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Board Highlights

From October 26 meeting

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Organizational Meeting – October 26th, 2010

· At its annual Organizational Meeting on October 26th, 2010 Northern Gateway's Board of Trustees re-elected Judy Muir as Chairman and Barbara Maddigan as Vice-Chairman for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Mrs. Muir, Trustee for Ward 1 Subdivision 2, represents the Rich Valley, Alberta Beach and Darwell areas. Upon being sworn in, Mrs. Muir expressed her appreciation to trustees for their support.

Mrs. Maddigan, Trustee for Ward 2, represents the Whitecourt area. Mrs. Maddigan also thanked trustees for their support in electing her to the Vice-Chairman position.

The Board Chair and Vice-Chair are elected annually at the Northern Gateway Organizational Meeting. As Board Chair, Mrs. Muir has a primary duty of assisting with the operation of the Board in achieving its goals and ensuring that each member of the Board has the opportunity to be heard and understood by their fellow trustees. In the absence of the Chair, Mrs. Maddigan assumes all of Mrs. Muir's duties and responsibilities.

School Results Review Presentation

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent

Bonnie Crane, Assistant Superintendent

Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services

· The Central Services presented a new template for this year's Results Review in order to deliver the Division results and to familiarize the trustees with the template that would be used when the school principals present their Results Reviews.

Michelle Brennick introduced the new template and provided both the rationale and an exemplar for the board. Principals will use their School Improvement Plan to address the Results Review Template. They will state their priorities, why the things those chose are priorities and their plan to address the challenges. The new template eschewed the graphed data which has been used over the past three years and placed all relevant data in an appendix to be examined as needed by the presenters and the board.

Bonnie Crane and Roger Lacey presented the Division Results in the new format. The new template slides include the factors that have an influence on the Division goals in response to the Accountability Pillar. These goals are then aligned with the Provincial priorities. The areas of strength and challenge are highlighted in both provincial test and diploma exam results and the provincial and division satisfaction surveys. A plan is then outlined to address the concerns raised by the results. The four priority areas addressed by the Division Improvement Plan are: Authentic Assessment; Critical Thinking; Effective Leadership and Improved Learning for FNMI Students.

The next regular Board meeting will take place Tuesday, November 9th, 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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