

Northern Gateway Public Schools

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Board Synopsis

From November 15 meeting

For Immediate Release

Audited Financial Statement

· After a presentation by Auditor John Shoemaker of Clews & Shoemaker, the Board approved the Audited Financial Statement for the year ending August 31st, 2011. The report shows that the School Division's budget is in good financial order. For more information on the Audited Financial Statement, contact the Finance Department at 1-800-262-8674.

Annual School Operational Viability Report

· The Board received a report from administration which reviewed enrolments, school utilization, student programming and average per pupil instructional spending. The report was accepted as information and Division Administration was directed to do a further study of grade configuration in the Whitecourt and Valleyview schools.

A Comprehensive Approach to Planning and Reporting

· The Board received a draft of the publication "*A Comprehensive Approach – Looking Back: Annual Education Results Report 2010 – 2011 and Moving Forward: Three Year Education Plan 2011 – 2014*". This document is a combination of the Annual Education Results Review Report and the Three Year Education Plan.

A requirement of the 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 towards 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.

Meeting with Town of Fox Creek

· The Board of Trustees and administration met with members of the Town of Fox Creek at their regular board meeting on November 15th, 2011. In attendance from the Town of Fox Creek were: Mayor Leora MacKinnon; CAO Ken Gwozdz; Councillors: Jim Ahn, Sheila Beloin, Mary Campbell and Bernie Hornby. The discussion focused on working together for the good of the community and the students of Northern Gateway Public Schools.

The next regular Board meeting will take place Tuesday, December 13th, 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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