

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting

May 7, 2024

For Immediate Release

NGPS Mission

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

Mayerthorpe Jr/Sr High School (MHS) International Field Trip

New York, Broadway and the Arts! MHS teacher, Katherine Lewis, requested the Board's approval to take MHS students on an arts and history tour of New York city during spring break of 2026. Lewis shared how big the love for the arts is in our rural communities, and how she is eager to share with students what the arts on a professional scale looks like. Students will attend two Broadway shows and be guided through multiple historical sites, connecting to curriculum outcomes in both arts and history.

Motion to approve in principle: Motion carried.

Hilltop Jr/Sr High (HTH) School Electric Vehicle Challenge

Paul Marinus, teacher at Hilltop Jr/Sr High School, spoke to the Board about an exciting learning opportunity coming up for HTH students. Pending approval of the Board, a small number of interested HTH students will compete in an electric vehicle challenge in Merritt, British Columbia, at the end of the May. The competition includes building their own electric vehicle (EV) cart, and racing their cart against up to 40 other schools from Alberta, B.C., Ontario and the U.S.

The competition aims to elevate interest in electric vehicle technology and encourage student interest and excitement about building, fabrication and the electric vehicle industry. Hilltop is ecstatic to have a local sponsor for the opportunity in Tri-Terra from Whitcourt, and former HTH student, Justin House.

Motion to approve: Motion carried.

Draft 3 Year Education Plan – Year 3 – 2024-25

Tammy Davis, Director of Learning, shared highlights from the DRAFT 3 Year Education Plan with the Board. NGPS is in Year 3 of the Education Plan cycle.

Highlights included an explanation of how the Division aligns with Alberta's Assurance Framework, principal/leadership development, and how NGPS engages across the domains of governance, local and societal context, student growth and achievement, leading and teaching, and learning supports.

Valleyview New School Update

Board Chair Gerry Steinke and NGPS Superintendent Kevin Bird met with Alberta's Ministers of Infrastructure, Education, and Forest and Parks, to discuss requested changes to the current new school project to more effectively address rural needs. The Division will now begin to meet with architects to complete a floor plan and external renderings in a consultative process.

New Teacher Induction

NGPS administrators and trustees officially welcomed new teachers into the profession on May 2. Thank you to all who organized and participated in the New Teacher Induction Ceremony which reminds us all of the continued importance of supporting each other as educators while emphasizing the responsibilities of being a teacher.

Administrative Appointments

- Congratulations and farewell to Principal Kim Caron who will be moving in a new direction next school year! Press Release: <https://bit.ly/4b1sFwP>.
- New Assistant Principal announced for Mayerthorpe Jr/Sr High School. Welcome Reanne Schaber! Press Release: <https://bit.ly/3Ws4m6S>
- Division bids farewell to Principal Shelley Wyman. Press Release: <https://bit.ly/4aSb0HV>.
- Rod Peterson named Principal for Rich Valley School following term as Acting. Press Release <https://bit.ly/4aTYJCM>.
- New Principal announced for [Onoway Elementary School](#). Read the Press Release here <https://bit.ly/49JABkT>!
- Division welcomes new Principal at Mayerthorpe Jr/Sr High School, effective August 2024. Press Release: <https://bit.ly/3xyEBYi>.



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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for [May 28, 2024](#), 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](#).

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