

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting

December 17, 2024

For Immediate Release

Fox Creek School plans for International Excursion to Spain

Fox Creek School is excited to offer students an opportunity to learn abroad in Spain and Andalusia during the Spring/Easter Break of 2026, following approval from the Board at the December 17 meeting. Students will travel to Barcelona, Madrid, Seville and Andalusia during the Spring/Easter Break of 2026. Principal Ian Baxter shared the trip itinerary with the Board, detailing the educational value students gain from travelling overseas, including global awareness and citizenship, personal responsibility, awareness of history and current events and acceptance of others.

Athens, Florence, and Rome with Onoway Jr/Sr High School (OJSH)

OJSH teacher, Steffen Missfeldt, is excited for the school's next international excursion, which will see students travel to the Adriatic, "a region rich in history, from the time of the Greek Empire to the Romans, to the start of World War I, followed by the Soviet occupation after World War II, to today where the region has become a favourite destination of European vacationers." Students will meet learner outcomes from various programs of studies, explore and take part in cultural activities to highlight points in history, and learn more about themselves and the world around them as they explore Athens, Florence and Rome.

Third Reading and Passing of Board Bylaws

The following Board Bylaws Board received third and final reading and were passed:

- Bylaw No. 1-24 – Arrangement of Electoral Wards and Trustees. Adjustments to wards to align better with transportation areas and in some wards, to reduce complexity. View the [Bylaw and geographic changes](#) for wards on ngps.ca.
- Bylaw No. 2-24 – Receipt of Nominations Papers. Established different schools where trustee nomination packages can be received.
- Bylaw No. 3-24 – Deposit for Nominations. This Bylaw establishes the fees for submitting a nomination package.

Second and Third Reading and Passing of Board Bylaw No. 4-24

- Bylaw No. 4-24 – Criminal Record Checks received Second and Third Reading and passed. This Bylaw makes Criminal Record Checks a requirement of the trustee nomination package.

Council of School Councils

A meeting of the Council for School Councils will be scheduled to bring together school council representatives from throughout the division. The Council will provide feedback to NGPS regarding subject matter for short virtual learning sessions for parents that the the division plans to offer. Learning sessions will include a speaker expert and time for questions.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **January 21, 2025, at the Division Office in Whitecourt**, commencing at **10:00 a.m.** Members of the public are invited to attend.