

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting

February 13, 2024

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NGPS Vision Statement

Northern Gateway Public Schools provides a dynamic and safe learning environment that promotes connection and the authentic application of learning.

2023-24 Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal (IMR) Plan

Randy Lovich, NGPS Director of Maintenance, provided an overview of how Division IMR funding was allocated over the 2023-24 school year.

The Plan was approved by Board Motion.

Technology Overview

NGPS Director of Technology, Jason Yaremchuk, presented an update on Division Technology, highlighting the Division's Evergreen process, and how the collaborative process has improved technology access for all students.

Building Stronger Connections Starts with Me!

Education and Teacher Assistants throughout the Division were brought together in Whitcourt on February 8 for a day of professional learning. EAs/TAs heard an inspiring welcome from NGPS Superintendent Kevin Bird who spoke to the impact staff have on students every day, and from keynote - former teacher, current consultant and therapist - Kelly Maxwell, who spoke to staff about the impact of connection in supporting students. EA/TAs dug deep into their learning with a range of workshops, including sessions on understanding anxiety in children, developing a trauma informed understanding of behaviour, learning challenges, and building meaningful connections.

ASBA 2024 Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award Nominees

The Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)'s Indigenous Student Awards recognize First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who model strength and commitment in pursuing their education and who embrace their own gifts, strengths and potential while celebrating their cultures.

The Division is proud to nominate three students this year:

In the words of her teachers, **Creio Johnson**, a Grade 8 student at Percy Baxter School, "stands out as a beacon of continuous improvement and cultural pride" who demonstrates leadership and inspires her peers "to embrace their dreams and celebrate their heritage."

Madison Alexis, a Grade 12 student at Onoway Jr/Sr High School, is described as a quiet leader and role model who takes pride in being a young Indigenous woman and in participating in her community on Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation.

Mary Campbell is a Grade 11 student at Hilltop Jr/Sr High School who was raised traditionally in the remote Indigenous community of Fort Chipewyan. A desire for educational diversity brought her to Whitecourt where her connection to the land and her First Nation culture is evident as she shares stories and experiences with her peers.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for [March 19, 2024](#), 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](#).