

Northern Gateway Public Schools

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Board Highlights

From March 9 meeting

For Immediate Release

Delegations at Board Meeting

· The Board received two presentations from concerned stakeholders regarding the “Notice of Motion” to consider a motion to close Grades 10, 11 and 12 at Sangudo Junior/Senior High School and the “Notice of Motion” to consider a motion to close David Ovans Elementary School, effective June 30th, 2011. First to present, was Reeve Giebelhaus – Lac Ste. Anne County and second to present was Hope Meier – Chairperson of the David Ovans Parent Council, and Andrea Perrin – Vice- Chair of the David Ovans Parent Council.

The Board of Trustees and Northern Gateway administration continue to receive communications by letters and emails regarding the above motions. All correspondence is being distributed.

Budget 2011

· Trustees received information related to the 2011 Education Budget and its impact on Northern Gateway Public Schools. In short, Budget 2011 will see a 1.3 million dollar increase on the basic student grant earmarked for teacher salaries, while at the same time seeing a reduction of 1.9 million in educational program grants. The Board will receive further information related to how this will impact the Division at the March 22nd, 2011 regular Board meeting.

Hillside High Out of Province Field Trip

· The Board approved in full the Hillside High School out of province “Encounters with Canada” field trip to Ottawa, Canada, scheduled for March 13th – March 19th, 2011. Encounters with Canada, is our country’s largest and foremost youth forum. Every week of the school year, 120 to 148 teens from across Canada (ages 14 to 17) come to Ottawa. Here they discover their country through each other, learn about Canadian institutions, meet famous and accomplished Canadians, explore exciting career options, develop their civic leadership skills and live an extraordinary bilingual experience. Over 86,000 youth have lived the EWC experience, to date!

Locally Developed Courses

· The Board, at their March 9th, 2011 regular Board meeting, re-authorized six Locally Developed Courses:

Learning Strategies 12
Learning Strategies 25
Learning Strategies 35

Sports Performance 15
Sports Performance 25
Sports Performance 35

Locally Developed Courses (LDCs) are developed and authorized by school authorities to provide their students with learning opportunities that complement provincially authorized programs. LDCs allow school authorities to be innovative and responsive at the local level. Education is committed to meeting the changing needs of students by encouraging flexibility to accommodate the special interests and abilities of students, and to address local community of parent interests.

The next regular Board meeting will take place Tuesday, March 22nd, 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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