

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting

May 27, 2025

For Immediate Release

2025-28 Three-Year Education Plan

Following final review, the Board approved the *2025-28 Three-Year Education Plan* as presented. The Plan will be available on ngps.ca as of May 31, 2025.

2025-26 Division Budget

NGPS Secretary-Treasurer Tamara Spong reviewed 2025-26 budget allocations with trustees:

- 73% of the budget is delegated to Instruction;
- 12% to Operations and Maintenance;
- 9% to Transportation;
- 4% to System Administration and Governance; and,
- 1% each to Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal Funding and External Programs.

The Board approved the 2025-26 Budget as presented, with note that the Division is running a deficit budget again this year, drawing from surplus funds (savings), to ensure NGPS students continue to have the educational supports, resources and opportunities they need.

Board Election – October 2025

Albertans vote for their School Board Trustees as part of the municipal general elections once every four years. The election for Alberta School Board Trustees will be Monday, October 20, 2025. Election information and nomination packages are available on ngps.ca.

NGPS Secretary-Treasurer and Electoral Returning Officer Tamara Spong recommended necessary updates to election related Board Policies, around items such as Voting Stations, Voting Hours and Advance Voting.

Motion was made to accept the updates as presented. Motion carried.

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Fox Creek School International Field Trip to Italy

Fox Creek School's tour group has re-evaluated their original plan for Spain, taking into consideration increasing costs and student engagement. The group has requested approval from the Board to change the travel destination from Spain to Italy. Motion approved in principle.

Career Exposure Summer Camps

Career Exposure Summer Camps are open for registration [online](#)! Career Exposure Summer Camps give students a chance to earn high school credits and gain hands-on experience while developing skills, exploring a passion, or trying out a new interest.

WEEK 1 - JUNE 30 - JULY 4!

WEEK 2 - JULY 7-11!

- Camps are free and offered to students who are currently in Grades 9-12.
- Camps run for one and two weeks, during the day, at Hilltop Jr/Sr High School.
- School Bus transportation will be provided to and from the Camps each day from Onoway, Sangudo, Mayerthorpe, Fox Creek and Valleyview.

Alberta Public Survey to Inform the Selection and Availability of School Library Materials

The Alberta Minister of Education and Childcare announced this week that Alberta's government is considering [new standards](#) that would provide consistent requirements for school boards in selecting and managing school library collections. The government indicates that the changes are a response to an increasing number of concerns from parents and stakeholders regarding the availability of explicit content in some school libraries. The Minister is inviting Albertans and education partners to provide input on what they believe is acceptable for school library collections through an online survey, open until June 6, 2025. Complete the [Survey here](#).

NGPS has front-facing libraries which means parents can look up any NGPS school library's inventory at any time. You can find this link on [ngps.ca](#), under Quick Links/Student and Parents, or [click here](#).



Graduation Ceremony Dates

June 14 @ 1 pm - Hillside Jr/Sr High School
June 21 @ 3 pm - Fox Creek School
June 26 @ 1 pm - Mayerthorpe Jr/Sr High School
June 26 @ 1 pm - Hilltop Jr/Sr High School
June 27 @ 1:30 pm - Onoway Jr/Sr High School

Next Meeting

The last Board Meeting of the 2024-25 school year is scheduled for **June 17, 2025, at the Division Office in Whitecourt**, commencing at **10:00 a.m.** Members of the public are invited to attend.

