

# Northern Gateway Public Schools

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## Board Highlights

From January 25 meeting

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### MLA Meetings

· Northern Gateway administration and trustees met with Mel Knight, MLA for Grande Prairie-Smoky on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and are scheduled to meet with George VanderBurg, MLA for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011, to talk about the Provincial Tripartite Discussions that are taking place. The goal of the Provincial Tripartite Discussions is to achieve a new multi-year agreement with teachers and the transformation of Alberta's education system.

### County Meetings

· Northern Gateway administration and trustees met with the County of Lac St. Anne and the County of Woodlands to discuss the following issues which are currently impacting this jurisdiction:

- transportation in general;
- the proposed motion being taken to the AAMDC which reads:  
“Therefore be it resolved that the AAMDC encourage the provincial government to provide rural school districts with sufficient transportation funding to ensure that no child rides a school bus for more than 2.5 hours per day.”; and
- the meetings being held with school staffs and school councils in the Sangudo area regarding the notice of motions for closure of the Sangudo Junior/Senior High School (Grades 10, 11 and 12) and David Ovans Elementary (building only).

### Policy 8 – Committees of the Board

· The Advocacy Committee met on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and made recommendations on changes to the wording in regards to the Advocacy Committee's responsibilities under Policy 8. The Board of trustees approved the amended changes to Policy 8 at the January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Board meeting and passed the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.

### Onoway High School International Field Trip

· The Board approved in principle the Onoway High School's European field trip tentatively scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The students will have the opportunity to experience the different French, Italian and English cultures, customs and traditions, and practice a second language outside of the classroom.

### Onoway High School Out of Province Field Trip

· The Board approved in full the Onoway High School SADD students' field trip to Oakville, Ontario to participate in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual CYAID (Canadian Youth Against Impaired Driving) Conference being held on May 8<sup>th</sup> – May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### Hilltop High School International Field Trip

· The Board approved in full the Hilltop High School international field trip to Germany from April 20<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Students participating will have the thrill of witnessing new sights and sounds, and glimpses into different cultures.

The next regular Board meeting will take place Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 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 toll free at 1-800-262-8674.

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