

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting

January 17, 2023

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### ***Hearing from our Communities – Whitecourt, Valleyview, East End Feedback***

Feedback has been rolling in via the Division's three current [ngpsTALK](#) engagements:

- Grasmere (Alberta Beach)/Darwell Schools – capital planning
- Whitecourt schools – potential for grade re-configuration
- Valleyview New School consultation

NGPS Superintendent Kevin Bird offered “genuine thanks to everyone who has taken the time to participate”, highlighting the thoughtful responses and the value the community feedback brings in planning for the future.

Engagements are still open. Parents, staff and community members are encouraged to register for [ngpsTALK](#) and share their feedback!

### ***New School Bus Route in Mayerthorpe Needs Driver***

The Division would like to add an additional bus route to the Mayerthorpe area, but securing a bus driver for the route is proving challenging. Together with bus contractors, we are avidly recruiting for this position. Please see our [website](#) for complete details.

### ***DRAFT 2023-24 School Calendar***

Trustees reviewed the DRAFT 2023-24 school year calendar. The DRAFT calendar will be shared with Division administrators, the Catholic school division for whom we provide bus transportation, and publicly for feedback, before being brought back to the Board for approval.

### ***Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Presentation***

The Board welcomed PSBAA President Dennis MacNeil and Executive Director and CEO Troy Tait to the meeting for a discussion about how the PSBAA can best serve our school division. Key topics discussed included professional development, listening to educators and advocating for public education.



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### ***Next Meeting***

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **February 14 , 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](#).

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