

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting

September 12, 2023

For Immediate Release

Board Chair and Vice-Chair Elected

The Board of Trustees elected Valleyview trustee, Gerry Steinke to the position of Board Chair, and Mayerthorpe trustee, Diane Hagman to the position of Vice-Chair, at the September 12 Organizational Meeting. Congratulations to Chair Steinke and Vice-Chair Hagman who will serve as Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2023-24 school year.

28th Annual Employee Recognition Evening

The NGPS Employee Recognition Evening brings NGPS staff from throughout the Division together annually to honour the longstanding service of staff and retirees. Hosted by the Board of Trustees, the evening is an opportunity to share a meal, laughter, stories and memories with colleagues. Employee service awards are presented to staff in five year increments. We are looking forward to recognizing staff on September 29.

NGPS: A Community of Action

550+ staff were welcomed to the 2023-24 school year, together, during a Division-wide Professional Learning Day, on August 30 in Whitecourt. Staff enjoyed an inspiring keynote address from Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe who spoke about the importance of hope, resiliency, and perspective, and how we sustain these qualities; in life, as a team, and in understanding and supporting students.

Following the keynote, staff took in professional development sessions from an array of options focused on teaching, educational support, resources, technology, mental health and wellness and safety. Thank you to the many staff who helped facilitate this day!

Policy 1 – NGPS Foundational Statements

The Board shared new NGPS Foundational Statements for the Division. The guiding statements reflect the collective Vision, Mission, Values and Motto of Northern Gateway Public Schools. [View online.](#)

NGPS FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS



Trustee By-Election called for Valleyview Rural

Nominations for the Valleyview Rural Trustee By-election have been received. Please stay tuned for information on your Valleyview Rural candidates and voting day.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **October 17, 2023**, at the Division Office in **Whitcourt**, commencing at **10:00 a.m.** Members of the public are invited to attend or watch the Meeting live on our YouTube channel, [NGTV](#).