

# Northern Gateway Public Schools

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## Board Highlights

From August 24 meeting

For Immediate Release

### Calling all Candidates for School Board

· The time is fast approaching for voters to decide who will shape and direct local education for the next three years. Elections for school trustee take place October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and it's not too early to think about who you would like to see as candidates for this important office.

Having good trustee candidates in the upcoming election is critical because school boards make decisions about how education is delivered locally – including the operation of schools. School board policies directly impact the development of our children and affect community interests.

Nomination day is September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Northern Gateway central office has information about becoming a school board trustee. You may also wish to visit the ASBA website at [www.asba.ab.ca](http://www.asba.ab.ca). You can call our central office number at 1-800-262-8674 for more information.

### Maintenance Report

· Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, provided to the Board a monthly progress report on the new Division Office and the Hilltop High School Modernization Projects.

Mr. Lovich also provided information focusing on the degree of completion of facilities renovations/new construction projects and IMR projects.

### Yellowhead Regional Library Report

· Jocie Wilson, Librarian, Yellowhead Regional Library, presented at the August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Board Meeting, a brief overview of the Yellowhead Regional Library services.

#### Training and Consulting Services:

Yellowhead Regional Library employs professional librarians to provide for the training and consulting needs of member library staff. The Client Services Librarians provide the following services:

- Plan and host Conferences
- Collection Development: evaluation, weeding, selection, development, and planning
- Consulting on specific questions or issues
- Information on current library issues
- Policy and Procedures

- Programming for all age groups
- School library evaluations
- Space Planning
- Training on Databases and Internet searching
- Workshops or seminars on library management skills.

#### Cataloguing and Processing:

As part of their bibliographic services, YRL orders, catalogues and processes library materials for member libraries. Centralized ordering reduces the cost of library materials, allowing member libraries to realize a larger discount than they would ordering library materials independently.

#### Allotment:

Each calendar year member libraries receive a library materials budget called the allotment which is administered from Yellowhead. The allotment for school libraries is based on school enrolment. The library materials purchased with the allotment are the property of the library, which ordered them.

#### Curriculum Support:

Curriculum Support is a service offered to our School Library Members. This service is used to supplement school library collections on particular curriculum subjects. Requests can be made for additional books on various topics at appropriate reading levels. Materials need to be requested well in advance of the needed time so that materials can be delivered via the Yellowhead delivery system.

#### Special Collections:

The Special Collections are collections of books and materials that supplement member libraries' existing collections. Special Collections available for loan:

- Aboriginal Kits
- Multilingual Books
- Storytime Kits

The next regular Board meeting will take place Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 10 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 toll free at 1-800-262-8674.

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