

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting

March 19, 2024

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### ***Mayerthorpe Jr/Sr High School International Field Trip***

*D-Day Anniversary Tour - Netherlands, Belgium and France*

This June, Canadian students, educators, and cadets will travel to Europe to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings at Juno Beach.

MHS teacher, Shelley Knott, spoke to the Board about the trip and how she won the experience for herself and two MHS students in an essay writing contest on the value of international travel for students. The excursion will take Knott and students to Vimy Ridge, the Anne Frank house, Versailles and the D-Day Commemoration. Students will connect with our country's history, participate in ceremonies, and meet locals as they uncover the sites and stories of the Second World War.

MHS held their own essay-writing contest to select two students for the experience. A panel of independent judges selected the two winning submissions.

Approved.

### ***Hilltop Jr/Sr High School***

*Grand Tour of Italy*

HTH teacher Pam Mehl is planning a Grand Tour of Italy next spring where students will immerse themselves in the history, culture and landscapes of Italy. Ms. Mehl was seeking the Board's approval to begin planning for the 11 day international field trip which will include hands-on learning and a visit to Pompeii.

Approved in principle.

### ***Hilltop Jr/Sr High School***

#### ***Canada Cuba Sports and Cultural Festival***

Hilltop students are planning for a unique experience abroad in Cuba! HTH teacher, Chris Keay shared details of the excursion which features humanitarian, cultural and athletic components. Students will volunteer at a children's shelter, visit Havana, and train with Cuban athletes and coaches on a daily basis.

Approved in principle.

### ***NGPS 2025-28 Three-Year Capital Plan***

Randy Lovich, Director of Facilities, presented the 2025-28 Three-Year Capital Plan.

Approved.

### ***No Change to 2024-25 Fees***

The following fee rates will remain the same for the 2024-25 school year:

- Transportation Fees for Grant Ineligible Students
- 2024-25 Technology Access/Maintenance Fees
- 2024-25 Tuition Fees for Non-Alberta Students

### ***Review of Board/Trustee Wards***

NGPS Superintendent Kevin Bird presented the Division's current trustee ward areas. Discussion to continue at the Board's next meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

### ***Rural Education Symposium***

Cultivating relationships, nurturing connections, harvesting success. Trustees attended the annual Alberta Rural Education Symposium this month to connect with rural counterparts in education, municipal and provincial government, health, and more, on the topics of rural sustainability and context.

### ***ASBA Edwin Parr Nominee***

The Division is proud to announce our 2024 Edwin Parr Nominee, Josie Liske. Josie is an exceptional first year teacher at Fox Creek School who is able to build effective and reciprocal relationships with everyone in the school community.



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The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for [April 16, 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](#).

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