

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting

October 18, 2022

For Immediate Release

Instruction and Curriculum Support, Shelly Wiebe, NGPS Learning Services Coordinator

Ms. Shelly Wiebe, Learning Services Coordinator, provided the Board with an update on the Division's work within the new curriculum and instructional support.

As per Alberta Education's directive, the new curriculum for English Language Arts and Math is being introduced in all NGPS Kindergarten through Grade 6 classrooms this school year.

Additionally, Pat Hardy Primary, Fox Creek and Oscar Adolphson Primary are all piloting Alberta's new Science curriculum. Piloting gives NGPS teachers the ability to provide feedback on the curriculum to the government.

Teachers, principals and leadership have been hard at work supporting the new curriculum roll-out:

- through Provincial grant funding and Division funding, all NGPS teachers will receive 4 additional Professional Development (PD) days this year for extra support focused on instruction and the new curriculum
- JUMP Math and online and other literacy resources have been purchased and are being utilized to support instruction in the classroom
- to date, the Division has had 14 working days with teachers where teachers could connect and collaborate with grade level partners and work together within the new curriculum.

Moving forward, Wiebe emphasized the Division's plan to continue to support teachers, build capacity and stay connected.

Annual Employee Recognition Evening

79 staff were celebrated at this year's 27th Annual NGPS Employee Recognition Evening! After a two year hiatus, staff gathered together again at Westward Community Hall just outside Whitecourt to share a meal together and pay homage to

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our longstanding staff and retirees. Congratulations again to all of this year's recipients, from 5 years all the way up to 40 years, and to our retirees who have begun a new chapter! Thank you for choosing NGPS!

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **November 8 , 2022**, at the **Division Office in Whitecourt**, commencing at **10:00 a.m.** Members of the public are invited to attend or watch the Meeting live on our YouTube channel, [NGTV](#).

