

Northern Gateway Public Schools

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Board Highlights

From November 24 meeting

For Immediate Release

Onoway High School Field Trips

· The Board approved two out of province field trips for three students from Onoway High School. Three grade 11 students have been accepted into the Encounters with Canada program in Ottawa. Two students will be attending the Law session from November 28th through to December 4th, 2010. The third grade 11 student will be attending the Canada's Coming of Age session from April 3rd through to April 9th, 2011.

The Encounters with Canada program encourages participants to learn about their country through one another. They will meet new friends, create lifelong memories and have a better appreciation of what it means to be a Canadian.

A Comprehensive Approach to Planning and Reporting

· The Board received a draft of the publication "A Comprehensive Approach – Looking Back: Annual Education Results Report 2009 – 2013 and Moving Forward: Three Year Education Plan 2010 - 2013". This document is a combination of the Annual Education Results Review Report and the Three Year Education Plan.

A requirement of Alberta Education, the Annual Education Results Review Report (AERR) outlines achievements in the Division, outcomes of strategies from the Three-Year Education Plan, highlights of capital plans, AISI results, school highlights, strategies for success, as well as future challenges.

Also a requirement of Alberta Education, the Three –Year Education Plan addresses the goals of the Division and its progress toward reaching those goals, Strategies and outcomes set by the Division and the government listed, with progress in the various areas outlines. Results of satisfaction surveys, Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Examinations are reported.

Annual Budget Report

· The Board adopted the Annual Budget Report for the 2010 – 2011 School Year. The operating budget is based on grants from various sources as well as student enrolment numbers. For more information on the budget, please contact Secretary-Treasurer Michael Gramatovich at Division Office.

Alberta Mental Health Initiative

· Northern Gateway Regional Division continues with a partnership with Alberta Health Services and Alberta Education to deliver two Mental Health Capacity Building Projects within the Division. Team SUCCESS, located in Whitecourt at two schools and team CHAMP located in Fox Creek School. Both programs are in their extended implementation phase through Alberta Mental Health Services and Alberta Education. NGRD is moving ahead and will continue with sustainable programs when the government funded initiatives come to a close in June 2011.

The next regular Board meeting will take place Tuesday, December 14th, 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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