

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

October 29, 2019 Meeting

For Immediate Release

Organizational Meeting of the Board

The Organizational Meeting of the Board took place just prior to the regular meeting of the Board, on October 29th, 2019. Trustee Linda Wigton and Trustee Maddigan were nominated for the position of Board Chair. Trustee Wigton was voted in as the Board Chair for the 2019-2020 school year. Trustee Sherry Jeffreys was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair and accepted. Trustees then selected which Committees of the Board they will sit on for the 2019-20 school year.

By-Election Information

The Board accepted the By-Election nomination date as November 27, 2019. Nominations for the election of candidates for Ward 3, Subdivision No. 1 will only be received at the Division Office, 4816 – 49 Ave., Whitecourt AB – between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Election Day has been set for January 8, 2020.

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 2019 report. The Board accepted the report as information.



International Field Trip, Fox Creek High School

The Board of Trustees approved in full the Fox Creek School to participate in the Alberta/Iceland (ALICE) Student Exchange Program to travel to Iceland from November 10th – 18th, 2019.

Budget 2019-2020

Northern Gateway administration updated the Board of Trustees on the release of the 2019-2020 Budget and the impacts of the budget cuts to the Division.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will take place on **November 26, 2019** commencing at **1:00 p.m.** at the Division Office in Whitecourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 780-778-2800 or 1-800-262-8674.

