



Northland School Division No.61 Board Highlights Corporate Board Meeting – October 19, 2016

Corporate Board Meetings to be hosted in school communities

Northland School Division is pleased to announce that Corporate Board Meetings will be taking place in school communities during the 2016-2017 school year! Official Trustee Lois Byers approved the following Board Meeting dates for the 2016-2017 school year:

Date	Time	Location
November 24, 2016	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Bill Woodward School- Anzac
January 26, 2017	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Bishop Routhier School – Peavine Métis Settlement
February 23, 2017	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Kateri School – Trout Lake
April 20, 2017	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Elizabeth School - Elizabeth Métis Settlement
May 25, 2017	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Susa Creek School – Susa Creek
June 22, 2017	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Central Office – Peace River

Byers says moving the meetings to school communities allows for local representation at each meeting and enabling easier accessibility for Local School Board Committee Chairs to attend the meetings.

Terms of Reference for Advisory Committee approved by Official Trustee

Official Trustee Lois Byers approved a Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee <http://nsd61.ca/download/86105>. The document states how the committee is organized, what committee is trying to achieve and the expectations of the committee. The Advisory Committee membership will be comprised of Local School Board Chairs from the local community. This allows for easier accessibility for the Local School Board Chairs of the local community to attend the Corporate Board Meeting. Click on the website link to view the Advisory Committee membership for upcoming Corporate Board Meetings <http://nsd61.ca/download/86106>.

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Provincial Achievement Test results reveal division-wide participation rate increase and individual student success stories

Associate Superintendent Don Tessier presented the 2015-2016 Provincial Achievement Test results to the Official Trustee. Participation rates division-wide increased by four percent in 2015-2016 in comparison to 2014-2015. The division also announced nine students achieved the standard of excellence in grade 6 and three achieved the same feat in grade 9. Fort McKay School, Anzac Community School, Bill Woodward School and Father R. Perin School students did not write the Provincial Achievement Tests due to the Fort McMurray wildfires. A two-year comparative data chart is available on the Northland School Division website <http://nsd61.ca/download/85359>.

Commitments to Northland presented at Board Meeting

The Official Trustee, division administration and Advisory Committee members reviewed and discussed a list of 10 draft commitments made by a provincial government cross-ministry steering committee. The cross-ministry steering committee is made up of representatives from Education, Advanced Education, Human Services, Health and Indigenous Relations. One of the commitments includes reinstating an elected board in October 2017. Click on the website link to view the list of commitments <http://nsd61.ca/download/85536> (see page 87). The list of commitments have been sent to Local School Board Committees and principals for feedback. More information about the cross-ministry steering committee is available on the Alberta Education website <https://education.alberta.ca/northland-community-engagement-report/overview/>.

November Revised Budget Draft presented to Official Trustee

Secretary Treasurer Trudy Rasmuson presented a draft for the November Revised Budget. The operating budget for Northland School Division for the period of September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017 is \$67,040,199. Click on the link to view the presentation <http://nsd61.ca/download/85536> (page 135).

Changes to three Administrative Procedures

The Official Trustee received as information changes to Procedure 410 – Support Staff Classifications and Positions, Procedure 425 – Annual Leave Deferral and Procedure 438 – Administrative Staff Classifications and Positions. Click on the website link to view changes to each procedure <http://nsd61.ca/download/85536> (page 89 – 101).

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Importance of Local School Board Committees discussed during Official Trustee Report

Official Trustee Lois Byers presented the Official Trustee's Report as information. While discussing the report, she talked about the importance of Local School Board Committees and the role they play in "eliminating the education gap" and healing the damage done by the Residential School legacy. Eliminating the achievement gap between First Nation, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) students and all other students is one of the four desired outcomes listed in Alberta Education's three-year business plan. The members in attendance were asked the question, "What is the Local School Board Committees role in eliminating the gap?"

Summary of approved Board motions

The Official Trustee approved:

- Policy 11 – Role of the Superintendent passed Second Reading.
- Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters passed First Reading.
- Policy 19 – Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, Safe and Healthy Learning and Working Environments passed First Reading.
- That Northland enter into an agreement with Lubicon Lake Band to allow the Band to carry out testing and investigation to identify strategies for optimizing the sewage lagoon.
- That Northland enter into an agreement with the Lubicon Lake Band for construction of a ball diamond on the division's land.

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<http://nsd61.ca/governance/board-meeting-agenda-minutes/board-agendas>

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