



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

May 1, 2014

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MEMBERSHIP

Colin Kelly, Official Trustee Local School Board Chairs

Julia Cardinal, Acting Chair ADCS
David Czibere, Anzac
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Shelly Auger, East Prairie
Shelley Bartman, Elizabeth
Janet Lynn McDonald, Fort McKay
Ken Shaw, Gift Lake
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Kathy Omoth, Keg River
Dwight Gladue, Little Buffalo
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Louis Cardinal, Peerless Lake
Violet Carlson, Pelican Mountain
Rachel McDonald, Susa Creek
Elmer Gullion, Trout Lake
Robin Guild, Wabasca

Advisory Committee

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

Presentation – PM Benchmarks

In 2012, Northland School Division started a division-wide Literacy Initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to help students develop quality reading, writing and comprehension skills. Literacy Supervisor, Gail Sajo, updated the Northland Board on how students are progressing. Northland educators evaluate students using assessment tools such as *PM Benchmarks and Jerry Johns. Results from fall 2013 and winter 2014 indicate significant growth across the Division!

*PM Benchmarks is a Language Proficiency Assessment Tool, designed to assess student's instructional and independent reading levels.



Presentation – Divisional Website

Box Clever Representatives, Stefen Girard & Steve Mebs joined Communications Coordinator, Curtis Walty to present the newest design for the Northland School Division website to the Northland Board. Box Clever and First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) Consultant Michael Auger worked with Northland to create a design that captures both our FNMI cultural values and our students. Each school will have a website that is linked to the Divisional website. The website will be unveiled at the Administrators meeting on May 9, 2014.

Presentation – Conklin Community School



The always hilarious Bernard Woodfine gave the Northland Board a glimpse into what's happening at Conklin Community School. Mr. Woodfine, a

first year Principal with Northland School Division, spoke to the Board about a number of initiatives to improve attendance and success. The presentation highlighted programs such as "Pie the Principal", "Cree Word of the Day", "Junior Cree Teacher", "Community Engagement Day", Traditional Dance and Career and Technology Studies activities. Woodfine revealed that the school will launch a Land Based Learning program starting next year!



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



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- ✎ The Board accepts as information the following reports:
 - Superintendent's Report
 - Chairman's Report
 - Secretary-Treasurer's Report
- ✎ That the Board of Trustees accept for information the What We Heard Report, Policy One.
- ✎ That the Board of Trustees table Policy One, Board Philosophy Mandate, Core, Purpose, Vision Beliefs and Values.
- ✎ That the Board of Trustees recommend the approval in principle, of version Homepage B with Banners 2 as the concept for the Northland School Division website and direct management to review the website design with Administrators and bring feedback to the May 29, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.
- ✎ That the Board of Trustees receive the Early Childhood services plans for 2014 – 2015, as information.
- ✎ That the Board of Trustees accept the changes to Procedure 418 – Staff Educational Leave (Divisional Office), as information.
- ✎ That the Board of Trustees accept the changes to Procedure 420 – Paraprofessional Staff Education Leave, as information.
- ✎ That the Board of Trustees accept the changes to Procedure 422 – Support Staff Education Leave (Field Based), as information.

- ✎ That the Board of Trustees accept the changes to Procedure 434 – Salary Administration, as information.
- ✎ That the Board of Trustees approve the Facility Inventory Process for Equipment under \$5,000.00, as presented.
- ✎ That the Board of Trustees recommend the purchase of 2521 Mistassiniy Road, Plan 90208383, Block 2, Lot 6, 1.5 acre residential lot for \$24,360.00 plus GST, from the MD of Opportunity No. 17 with funds coming from Capital Reserves.
- ✎ That the Board of Trustees recommend the disposal of Bus #532, #536 and #539 which are aged as per board policy and no longer economically viable for Northland School Division.
- ✎ Colin Kelly moved that the Board of Trustees receive the following information items:
 - Edwin Parr Nomination
 - C2 Committee Update
 - Capital Plan 2015-2018
 - Little Buffalo Update

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming Meetings

May 8, 2014	Long Service Awards, Peace River
May 8 & 9, 2014	Administrators' Meeting, Peace River
May 28, 2014	Advisory Committee Meeting
May 29, 2014	Board Meeting

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To listen and to hear