

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

May 7, 2019

For Immediate Release

Exchange teachers from Iceland spend week with NGPS

Icelandic exchange teachers, Svava Thorhildur Hjaltalin, Alda Askelsdottir and Hulda Maria Magnusdottir, and Fox Creek School Principal, Ian Baxter, met with the Board to share their experiences and learning in Fox Creek since they arrived, as part of the Alberta-Iceland Educational Exchange project (ALICE). As part of the project, six students and three teachers from Iceland have traveled to Fox Creek and will reside with host students and staff, while attending classes and work-shadowing their Canadian counterparts at Fox Creek School. The teachers shared a meal with NGPS trustees as they discussed education philosophy, policy and practice, and their experiences in Alberta so far.

Review of Board Policies

The following policies were reviewed and affirmed by the Board:

Board Policy 3 – Role of a Trustee;
Board Policy 4 – Trustee Code of Conduct;
Board Policy 5 – Role of the Board Chair; and,
Board Policy 6 – Role of the Board Vice-Chair

Board nominates Valleyview Royal Purple Elks No. 142 for Special Contribution to Public Education award

NGPS Board Trustee, Anita Portsmouth, nominated the Valleyview Royal Purple Elks for the Special Contribution to Public Education award, for their support of public schools in Valleyview. The Elks regularly support field trips, sporting activities, leadership groups and Hillside Jr/Sr High School's football team. They have provided awards for students and needed equipment for sports, as well as financial support for the medical needs of students with speech and hearing challenges. The Elks were honoured with a certificate of recognition from the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta for their commitment to the students of Northern Gateway Public Schools.

Administrators' Workshop

School Principals will have the opportunity to work with internationally respected education consultant and Chief Research Officer out of the University of Toronto, Santiago Rincon-Gallardo. Mr. Rincon-Gallardo conducts research and advises leaders and educators how to transform teaching and learning across educational systems. Principals are looking forward to their professional development time at the workshop.

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East End Regional Municipal Meeting

NGPS trustees Diane Hagman, Christine Peck and Judy Muir, and NGPS Superintendent Kevin Andrea attended the East End Regional Municipal meeting on May 3, 2019, in Onoway. There were approximately 50 stakeholders in attendance including the Town of Mayerthorpe, the Town of Onoway, Alberta Beach, Lac Ste. Anne County and all summer villages within Lac Ste. Anne County. NGPS was invited to attend and represented the division on Joint Use Agreements and the Alberta Rural Education Symposium. Mr. Shane Getson, MLA for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland was also in attendance.

Letter of Congratulations to new Premier and Minister of Education

The Board shared letters of congratulations with Premier Kenney, and the new Minister of Education, Adriana LaGrange.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held on May 28, 2019 at the Division Office in Whitecourt 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.

