

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From February 21, 2017 Meeting

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### *Envirobusiness and Forestry Project Western Diversification Program Proposal*

Northern Gateway Administration and Dual Credit Consultants will be submitting an Envirobusiness and Forestry Project proposal to the Western Diversification Program (WDP) Grant.

The Western Diversification Program is one of the main programs through which Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) makes strategic investments in initiatives with not-for-profit organizations that enhance and strengthen the economy of Western Canada.

The project vision for this proposal is to provide enhanced program offerings that develop "Student Career Pathways" that relate to industry, community and future labour market needs.

### *Approved 2017-2018 Fees*

The following 2017-2018 fees were approved at the February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Regular Board meeting. Please note the Board did not increase the rates.

#### 2017 – 2018 Non-Alberta Students Tuition Fees

Rate to be established when the Provincial Budget is announced.

#### 2017 – 2018 Transportation fees for Grant Ineligible Students

\$290.00 per student  
\$145.00 per half day ECS Student and \$290.00 per full day everyday ECS Student  
\$722 Maximum per family

#### 2017 – 2018 Mandatory Student Curricular Fees

Elementary (includes ECS) - \$60.00  
Junior High - \$85.00  
Senior High - \$110.00 (Adult returning to take a course)

### *2017-2018 School Year Calendar*

The Board of Trustees approved the 2017-2018 School Year calendar at their Regular Public Board meeting held on February 21, 2017. School Year calendars are available on the Northern Gateway Public Schools website for your information.

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

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### *Locally Developed Courses*

At the February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Regular Board meeting the Board approved to authorize the use of the following Locally Developed Courses:

- acquired from Northern Lights School Division No. 69 from February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018: Energy Education: Orientation to Service Rigs 35 (5 credits). Resources used to teach the course are listed in the Learning Resources of the Course Details, and
- acquired from Calgary Roman Catholic Separate District No. 1 from February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018: Musical Theatre 15 (3 credits), Musical Theatre 25 (3 credits), Musical Theatre 35 (3 credits). Veterinary Patient Preparation and Husbandry 25 (3 credits) and Veterinary Equipment and Instrumentation 35 (5 credits). Resources used to teach the courses are listed in the Learning Resources of the Course Details.

### *Thoughtexchange Presentation*

In the winter of 2017, stakeholders were invited to share their thoughts about a proposal to reconfigure the Board of Trustees and electoral boundaries in Northern Gateway Public School Division by Thoughtexchange. They were then invited to review and prioritize the thoughts of others by placing stars next to the ideas that were most important to them. The goal of this engagement was to surface shared perspectives in the NGPS community as the Division explores a potential reconfiguration to reflect population changes in the area.

Kailey Metcalfe and Iain Hackett from Thoughtexchange reviewed the survey process and results with the Board of Trustees.

### *Board Meeting*

The Board of Trustees scheduled a Regular Board meeting for Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for a discussion on the proposed By-law 2-17.

### *Next Meeting*

The next Board meeting will take place **Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.