

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From February 7, 2017 Meeting

For Immediate Release

Jump Start Your Future!

Earn High School Credits and Post-Secondary Credits at the same time while in High School!

Given the complexity of moving through learning systems, students need seamless, personalized pathways as they transition from high school to post-secondary to future employment. Dual Credit programming is where high school students participate in apprenticeship training or post-secondary, college or university courses earning both high school and post-secondary credits for the same course.

Dual Credit student(s) from each of the five high schools presented to the Board of Trustees about their Dual Credit Program and experience as a Dual Credit student. A video documentary by students answered the following questions:

- Before Dual Credit, were you considering attending some type of post-secondary program when you finished high school? Why or why not?
- Why did you choose to take this Dual Credit course/program?
- What makes a Dual Credit course/program different than a regular high school course?
- How has this opportunity prepared you for work and/or your future?
- Would you recommend Dual Credit to other students? Why or why not?
- Do you intend to work in this program area? Do you intend to take more courses in this program to prepare you for work in this program area? Why or why not?

Below are the Dual Credit opportunities Northern Gateway Public School students have participated in:

- Onoway High School – Administrative Office Professional Certificate, Health Care Aide Certificate
- Mayerthorpe High School – Health Care Aide Certificate, Medical Terminology, Safety Dual Credit 7 Credentials
- Hilltop High School – Harley Davidson Certificate, Water and Wastewater Management Certificate
- Fox Creek School – Power Engineering, Welding, Water and Wastewater Management Course
- Hillside High School – PSYC1040, Veterinary Terminology Course

Re-naming of Schools

Please be advised Alberta Government has approved the Board's requests to re-name the following schools:

- Northern Gateway Division Outreach #1157 to Gateway Academy Valleyview #1157
- Fox Creek Talent Development Centre #1389 to Gateway Academy Fox Creek #1389
- Hilltop Outreach #1552 to Gateway Academy Whitecourt #1552
- Onoway Outreach #1551 to Gateway Academy Onoway #1551

PSBAA

Arlene Hrynyk, President and Mary Lynne Campbell, Executive Director, from Public School Board Association (PSBAA), met with the Board of Trustees at their February 7th, 2017 Regular Board meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will take place **Tuesday February 21st, 2017** commencing 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.