair
- Policy 6 – Role of the Vice-Chair
- Policy 8 – Committees of the Board
- Policy 9 – Board Representatives
- Policy 10 – Policy Making
- Policy 11 – Board Delegation of Authority
- Policy 12 – Role of the Superintendent
- Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters
- Policy 14 – Hearings on Teacher Transfers
- Policy 15 – School Operational Viability
- Policy 16 – School Closure
- Policy 17 – Recruitment and Selection of Personnel

### *DRAFT 2017-2018 School Year Calendar*

The Board of Trustees reviewed the Draft 2017-2018 School Year calendar at their Regular Public Board meeting held on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The calendar has been sent to stakeholders for feedback.

School Year calendars are available on the Northern Gateway Public Schools website for your information.

<http://www.ngps.ca/students-and-parents/calendar>

### *Board Representation Survey*

The survey has been taken down after stakeholders provided initial feedback. Preliminary report from Thought Exchange is that over three hundred respondents shared thoughts. Initial results have now been received and respondents will be asked to prioritize thoughts by assigning starts to the major themes taken from the feedback. Once received, these prioritized responses will be analyzed and results shared with the Board and the community.

### *Next Meeting*

The next Board meeting will take place **Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017** commencing at **10:00 a.m.** at the Division Office in Whitcourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 780-778-2800 or 1-800-262-8674.