



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

August 29, 2013

MEMBERSHIP

Colin Kelly, Official Trustee Local School Board Chairs

Julia Cardinal, ADCS
Marc Cote, Anzac
Brad Cunningham, Bishop Routhier
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Wendy Tremblay, Conklin
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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
David Cox, Division Facility Manager
Delores Pruden, Director of First Nation Métis Inuit Education

View the August 29, 2013 Board Agenda on our website at:

<http://www.northland61.ab.ca/main/documents/August292013AgendaPart1.pdf>

<http://www.northland61.ab.ca/main/documents/August292013AgendaPart2.pdf>

Presentations

- ✎ Terry Lynn Cook, Pedagogical Supervisor presented to the Board High School Completion Barriers as Voiced by Aboriginal Youth. Aboriginal students identify barriers and supports to their completion of High School that are in place in Alberta High Schools in this research study. The study has evolved into an interactive presentation in which participants consider who the Aboriginal students are in the classrooms and what barriers feel like: i.e.; issues of alienation. The themes of learning preferences and teaching strategies, cultural perspectives and worldview, parental and community involvement, curriculum and recommended resources, life issues and effective leadership in relation to high school completion of Aboriginal Students are also presented.
- ✎ Inier Cardinal, Project Coordinator Central Métis Mental Health Project updated the Board on the When We Are Healthy Program in Gift Lake. When We Are Healthy is in its 5th year, with funding ending in June. The focus is on the students, in-school programming and celebrating every success big or small. The steps that are being taken this year are to educate, inform and help reduce the stigma of mental health issues and build relationships with students and the community. There will be a meeting in September to start putting together a Community Helpers program.
- ✎ The Board requested the administration to work with Inier Cardinal to draft correspondence in support of the "When We Are Healthy" Program with respect to granting an extension for the program and to develop a procedure to allow easier access to program funding and expenditure of dollars.
- ✎ The Board directed the administration to review our supervision and evaluation process and develop a Terms of Reference for the development of an evaluation process that includes FNMI literacy infusion.
- ✎ The Board directed the administration to initiate partnership discussions with our KTC partnership, Bigstone Cree First Nation and Métis Settlements, to initiate feasibility studies/discussions around the realization of a regional high school as per recommendation #17 from the Inquiry Team Report.
- ✎ The Board approved the following reports:
 - Superintendent's Report
 - Chairman's Report
 - Secretary-Treasurer's Report
 - Education Quarterly Report
- ✎ The Board directed the administration to explore options for an inventory system and process for all assets in the jurisdiction including minor capital assets.
- ✎ The Board approved the purchase of an 8 x 20' tandem cargo trailer for CTS modular units and equipment.

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- ✕ The Board tabled the FNMI Action Plan, to the September Board meeting.
- ✕ The Board approved release time and reimbursement of full tuition requests for the 2013/2014 school year from Jackie Sander and Dafydd Thomas for the Integrated Master of Education degree in Land-Based Indigenous Education or Lifelong/Adult Learning.
- ✕ The Board approved release time for professional development request from Carmen Smith, Supervisor of Transportation, at no cost to the Board to attend the International Factory Tour in Oklahoma this fall sponsored by Western IC Bus.
- ✕ The Board approved in principle, changes to Appendix 2 – Schedule of Rates, as attached.
- ✕ The Board tabled the request from Peace River School Division No 10 (PRSD) that Northland School Division enter into a “Letter of Authorization” to allow cross border transportation for students living within Northland School Division boundaries who are attending PRSD.
- ✕ The Board approved the replacement of the Calling Lake School Fire panel at a cost of \$28,500.00 + GST with funds coming from IMR.
- ✕ The Board approved an update in the fire alarm systems in the schools in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to conform to ULC (Underwriters Laboratories of Canada) standards the estimated update cost of \$4,000.00 per school with funds coming from IMR and the estimated monitoring cost of \$50.00 per month per school coming from regular operations.
- ✕ The Board approved the tender from GK Mechanical in the amount of \$202,400 + GST to replace the boiler in Grouard.
Other Bids Received:

G&M Plumbing	\$257,244.00 + GST
Gateway	\$316,690.00 + GST
Peace River Heating	\$385,000.00 + GST
- ✕ The Board ratified the administrative action to eliminate route #404 and continue to transport the students on route #429 in Susa Creek for the 2013 – 2014 school year.
- ✕ The Board approved the elimination of route #405 and combined this route with route #444 in Wabasca for the 2013-2014 school year.

- ✕ The Board approved the elimination of route #427 and combined this route with route #461 and route #462 in Anzac for the 2013-2014 school year.
- ✕ The Board approved the elimination of route #436 and combined this route with route #445 in Fishing Lake for the 2013-2014 school year.
- ✕ The Board approved the tender in the amount of \$40,135.00 + GST each from Peace River Ford for the supply of two 2014 Ford F250 4x4 ¾ ton trucks to replace Unit #627 and Unit #649 with funds coming from 2012-2013 Capital Budget.
Other bids received:

Tower Chrysler	\$42,726.25 + GST
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- ✕ The Board approved the tender in the amount of \$34,700.00 + GST each from Peace River Ford for the supply of two 2013 Ford Edge SUV's to replace Unit #604 and Unit #625 with funds coming from 2012-2013 Capital Budget.
Other bids received:

Alberta Honda	\$41,555.05 + GST
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- ✕ The Board approved a 5% increase to the Northland School Bus Contractors grid to partially compensate contractors for the loss of the fuel subsidy.
- ✕ The Board approved the tender from Western IC Bus for three 71 passenger in stock buses in the amount of \$85,950.00 each + GST for a total amount of \$270,742.50 with funding approved in the 2012-2013 budget.
Other Bids Received:

Kirkman (Factory)	\$93,760.00 + GST
Kirkman (In stock)	\$92,795.00 + GST
- ✕ The Board received as information, the following:
 - Forward Vision Games
 - 2013 – 2014 Staffing Update
 - Agreement Pembina Hills Regional Division No 7
- ✕ The Board tabled the following information item:
 - Staff Classification Review

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 18, 2013 Committee Meetings & Agenda Review
September 25, 2013 Advisory Committee Meeting
September 26, 2013 Board Meeting

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