

# Northern Gateway Public Schools

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## Board Synopsis

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### Sunset House School Final Celebration and Awards Gala

· On Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Sunset House School is hosting a Final Celebration and Awards Gala. The evening will be filled with music, food, awards and memories.

### School Review

· The follow up to last year's Fox Creek School Review has wrapped up with the final report being presented to the Board at their May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 regular Board Meeting. The Board accepted the document and is available for viewing on the Northern Gateway web site. The administration and staff of Fox Creek School are to be commended for progress documented in this follow up.

### Leadership Capacity Building Celebration

· Northern Gateway Public Schools (NGPS) has been focusing on building internal leadership and promoting succession planning. NGPS recognizes that many teachers serve in a range of leadership capacities within its schools and at Central Office. The Division's intent was to further develop and refine these leadership capacities, to better enable aspiring leaders to serve in formal leadership positions within its schools, as principals and assistant principals, and at Central Office, as Learning Services team members and Coordinators.

To better prepare internal leaders for leadership positions, NGPS offered a leadership development program, over a two-year cycle, to enable aspiring leaders to develop and refine their leadership knowledge and skills. A celebration will be held for the six candidates whom have completed the two-year program.

The BUILDING Celebration is scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Eagle River Casino, Whitecourt, AB.

### PC Association Leadership Candidates Forum

· Northern Gateway administration and trustees attended the Whitecourt – Ste. Anne PC Association Leadership Candidates Forum on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Four PC Leadership Candidates met with three schools boards: Northern Gateway Public Schools, Grande Yellowhead Public School Division and Living Waters Catholic Division. Each school board presented issues facing rural school boards and were able to hear the positions of the four PC Candidates: Gary Mar, Doug Griffiths, Doug Horner and Alison Redford, on Education.

## Regional Municipalities Meeting

· This year, the Regional Municipalities Meeting was hosted by Mayerthorpe at the Mayerthorpe Legion on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Northern Gateway administration and trustees were in attendance and discussed issues on the Sangudo School closure and impacts the Provincial Education Budget grant cuts will have on rural school boards.

## Bus Routes

· For the upcoming 2011/2012 school year, four bus routes are under review for route consolidation. Two runs from the Whitecourt area and two from the Mayerthorpe area will likely be cut. Specific information on route changes, and pick times will be communicated to parents in the coming weeks.

The next regular Board meeting will take place Tuesday, June 14<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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