

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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### ***Presentation: Articulating a Quality Learning Environment: Universal Instructional Practices across NGPS K-12 Classrooms***

NGPS Assistant Superintendent, Leslee Jodry, outlined for the Board key elements of the Division's Quality Learning Environment (QLE), which serves as a foundation for reflecting on effective research-based instructional practices. With a focus on universal instructional practices – how teachers teach – and positively impacting student learning in the classroom, NGPS leaders and teachers are committed to:

- ensuring that division-wide quality instructional practice is clearly articulated, supported by research and embedded in the culture of NGPS;
- deepening our collective understanding of the non-negotiables for quality pedagogy in every school;
- establishing a commonly understood foundation of universal classroom practice; and,
- providing a foundation for future leadership, professional development, reflection and classroom observation and feedback

### ***Presentation: Technology Evergreen Plan***

NGPS Information Technology Director, Jason Yaremchuk, reported on the status of the Division's Evergreen Plan, whereby all NGPS schools will contribute a per pupil technology access fee to assist with the cost of updating, upgrading and sustaining technology in teaching and learning and devices for students, teachers and classrooms in an equitable manner for schools across the Division.

The Plan will see Year 1 and Year 2 unfold over the summer months of 2019 and 2020 during which time NGPS will evergreen all Division 1 and Division 2 schools, with the exception of Fox Creek. The Division will be ordering 2,350 student Chromebooks as well as all the hardware required to evergreen 82 classrooms. Division 1 and 2 staff will also transition to the new pedagogical suite of programming at this time.

### ***Fox Creek Experiential Learning Week***

Fox Creek students in Grades 7 to 12 participated in a custom designed week of experiential learning with support from NGPS, the community and Shell Canada. Experiential learning refers to hands-on, planned learning experiences in a variety of career interest areas. Students choose their areas of interest from options like Computer Coding, Electrical, Welding, Culinary Arts, Business Entrepreneurship, Automotives and Video Production.



The collaborative week of learning gave students the opportunity to try something new, explore different career paths and interests, connect with field and industry leaders and get creative in the Maker Lab. Projects were shared at the end of the week via an interactive showcase and gallery.

### ***2019 Graduation Dates***

Onoway Jr/Sr High School	June 28, 2019 at 2:30 pm
Mayerthorpe Jr/Sr High School	June 28, 2019 at 2:00 pm
Hilltop Jr/Sr High School	June 28, 2019 at 1:00 pm
Fox Creek School	June 28, 2019 at 3:00 pm
Hillside Jr/Sr High School	June 28, 2019 at 1:00 pm

### ***Board Advocacy Brochure***

The Advocacy Committee is a committee of the NGPS Board that works to advance educational programming and supports for NGPS students by positively demonstrating to government and our communities the needs of NGPS students. The committee has produced a brochure outlining advocacy priorities and division needs which will be circulated locally and provincially by trustees.

### ***Next Meeting***

The next meeting of the Board will be held on May 7, 2019 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.