

MINUTES OF THE NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 61
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 23,
2017 AT KATERI SCHOOL IN TROUT LAKE, AB.

MEMBERSHIP		
✓	Lois Byers	• Official Trustee
x	Cathy Wanyandie	• Advisory Committee Member – Susa Creek
x	Cora Weber-Pillwax	• Advisory Committee Member – Calling Lake
✓	Don Cunningham	• Advisory Committee Member – Keg River
x	Dwight Gladue	• Advisory Committee Member - Little Buffalo
x	Elmer Gullion	• Advisory Committee Member – Trout Lake
✓	Fay Cardinal	• Advisory Committee Member – Desmarais
✓	Irene Young	• Advisory Committee Member – Chipewyan Lake
x	Jesse Lamouche	• Advisory Committee Member – Grouard
x	Ken Shaw	• Advisory Committee Member – Gift Lake
✓	Louis Cardinal	• Advisory Committee Member – Peerless Lake
✓	Robin Guild	• Advisory Committee Member – Wabasca
✓	Violet Carlson	• Advisory Committee Member – Pelican Mountain
✓	Gord Atkinson	• Superintendent of Schools
✓	Lorraine Cardinal-Roy	• Director of First Nation, Métis & Inuit Learner Success
✓	Don Tessier	• Associate Superintendent
✓	Trudy Rasmuson	• Secretary-Treasurer
✓	Wes Oginski	• Director of Human Resources
✓	Stephanie Sutherland	• Supervisor of Student Services
✓	Curtis Walty	• Communications Coordinator
✓	Krystal Potts	• Executive Assistant
✓	Melanie Mantai	• Executive Secretary – Finance
GUESTS		
✓	Jason Winters	• IT Department
✓	Flora Cardinal	• Trout Lake Community Member
✓	Laura Noskyie	• Trout Lake Community Member
✓	Roland Alook	• Trout Lake Community Member
✓	Marie Alook	• Peerless Lake LSBC Member
✓	Lorraine Muskaw	• Family Worker
✓	Sharelene Kelly	• Registered Nurse
✓	James Alook	• Chief, Peerless Trout First Nation Band #427

CALL TO ORDER

Lois Byers, Official Trustee called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

IN CAMERA SESSION

24261/17

Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the meeting go in camera at 11:55 a.m.

CARRIED

REGULAR SESSION

24262/17

Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the meeting revert to regular session at 12:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Labour was discussed while in camera.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 1:06 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Lorraine Cardinal-Roy, Director of First Nation, Métis & Inuit Learner Success gave the opening prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

Lois Byers, Official Trustee welcomed guests and introductions were made, the group was informed that the meeting would be broadcast live.

ADOPT AGENDA	24263/17	Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees adopt the agenda as amended: Add items: D. 8. Family Wellness Workers (G. Atkinson) D. 9. Local Bargaining Committee (G. Atkinson) G. 1.1.3 KTC School Agreement Update (G. Atkinson) CARRIED
MINUTES JANUARY 26, 2017	24264/17	Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees approve the January 26, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes as amended: Amend Don Cunningham as present in Membership and include first names with last names where information is being provided. CARRIED
OLD BUSINESS – BOARD ACTION ITEMS	24265/17	Executive staff provided verbal updates to the Board on the directives assigned from previous Board meetings. Concerns were raised for communities that do not have cell service – this can be an issue because when a student is absent the school will leave a message on the parents cell phone number and because there is no service the parents are not getting the message. Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees receive as information the action taken by Administration with respect to directives given by the Board. CARRIED
FIRST NATION, METIS & INUIT LAND BASED LEARNING REPORT	24266/17	Lorraine Cardinal-Roy, Director of First Nation, Metis & Inuit Learner Success presented her Director's Report as requested by the Official Trustee at the November 2017 Corporate Board meeting. Trout/Peerless Lake Community members and Marie Alook, Peerless Lake LSBC member joined the meeting 1:31 p.m. Lois Byers Official Trustee welcomed guests and introductions were made. Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees receive as information the First Nation, Metis & Inuit Land Based Learning Report as presented and attached. CARRIED
INDIGENOUS MATH PROJECT REPORT		Don Tessier, Associate Superintendent reviewed the background on the Indigenous math project. This project will combine Indigenous values and culture within the math curriculum. Administration addressed questions.

24267/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees receive as information the Indigenous Math Project Report as presented.

