

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

October 5, 2021

For Immediate Release

Truth & Reconciliation

September 30, 2021 marked the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The Day honours the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. NGPS students and staff honoured the Day with a host of learning and awareness activities such as playing Indigenous games in Physical Education class, participating in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise, learning and experiencing Indigenous culture with special Indigenous guests, wearing orange and building understanding and empathy through art, music and stories. #everychildmatters

Final Board Meeting for the Current Board – Election is October 18

Board Chair Linda Wigton acknowledged the work of Trustees at the Board's last meeting of this Term:

"It's been a great pleasure and a steep learning curve and I want to thank each and every one of you for your service to the Board and the Division. Congratulations to our acclaimed Trustees who we know will be returning for another Term:

- *Diane Hagman, Ward 1, Electoral Subdivision No. 4 representing Mayerthorpe*
- *Gerry Steinke, Ward 3, Electoral Subdivision No. 3, representing Valleyview"*

October 26, 2021 Organizational Meeting of the Board

The next meeting of the Board follows the election and will include both the Organizational Meeting and the Board's regular meeting, on October 26, 2021.

Board Policy Review

Board Policy Committee Chair Gerry Steinke reviewed wording changes to:

Board Policy 15: School Operational Viability – Motion No. 4494-21

Board Policy 16: School Closure and Transfer of Students – Motion No. 4495-21

Audit Terms of Reference – Motion No. 4496-21

Motions were made to adopt Policy 15, Policy 16 and the Audit Terms of Reference as amended. **Motions carried.**

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Employee Recognition

The Board's annual in-person Employee Recognition Evening was canceled this year due to the continued unpredictability of pandemic restrictions. The event is a special occasion for our NGPS family where we normally come together to recognize and celebrate our employees from every corner of the Division.

Employees are recognized with service awards beginning at 5 years and extending all the way up to 35 and 40 years in some cases! Retirees and service award recipients will receive their recognition packages via their schools/sites this year.

We sincerely value and appreciate the commitment of our staff to Northern Gateway Public Schools and to the students we serve. Congratulations to our:

- Thirty-one 5-year service award recipients
- Seven 10-year service award recipients
- Fourteen 15-year service award recipients
- Fifteen 20-year service award recipients
- Three 25-year service award recipients
- Seven 30-year service award recipients
- and One 45-year service award recipient!
- Our 2020 Edwin Parr Award Nominee: Gabrielle Guderyan
- Our 16 Retirees!

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **October 26, 2021**, and will commence with the Organizational Meeting at **10:00 a.m.** The regular public Board Meeting will begin immediately following the Organizational Meeting. Members of the public are invited to attend or to watch the Regular Meeting live on our YouTube channel, [NGTV](#).