



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 21, 2013

MEMBERSHIP

Colin Kelly, Official Trustee

Local School Board Chairs

Julia Cardinal, ADCS
Marc Cote, Anzac
Brad Cunningham, Bishop Routhier
Clifford Cardinal, Calling Lake
Stella Noskiye, Chipewyan Lake
Wendy Tremblay, Conklin
Silas Yellowknee, Desmarais
Murielle L'Hirondelle, East Prairie
Shelley Bartman, Elizabeth
Janet Lynn McDonald, Fort McKay
Ken Shaw, Gift Lake
Jeff Chalifoux, Grouard
Joan Daniels, J.F. Dion
Alice Loftstrom, Janvier
Ken Tupper, Keg River
Dwight Gladue, Little Buffalo
Pam Stigsen, Paddle Prairie
James Alook, Peerless Lake
Jeanne Cardinal, Pelican Mountain
Rachelle McDonald, Susa Creek
Elmer Gullion, Trout Lake
Robin Guild, Wabasca

Advisory Committee

Nora Yellowknee, Bigstone Cree Nation
Jeff Chalifoux, Grouard
Elmer Gullion, Trout Lake
Julia Cardinal, ADCS
Ken Shaw, Gift Lake

Senior Administration

Donna Barrett, Superintendent
Don Tessier, Associate Superintendent
Wes Oginski, Director of Human Resources
Dennis Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer
Richard Baier, Director of Support Services

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http://www.northland61.ab.ca/main/documents/March_21_2013_Agenda.pdf

Presentation

- ✂ Darren Tuck, Principal, Calling Lake presented a powerpoint on Calling All Readers: Calling Lake "Successes." The powerpoint included pictures of students enjoying Daily 5, Storytellers, students reading to each other, reading together, parents reading to the students, and art showcasing paper mache masks, paintings of rainbow sneakers and plasticine cd cases. It also featured the RCMP simulating a rollover and talked about seat belt safety, the Remembrance Day service, a cake walk and Christmas concert. Approximately 300 people enjoyed the Christmas dinner: there were Pow Wow dancers and the Elders did a smudge. Calling Lake has an after school program with activities such as: baking, volleyball and distance learning.
- ✂ The Board heard a presentation on Apple Schools from Nandia Narine, Teacher, St. Theresa School. Apple Schools is an organization run through the School of Public Health at the University of Alberta This program is funded by Allan Martin and promotes health and nutrition. The launch has been very successful and would be a great project to share with other schools.
- ✂ Rick Horon, Pedagogical Supervisor presented an Assessment Committee update. In January 2012, the Alberta Assessment Consortium (AAC) provided a proposal to Northland School Division to support assessment related initiatives within the Division. Specifically to develop an Assessment and Reporting Policy and accompanying Administrative Procedures and to develop a plan to support implementation of the Policy and Procedures based on the understanding that the Northland Pedagogical Supervisors (PEDS) would play an integral role in the implementation process at the division level. A committee was formed and they have met four times to discuss Divisional Assessment Policy, Assessment and Reporting Policy and report cards.
- ✂ Donna Barrett, Superintendent presented to the Board *My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource* from Alberta Education. This resource provides parents with a better understanding of Alberta's curriculum and how parents can help their children. The resource shows what your child is learning, how they are assessed and what resources are available to help them be successful from Kindergarten to Grade 12. <http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildslearning/>
- ✂ Gail Sajo, Literacy Coordinator presented a powerpoint on the second round of data received from the PM Benchmarks. Most schools are showing incremental growth and the students, with teacher support, are closing the gap. The findings will be shared with principals and teachers to develop an action plan. We will be in servicing the staff on guided reading; how to do it effectively and strategy groupings so they can make the best of their time with the students.

"Every student is a lifelong learner and successful in life".



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- ✕ The Board approved the following reports:
 - Superintendent's Report
 - Chairman's Report
 - Secretary-Treasurer's Report
- ✕ The Board authorized the administration to offer a Grade 7 Program at J.F. Dion for the 2013-2014 school year and to offer a Grade 8 Program in the 2014-2015 school year.
- ✕ The Board approved the request from the Northwest Alberta Regional Skills Canada for a \$1,000.00 donation to assist with the hosting of the 9th Annual Regional, Secondary Education, Trades and Technology Skills Competition at the Expo Centre in Edmonton on May 15 & 16, 2013.
- ✕ The Board approved the participation of the Grade 5 students at St. Theresa School in the Grade 5 Survey from REAL Kids Alberta Program sponsored by the University of Alberta, subject to approval of the Local School Board Committee.
- ✕ The Board receive as information changes to Procedure 424 – Staff Vacations and Holidays.
- ✕ The Board approved the Statement of Final Costs in the amount of \$248,681.69 for the set up costs associated with the new portable classroom at Elizabeth School.
- ✕ The Board approved the statement of Final Costs in construction for the connecting link for the Elizabeth portable at a cost of \$5,080.00.
- ✕ The Board approved the disposal of the following buses, which are aged as per board policy and buses, which are no longer economically viable for Northland.
 - Bus #526: 1997 GMC 24 passenger Bluebird
 - Bus #543: 2001 Thomas Freightliner 66 passenger
 - Bus #525: 1997 Chevrolet 24 passenger Bluebird
- ✕ The Board approved the Request for Proposal for a new corporate website and individual school web pages.
- ✕ The Board approved the following information items:
 - Gift Lake Replacement School Tender Results
 - Conveyance Allowance

Board and Committee Meetings & Advisory Committee Meetings

Apr 16/13	Committee Meetings & Agenda Review
Apr 24/13	Advisory Committee Meeting
Apr 25/13	Board Meeting
May 14/13	Committee Meetings & Agenda Review
May 22/13	Advisory Committee Meeting
May 23/13	Board Meeting
Jun 18/13	Committee Meetings & Agenda Review
Jun 26/13	Advisory Committee Meeting
Jun 27/13	Board Meeting
Aug 20/13	Committee Meetings & Agenda Review
Aug 28/13	Advisory Committee Meeting
Aug 29/13	Board Meeting