CARRIED

PROFESSIONAL
IMPROVEMENT
LEAVE

24268/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees grant Professional Improvement Leave to Wendy Calahasen, teacher, Grouard Northland School and Helen Akranis, teacher, Gift Lake School for the 2017-2018 school year, as per clause 10.5 of the Collective Agreement, with Jaeda Feddema, teacher, Susa Creek School, as the first candidate and Danielle O'Connor, teacher, Elizabeth School, as the second alternate candidate.

CARRIED

2016-2017
NORTHLAND
SCHOOL YEAR
CALENDAR

Don Tessier, Associate Superintendent presented two NSD calendars for approval and implementation. The calendars were presented at the February 2017 Administrators' meetings, feedback has been included and was well received.

24269/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Northland School Division 2017-2018 School Year Calendar 'A' and 'B', as attached and amended and to include Metis Settlement Proclamation Day as November 1.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR
PERMISSION TO
CONDUCT
RESEARCH IN
NORTHLAND
SCHOOL
DIVISION

24270/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees permit Ashley Ethier, a teacher at Bill Woodward School and student at St. Francis Xavier University, to conduct research in Northland School Division.

CARRIED

EDUCATION
QUARTERLY
REPORT

Gord Atkinson, Superintendent of Schools presented the second quarter education report for the division and discussed Northlands' AERR priorities.

24271/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees receive as information, the Education Quarterly Report as presented and attached and directs administration to investigate why Kateri School students are not participating in the land based learning camps provided by KTC.

CARRIED

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 2:13 p.m.

Trout/Peerless Lake community members left the meeting at 2:38 p.m. with Gord Atkinson, Superintendent of Schools to discuss confidential issues. Don Tessier, Associate Superintendent assumed the role of Superintendent of Schools.

The meeting reconvened at 2:38 p.m.

FIRST QUARTER
FINANCE
REPORT

Trudy Rasmuson, Secretary-Treasurer presented the first quarter finance report for the division.

24272/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees receive as information, the First Quarter Finance Report as presented and attached

CARRIED

ADHOC LOCAL
BARGAINING
COMMITTEE

Lois Byers, Official Trustee discussed the process in setting up an adhoc local bargaining committee which would be struck as per policy strictly to do the bargaining for the next contract.

24273/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees approve striking a local bargaining committee with The Terms of Reference as per the current Policy 9 and the revised Policy 8, Board Committees.

CARRIED

POLICY 14 –
HEARINGS ON
TEACHER
MATTERS

24274/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees approve second reading of Policy 14, Hearings on Teacher Matters, as attached.

CARRIED

POLICY 15 –
SCHOOL CLOSURE

24275/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees approve second reading of Policy 15, School Closure, as attached.

CARRIED

POLICY 18 –
ALTERNATIVE
PROGRAMS

24276/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees approve second reading of Policy 18, Alternative Programs, as attached.

CARRIED

POLICY 8 – BOARD
COMMITTEES

Lois Byers, Official Trustee identified the changes to the new Policy 8, Board Committees. The reason for the move away from standing committees is to enable a new Board to discuss and learn about everything as a committee of the whole and then, with time, they can put standing committees in place, if they wish.

24277/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees approve first reading of Policy 8, Board Committees, as attached and direct administration to send out the information to LSBC chairs and principals for feedback with the inclusion of the reason behind the changes.

CARRIED

POLICY 9 – BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Lois Byers, Official Trustee identified the changes to the new Policy 9, Board Representatives.

24278/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees approve first reading of Policy 9, Board Representatives, as attached and direct administration to send out the information to LSBC chairs and principals for feedback.

CARRIED

POLICY 10 – POLICY MAKING

Lois Byers, Official Trustee identified the changes to the new Policy 10, Policy Making.

24279/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees approve first reading of Policy 10, Policy Making, as attached and direct administration to send out the information to LSBC chairs and principals for feedback.

CARRIED

PROCEDURE 320 (306) – ALTERNATE ATTENDANCE PLACEMENTS

Don Tessier, Associate Superintendent reviewed the changes to the new administrative procedure 320 which was previously Financial Support for Education Placement Outside of the Division. One of the changes explained is the allowance rate which will go down from \$700 to \$426 which is the amount Northland receives from the Province.

24280/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees send back Procedure 320 (306), Alternate Attendance Placements (previously Financial Support for Education Placement Outside the Division), as attached and directs administration to bring it back to the April 20, 2017 Corporate Board meeting with the October 27, 2016 legal opinion received from the Alberta School Board Association (ASBA), the boarding home allowance as indicated in the Funding Manual for School Authorities and amend clause 5.2 to include that the Principal in consultation with the parents will make a recommendation for an alternate school attendance placement.

