



Northland School Division No.61 Board Highlights

Corporate Board Meeting – August 28, 2014

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Elmer Gullion, Trout Lake
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Literacy Initiative Presentation

Northland School Division's Literacy Initiative is building towards sustainability and success for students since its inception in 2012! Results suggest that the work of educators is leading to improvement for students when it comes to reading, writing and comprehension skills. To help schools moving forward, Literacy Supervisor Gail Sajo presented a division-wide *Literacy Improvement Plan*. The plan highlights specific actions for reading and writing assessment deadlines, Literacy focused instruction, professional development sessions and the development of school-based *Literacy Improvement Plans* and literacy leads. Sajo said the Learning Services Team is providing continuous face to face and online professional development and resources to schools to evaluate classroom environments, measure reading and writing levels for students and their level of engagement.





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Attendance-Every Day Counts Presentation

Northland School Division is digging deeper to address student attendance. With support from the Northland Board, an *Attendance Improvement Committee* was established in April, 2014 to review current division attendance practices and offer recommendations for improvement. Over a series of meetings, the committee which includes teachers, principals, Division Leadership Team members, Advisory Committee members, Local School Board Committee members and community leaders developed the *Attendance Interim Committee Draft Report* and an attendance toolkit for schools. Associate Superintendent Don Tessier presented the 40 page report which includes 24 recommendations to the Northland Board. The recommendations support the use of data to develop a focus for attendance improvement efforts, promote school incentives, a process to involve the school community and communicating protocols to address student attendance. The toolkit provides communication plan resources, ideas for incentives, sample back to school letter to parents and suggestions for tracking attendance, how to communicate with parents and families, how parents, families, community agencies and central office can help to address attendance and examples for bulletin board advertisements and radio announcements. The *Attendance Interim Committee Draft Report* will be sent to all Local School Board Committees and community representatives for input.

Procedure Approval Highlights

- The Northland Board approve re-instatement of the Byron Ross Memorial Scholarship with changes to Procedure 321 as attached.
- The Northland Board approve renaming Teacher Assistants and Special Assistants to a more inclusive designation of Educational Assistant I and II, effective the 2014-2015 school year.

View the Board Agenda on our website at:

http://www.northland61.ab.ca/main/documents/June_26_2014_Board_Agenda_Package_001.pdf

View the Board Minutes on our website at:

http://www.northland61.ab.ca/main/documents/Board_Minutes_June_26_2014DRAFT.pdf

View Board Meeting Attachments on our website at:

http://www.northland61.ab.ca/main/documents/June_26_Board_Attachments.pdf

Important Dates to Remember

September 23, 2014	Committee Meetings and Agenda Review, Peace River
October 3-4, 2014	Board Meeting, Peace River, Alberta

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