

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

November 13, 2018 Meeting

For Immediate Release

Presentation: Results Review, NGPS Assistant Superintendent Leslee Jodry

Assistant Superintendent Jodry shared with the Board the format, information and data that schools will share with trustees during their annual individual School Results Review presentations which will take place at the end of November. Jodry reviewed the Division's overall results with the Board including:

- the Division's work in supporting NGPS learners and staff through the development of NGPS Quality Learning Environments to serve as a foundation for quality pedagogy and impactful and effective research-based instructional practices
- demographics and student population
- Accountability Pillar Strengths: Education Quality, Drop out Rate and Rutherford Scholarship
- Accountability Pillar Challenges: Diploma Exam Participation Rate and Program of Studies
- Improvement on the First Nations Métis Inuit Drop Out rate (a decrease of 2.3%)
- Significant improvement on Math 30-1, however results remain below the province
- review of Division strategies and supports in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy

Meeting with Auditor

The Board met with the Auditor prior to the start of the regular Board Meeting to review the Terms of Engagement.

Special Meeting of the Board

A special meeting of the Board has been called for November 29, 2018 to approve the Fall Budget Report and to receive the Auditor's Report.

Annual School Operational Viability Report

The Board reviews all NGPS schools annually for their operational viability. Operational viability is considered within the context of the following criteria:

- that the facility provides a healthy and safe environment for students, staff and public
- that five year enrollment projections indicate the probability for adequate program delivery
- that the September 30 enrollment is not less than 50% of the facility space utilization rate as defined by the provincial government



- that spending per student on instruction is not more than 150% of the Division average per student spending
- that the school is able to deliver a basic education program that meets the needs of students served

All NGPS schools are deemed viable with respect to the 2018 report. The Board accepted the report as information.

NGPS applies for a Variation from Health and Safety Committee (HSC) Requirements

Under new provincial Occupational Health and Safety legislation, school divisions are required to have one HSC for every site serving more than 20 people (students, staff). The financial and time costs for the Division under this requirement would be substantial with over 20 sites requiring committees. NGPS has applied for approval to form a single joint work site health and safety committee (HSC) for the Division.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held on December 11, 2018 at the Division Office in Whitcourt commencing at 5:00 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 780-778-2800 or 1-800-262-8674.

