

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Organizational and Regular Meeting

September 10, 2024

For Immediate Release

Organizational Meeting:

Congratulations to Valleyview trustee, Gerry Steinke, who was re-elected to the position of Board Chair, and to Mayerthorpe trustee, Diane Hagman, who was re-elected to the position of Vice-Chair, for the 2024-25 school year.

Generating momentum, excitement, and equity in learning!

NGPS Director of Learning, Beth Jager, presented to the Board, sharing successes from the Division's Career Exposure Summer Camps. Nearly 200 students, from Onoway to Valleyview, earned high school credits this summer, for free, while exploring career paths and interests. The experience goes beyond credits, offering students a valuable opportunity to gain hands-on experience, to see if career paths are right for them, to get a head start on their careers, and to build skills and resumes.

Career Exposure Summer Camps are made possible by the efforts and investment of local and provincial partners, instructors, and educators who are passionate about supporting learners in our communities. Special thanks to RBC Future Launch, Pembina Pipeline, Town of Whitecourt, Brogan Safety Supplies, Schaffer's Welding, Woodlands County, and Careers: Next Generation.

Locally Developed Courses

The Board approved the use of the following Locally Developed Course, at no cost to the Division:

- Fantasy and Science Fiction 15 and 25

Together

Our Division has changed over the years; we are not just diverse geographically, but also in culture and ethnicity. This poster, proudly displayed in NGPS schools and sites, is a small visual reminder of who we are, that we are all welcome, and that we are all in this, together, using the languages of the many students and families we serve in NGPS schools.



29th Annual Employee Recognition Evening

The Employee Recognition Evening brings NGPS together annually to honour the longstanding service of staff from across the Division. Hosted by the Board of Trustees, the evening is an opportunity to share a meal, laughter, stories and memories with our professional family. Employee service awards are presented to staff in 5 year increments.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **October 15, 2024, at the Division Office in Whitecourt**, commencing at **10:00 a.m.** Members of the public are invited to attend.