

# Northern Gateway Public Schools

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## Board Synopsis

From October 4 meeting

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### Annual Staff Appreciation Awards

· The Annual Staff Appreciation Evening was held on the evening of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the Westward Community Centre. The theme of the evening was “The Spotlight Shines on you” and was enjoyed by all. The evening was well attended by approximately 220 guests who came to honor long-serving staff in all areas of service. Board Chair Muir and Superintendent Andrea awarded certificates to 117 employees who had reached 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 and 35 year milestones. Five staff bidding farewell to Northern Gateway were also recognized, and 13 retirees were given the opportunity to address the group. In addition, Melissa Larson, a kindergarten teacher from Whitecourt Central School, was recognized as being nominated for an Edwin Parr Award for best first year teacher. A thank you goes out to everyone who helped make the evening such a great success.

### Alberta Health Services Presentation

· The Board of Trustees received a presentation from Alberta Health Services at their regular board meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Matt Mitschke and Melaney Sexsmith; Health Promotion Coordinators presented information on the “Healthy Weights Initiative” program and the importance of a healthy lifestyle and the current challenges of obesity rising among Canadian adolescents. Many educational nutrition resources are available to provide helpful information and can be accessed at:  
[www.albertahealthservices.ca/2925.asp](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/2925.asp).

### Meeting with Town of Whitecourt

· The Board of Trustees and administration met with members of the Town of Whitecourt at their regular board meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. In attendance from the Town of Whitecourt were: Mayor, Trevor Thain; CAO, Peter Smyl; Councillors: Darlene Chartrand, Bill McAree and Willard Strebchuk. The discussion focused on working together for the good of the community and the students of Northern Gateway Public Schools.

## Enrollment

· The enrollment statistics as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 that was provided to the Northern Gateway Public School Board indicates a decrease for the 2011/12 school year of 89 FTE students. These are the official enrollment numbers that are sent to the provincial government for funding purposes.

The next regular Board meeting will take place Tuesday, October 25<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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