

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting

May 28, 2024

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### ***NGPS Vision***

Northern Gateway Public Schools strives to be the place where students realize their value, discover their talents, and imagine a future where their contribution matters.

### ***Jalisa Barnet, ASCA Conference and AGM***

Jalisa Barnet, a Pat Hardy parent and Vice-Chair of the school's Parent Council, joined the Board to share her experience at the Alberta School Councils' Association Conference (ASCA) and Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Jalisa thanked the Board for supporting school council members in attending the conference expressing that it was an excellent opportunity to bring community members together in establishing ASCA's common goals, and to learn how individuals, councils and ASCA can work together to support students in the areas of stakeholder engagement and advocacy.

### ***Our Journey. Our Story. Three Year Education Plan 2024-25***

The Board reviewed and approved additions to the Three Year Education Plan. The Plan will be approved by Alberta Education and available on [ngps.ca](http://ngps.ca) on May 31.

### ***2024-25 NGPS Budget***

NGPS Secretary Treasurer Tamara Spong presented the 2024-25 Division Budget. The Division continues to experience an increase in costs for staff benefits and for services, contracts and supplies. This continues to put pressure on the budget where there is no offsetting increase to base funding. The Division is projecting a deficit of \$2 million for the current school year and will be required to supplement this deficit from limited operating reserves.



### ***Zone 2/3 MLA Engagement Evening***

NGPS trustees attended the evening which presented the opportunity to meet Alberta Premier, Danielle Smith, the Minister of Education, and MLAs from throughout the province.

### ***COMPASS Teacher Leadership Group***

The Division is excited to offer educators an internal leadership development opportunity via their new COMPASS Teacher Leadership Group, and were thrilled to accept 30 applicants. The group will meet four times each year, over a two year period, to develop their administrative and educational leadership capacity.

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

Trustees attended the Alberta School Boards' Association's banquet honouring the province's Edwin Parr nominees and winners for 2023-24, alongside NGPS nominee and exceptional first year teacher, Josie Liske. Josie was recognized as a nominee for her ability to build effective and reciprocal relationships with everyone in the Fox Creek School community.

### ***Next Meeting***

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for [June 18, 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](#).

