

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From April 19, 2016 Meeting

For Immediate Release

Approved 2016-2017 Fees

The following 2016-2017 fees were approved at the April 19th, 2016 Regular Board meeting. Please note the Board did not increase the rates.

2016 – 2017 Non-Alberta Students Tuition Fees

\$7429.00 full year
\$3714.50 half year

2016 – 2017 Transportation fees for Grant Ineligible Students

\$290.00 per student
\$145.00 per half day ECS Student and \$290.00 per full day everyday ECS Student
\$722 Maximum per family

2016 – 2017 Mandatory Student Curricular Fees

No fee was established and will be discussed at the May 10th, 2016 Board Meeting.

Budget 2016

The Budget was released last Thursday, April 14th, 2016. Further time will be spent “unpacking” what Budget 2016 means to Northern Gateway Public Schools.

January Diploma Exam Report

Stephanie Damery, Learning Services Coordinator, provided an overview of Division student performance on the January 2016 Diploma exams.

For most subject areas, students are performing well, however the Board expressed concern about student performance in Mathematics' and Science. Strategies to improve student success have been put into place and will continue.

Information Technology Report

Jason Yaremchuk, Director of Information Technology, presented his report:

Shared Services:

Shared Services is a collaborative solution building aimed at enhancing learning opportunities across jurisdiction boundaries; School Districts working and collaborating together for mutual benefit.

Some Shared Services are:

- Shared Transit Internet
- Shared Firewall
- Shared Provincial RFP – Computer Hardware, and
- NGPS Internal Shared Services

It is based on flexible value exchanges, not necessarily money. NGPS will receive value and add to the net value intrinsically.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will take place **Tuesday May 10th, 2016** at **10:00 a.m.** at the Division Office in Whitecourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 780-778-2800 or 1-800-262-8674.