

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting

May 9, 2023

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### ***Valleyview Rural Trustee Resigns***

Sally Petryshen, Trustee for Rural Valleyview, resigned from her position on the Board. Mrs. Petryshen shared her appreciation for the opportunity to represent her community members but is leaving the role in order to explore an employment opportunity within the Division.

### ***By-Election for Trustee for Ward 3, Valleyview Rural***

The Board discussed options regarding the position representing Valleyview Rural. Following discussion, the Board deferred making a decision until the May 23 Board Meeting.

### ***Conservation in Costa Rica Trip, Hillside Jr/Sr High School***

Hillside teacher, Meghan Caron, shared with the Board the school Travel Club's plans for an international learning excursion to Costa Rica. The trip, planned for the Spring of 2024, promises a variety of ecological, Science-driven experiences centered around conservation, planting, biodiversity and ecosystem management. Students will enjoy some fun and adventure while abroad as well with plans to kayak and zipline.

Motion to approve in principal the 2024 Hillside trip to Costa Rica. Motion Carried.

### ***Locally Developed Courses***

The Board approved the following locally developed courses from the Calgary Board of Education for use at Mayerthorpe and Hilltop Jr/Sr High schools:

- Advanced Acting Theatre 15, 25 and 35
- Yoga 15, 25 and 35



### ***Wildfires Update***

NGPS Superintendent Kevin Bird provided an update. Several NGPS communities have been impacted by wildfires and evacuation orders. Additional mental health supports have been allocated to communities dealing with the aftermath of evacuation.

Fox Creek remains under Evacuation Order this week and the school is closed for the week. We will re-assess the situation on the weekend.

In Valleyview, road closures are still impacting residents and bus service. Sturgeon Lake families are more heavily impacted with families having been evacuated to Grande Prairie and Edmonton and significant damages to Reserve infrastructure. Students will continue to be supported as needed.

### ***Next Meeting***

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for [May 23 , 2023](#), 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](#).

