

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting

June 17, 2025

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### ***2025-26 Board Meeting Dates***

The Board approved Meeting Dates for the 2025-26 school year. Meeting dates can be viewed online at [ngps.ca](https://ngps.ca).

### ***Locally Developed Courses***

The Board approved the use of the following locally developed courses at no cost to the Division:

- Workplace Essential Skills 25 and 35
- Forensic Studies 25 and 35
- Classical Mythology 15
- Leadership, Character and Social Responsibility 15, 25, and 35
- Creative Writing and Publishing 15, 25, and 35
- Foundations in Industry Workplace Safety 35

### ***Career Exposure Summer Camps 2025***

Over 220 students from Onoway to Valleyview have signed up for NGPS' Career Exposure Summer Camps, a statistic that NGPS is happy to see increase year after year.

Superintendent Kevin Bird notes the "value for students from exploring personal interests and earning credits, to gaining skills and learning more about themselves and what they want to do in the future. And at no cost to families. It's great to see so many students taking advantage of the opportunity."

The camps run every year in late June and early July and are open to students in Grades 9-12, from any school division.

There is no cost to register for a camp, and free school bus transportation is provided for students to and from Hilltop Jr/Sr High School in Whitecourt each day from Onoway, Sangudo, Mayerthorpe, Fox Creek and Valleyview.

Bird shared that division learning coordinators are "excited for a new year and grateful to our community partners, staff and instructors who continue to invest in these learning opportunities, helping to make them accessible for all students."

A full course line up of returning favourites, as well as some exciting new camps, include Industrial Safety (earning tickets), Baking, Travel, Wildlife Studies, Construction, Welding, Forensic Science, CALM 20, Forestry Fundamentals and Dance. There's also Hairstyling and Aesthetics, Construction, Art & Design, Creative Writing, Photography and Automotives.

NGPS Learning Director, Beth Jager, "The concentrated hands-on learning opportunities that our teachers provide students with during the Career Exposure Summer Camps are essential in supporting students in future career path goals."

Career Exposure Summer Camps are made possible with the support of RBC Foundation, Pembina Pipeline, Town of Whitecourt, Woodlands County, and Careers: Next Generation. This year's camps run June 30 to July 4, and July 7-11.

### ***Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Educational Agreement***

A new educational agreement has been made directly with Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation. Sturgeon has made changes to their governance model, bringing educational decisions and management back under their jurisdiction.

### ***Trustees honoured by Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA)***

Board Trustees, Diane Hagman, Linda Wigton, Jim Hailes, Barb Maddigan, and Judy Muir were honoured by the PSBAA for their long-standing commitment and positive impact on public education. Thank you for your service trustees!

- Diane Hagman - 8 years!
- Linda Wigton - 8 years!
- Jim Hailes - 12 years!
- Barb Maddigan - 20 years!
- Judy Muir - 38 years!



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### ***Next Meeting***

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **August 28, 2025, at the Division Office in Whitecourt**, commencing at **10:00 a.m.** Members of the public are invited to attend.

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