

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

May 24, 2022

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### ***2022-23 Division Budget***

The Division's annual budget for the 2022-23 school year is projected to be \$71, 487, 553. This represents an increase of \$851,595 (1.2%). The Budget identifies Instruction as the Division's highest cost at 79% of the total Budget. Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal (IMR) funding is at 1% and Operations and Maintenance funding and Transportation funding at 8% each.

**Motion to approve as presented. Motion carried.**

### ***NGPS 2022-23 Education Plan***

Deputy Superintendent Jodry presented the 2022-23 Education Plan which outlines the Division's priorities and strategies for the next year. Jodry shared that the Plan includes data from community engagements, including the Division's comprehensive wellness survey, parent and stakeholder feedback via ngpsTALK, and results reporting from the Division's 2022 Annual Results Report. The 2022-23 Education Plan will be posted to ngps.ca on May 31, 2022.

Motion: to approve the 2022-25 Education Plan with amendments. Motion Carried.

### ***Annual Employee Appreciation Evening***

The Board's annual Employee Appreciation Evening, recognizing retirees and longstanding employees, will be held in person this year. The annual gathering has not been held in person in recent years due to the pandemic. Board and staff look forward to gathering and recognizing staff this Fall.

### ***Grimshaw Shared School Facility***

NGPS is exploring all possibilities when it comes to the design of a proposed new K-12 school in Valleyview. NGPS Superintendent Bird, Valleyview Principals and NGPS trustee Gerry Steinke recently hosted delegates from the Town of Valleyview and MD of Greenview, and MLA Todd Loewen, on a tour of Grimshaw's impressive single, multi-use facility that houses the town's public and Catholic schools, recreation centre, theatre and a library. Everyone was impressed with Grimshaw's cooperative project and how working together has achieved impressive results for both students and their community.

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***Congratulations to Percy Baxter student, Demi Potts***

Alexis dancer and NGPS student Demi Potts was featured in the local news this week after placing first in the Junior Fancy Shawl division during an international event in New Mexico. Congratulations Demi!

***High School Graduation Dates***

Hillside Jr/Sr High School – June 25  
Fox Creek School – June 25  
Mayerthorpe Jr/Sr High School – June 29  
Onoway Jr/Sr High School – June 30  
Hilltop Jr/Sr High School – June 30

***Fox Creek School Celebrates 50 years of education!***

Saturday, May 14 marked Fox Creek School's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary! School and community celebrated with dignitaries, memorabilia, displays, treats, dinner, a dance, an alumni basketball game and an auction for their infamous Fox Rod! Fox Creek School was honoured to host so many past and present students, teachers and family members.

***Next Meeting***

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for [June 14, 2022, at the Division Office in Whitecourt](#), commencing at [10:00 a.m.](#) Members of the public are invited to attend or watch the Meeting live on our YouTube channel, [NGTV](#).