CARRIED

Gord Atkinson, Superintendent of Schools rejoined the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

FAMILY
WELLNESS
WORKERS

Gord Atkinson, Superintendent of Schools presented background on the direction being taken to introduce Family Wellness Support Workers in Northland schools.

24281/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees receive the information provided for the need to have Family Wellness Support Workers in Northland School Division schools and direct administration to bring back a proposal for Family Wellness Workers for Northland School Division to the April 20, 2017 Corporate Board meeting.

CARRIED

LSBC MEETING
MINUTES
RECEIVED

24282/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees receive the Local School Board Committee meeting minutes as information, as listed below:

LSBC NAME	DATE OF MEETING
East Prairie	Dec. 14/16
Elizabeth	Jan. 30/17
Fort McKay	Jan. 25/17
Grouard	Nov. 16/16 Jan. 11/17 Feb. 6/17
Janvier	Dec. 6/16 Feb. 8/17
Keg River	Nov. 31/16 Dec. 20/16 Jan. 10/17
Little Buffalo	Feb. 7/16
Paddle Prairie	Dec. 12/16 Feb. 8/17
Peerless Lake	Jan. 24/17

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE
ACTION –
CURRENT LSBC
MEETING
MINUTES
RECEIVED

24283/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees approve of the action taken by Administration with respect to Local School Board Committee minutes received, as listed below:

LSBC NAME	DATE OF MEETING	Motion No.	Action Taken
East Prairie	Dec. 14/16		As presented
Elizabeth	Jan. 30/17		As presented
Fort McKay	Jan. 25/17		As presented
Grouard	Nov. 16/16 Jan. 11/17 Feb. 6/17		As presented As presented As presented
Janvier	Dec. 6/16 Feb. 8/17		As presented As presented
Keg River	Nov. 31/16 Dec. 20/16 Jan. 10/17		As presented As presented As presented
Little Buffalo	Feb. 7/16		As presented
Paddle Prairie	Dec. 12/16 Feb. 8/17		As presented As presented
Peerless Lake	Jan. 24/17		As presented

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Atkinson presented his report to the Board as information. A brief discussion was had with regard to the KTC Education Authority Status with Alberta Education and what that will look like for Northland School Division. This agreement currently impacts three of Northland Schools Trout Lake/Peerless Lake/Little Buffalo. There has been a lot of speculation that schools are going to be transferred for the 2017/2018 school year, but Chief Alook said, "this is going to take a little time and much work has to be done to get to the starting point of what this will look like." As information becomes available, Superintendent Atkinson will make it available.

- 24284/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees accept as information the Superintendent's Report as presented and attached.

CARRIED

OFFICIAL
TRUSTEE'S
REPORT

Official Trustee Byers presented her report to the Board as information. Byers discussed the recommendations from the Minister of Education Governance regarding the Governance Structure. The recommendation is for Northland to go to a ward system. The group discussed the process this recommendation will go through before it is put in place. Now that the meetings are done, information will be sent to all LSBC chairs to be shared with their LSBC members. The Legislature starts its next sitting at the beginning of March.

- 24285/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees accept as information the Chairman's Report as presented and attached.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE
REPORTS –
WABASCA
MODERNIZATION
UPDATE

Trudy Rasmuson, Secretary-Treasurer provided a Wabasca Modernization Update to the Board, as information. Northland has received a draft report from Peter Burgess, Senior Manager Capital Planning North. When the draft is approved a final copy will be given to Northland. Discussions will be held in the upcoming days to plan how this project will move ahead.

- 24286/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees accept as information the Wabasca Modernization Draft Plan as presented and attached and direct administration to contact Bigstone Cree Nation and the MD of Opportunity (as requested in the report) to see if there is interest in partnering in this project.

CARRIED

REPORTS FOR
INFORMATION

24287/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees receive the following Reports for Information items:

- Letter to Hillview School Parents, Notice of Motion
- June Corporate Board meeting, Keg River School Band Performance
- Fort McMurray Transportation Boundary Change Request

ADJOURN

CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lorraine Cardinal-Roy, Director of First Nation, Métis & Inuit Learner Success gave the closing prayer.

Lois Byers, Official Trustee

Trudy Rasmuson, Secretary-Treasurer

Recording Secretary: Melanie Mantai, Executive Secretary Finance