

Northern Gateway Public Schools

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Board Highlights

From February 11 meeting

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Field Trip

· At their regular Board meeting on February 11th, 2014 the Board of Trustees approved in principle Hilltop High School's international field trip; Tour of Scotland and Ireland, scheduled from April 1st to April 11th, 2015.

Thoughtstream

· Northern Gateway is working on the final pieces of the Thoughtstream process for 2013 – 2014.

Completed to date are:

- Voices and Vision
- Three Year Education Plan 2013-2016, and the
- Priorities Alignment Document January 2014.

Process continues with:

- School Councils' Voice - looking to confirm a date for School Council representations to meet with Trustees and the Superintendent.
- C2 Committee – Thoughtstream is compiling the final report from surveying the teachers. Data will be taken back to the C2 Committee to review and then proceed forward from this.
- Pilot Project – “Coming Home” – Northern Gateway has devised a study of teachers currently employed within its jurisdiction to reveal the truth behind the assumption that teachers from rural communities want to return and live in the places that they have called home. Through various surveys, interviews and other information gathering tools, Northern Gateway is identifying those factors that are most common in teachers that have returned to the Division.

Onoway to get new High School

· A new Grade 7-12 public school will be built to replace the current Onoway Jr/Sr High School. It will provide a state of the art school with modern learning facilities for Onoway area students.

No date has been given as to when this project will commence, but more information may come out of the 1st meeting with Infrastructure which is to take place on Thursday, February 13th, 2014.

Transportation Review Report

· In the Spring of 2013, the Northern Gateway Board of Trustees commissioned a review of Northern Gateway's transportation system. From this review, there were 13 recommendations for the Board to review and consider. More information will be gathered and presented to the Board before any decisions will be made on the 13 recommendations.

The next Board meeting will take place Tuesday, February 25th, 2014, commencing at 10:00 a.m. with the regular Board Meeting at the Division Office in Whitecourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend the regular Board meeting. For more information, please call (780) 778-2800 or toll free at 1-800-262-8674.

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