

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From October 6, 2015 Meeting

For Immediate Release

By-Election:

By Board motion, a By-Election will be held to fill the vacancy for Ward 3, Subdivision No. 2, on November 30th, 2015. Further information will be available on the NGPS Division website and NGPS School websites in the upcoming week.

Educational Tour – 100th Anniversary of the Vimy Ridge:

In 2017, Canada will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, a seminal event in Canada's history. The crowning achievement of the Centennial celebrations will be the unveiling of state-of-the-art Vimy Visitors Education Centre near the Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France. Travelling from Europe's finest capital of art and culture, Paris, to the capital of the European Union, Brussels, this tour will go through the fields of Canadian sacrifice that helped make possible the freedom Europe enjoys today.

The Board of Trustees has approved in principle two of NGPS's high schools to attend and are extending the same approval in principle to other NGPS schools contemplating this tour.

20th Annual Employee Recognition Evening

Northern Gateway Public School staff from Alberta Beach to Valleyview gathered this past Friday, October 4th to honor the commitment and careers of our fellow staff members at the division's annual Employee Recognition Evening. There was approximately 90 staff recognized including 13 retirees. A round of applause, a shared meal and the longstanding tradition of the trustee-manned ice cream bar brings us together each year to recognize the amazing people who make up NGPS!





Meeting with the Minister

Northern Gateway Superintendent Andrea and Board Chair Muir met with the Minister on September 28th, 2015. The Minister's goal was to establish a relationship with Boards. Boards also shared areas of concern and discussed other topics such as: Residency issues, 2.4 Km walk time for students, extending student age to 21 and Broadband width in rural areas.

ASBA Day for Advocacy: September 30th

Northern Gateway School Board trustees and administration attended the ASBA Day for Advocacy on September 30th, 2015. With over 80 brand-new MLAs in the 29th legislature, the day was intended for school boards to establish new relationships with their provincial representatives.

September 30th Enrollment

Based on the September 30th, 2015 count, enrolment across the Division was at 4776 student FTE. Enrolment across the Division has fallen by 90 FTE as compared to the 4686 student FTE at September 30th, 2014.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will take place **Tuesday October 20th, 2015** commencing with the Organizational Meeting at **10:00 a.m.** and with the regular Board meeting to follow 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 1-800-262-8674.

