

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

October 27, 2020

For Immediate Release

Ward Bylaw Review

NGPS Administration presented information to trustees regarding student populations and ward representation within the Division, sharing that the Board governs within the same ward structure it has had since its inception in 1995. With consideration of significant population shifts since that time, and in advance of next year's Board election, Administration recommended the Board engage in a review of its ward system.

Motion: To proceed with a review of NGPS' governance ward system. Motion defeated.

Motion: To create a bylaw for ward realignment that incorporates newly acquired lands between Fox Creek and Whitecourt. Motion carried.

School Principal and School Council Chairs Connect with Trustees

School principals and their school council chairs have been invited to join upcoming board meetings via Zoom to share and discuss their school community's goals, challenges and initiatives. Special thanks to Principal Martens and School Council President Rand Richards from Pat Hardy Primary School, and Principal Northcott and School Council President Tammy Dickson from Hilltop Jr/Sr High School, for sharing your highlights with us!

Update on at-home, online learning

Online teachers have settled in with their classes and are utilizing innovative instructional practices for engaging online students. The importance of attendance and engagement in all classes during each day is essential, as is the need for students to have support at home with a learning space, resources and an adult who can assist as needed.

NGPS currently has 16 online teachers facilitating learning for online students in grades Kindergarten to 6, shared part-time core teachers for grades 7 and 8 and shared instruction of grade 9 online core courses by grade 9 teachers.. Online instruction for grades 10 through 12 is being managed by each high school through outreach and the Alberta Distance Learning Centre.



Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will take place **on November 24 , 2020** commencing at **1:00 p.m.** at the Division Office in Whitecourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend virtually, or in-person. Please contact Board Secretary Wendy Robertson at the Division Office, 780-778-2800 or 1-800-262-8674, to confirm your attendance so we may accommodate physical distancing. Masks are required.

