



Northland School Division No.61 Board Highlights Corporate Board Meeting – April 20, 2017

Director of Student Services presented *Student Services Report*

Director of Student Services Stephanie Sutherland kicked off the Corporate Board Meeting presenting the *Student Services Report*. The report provides information regarding following items that fall under Student Services: providing a wide range of special education services which includes individualized program plans, teacher assistant support and technological support, Regional Collaborative Service Delivery, Program Unit Funding grants (PUF) and Early Years Evaluation (EYE), Fort McMurray Wildfire support, Alberta School Community Wellness Fund, and Mental Health Capacity Building Projects (When We are Healthy and Helping Hands). Click on the website link to view the report

<http://nsd61.ca/download/101306> (Starts on page 1).

OurSCHOOL survey results presented to Official Trustee

Pedagogical Supervisor Maureen Chernipeski presented OurSCHOOL Survey results to the Official Trustee. The survey is a helpful tool that school divisions use to celebrate success and address concerns raised by students. For instance, majority of Northland students said they are involved in a positive learning climate and that their teachers have high expectations. However, results indicate that Northland students are twice as likely to suffer from moderate to high levels of anxiety, struggle more than the Canadian norm with positive relationships with peers and have report high incidence of bullying than the Canadian average. Of greater concern is our female high school students experience much higher levels of anxiety, depression and low self-esteem than our boys. Central Office staff, principals, teachers have begun the process of discussing OurSCHOOL results with students, parents, Local School Board Committees and community members. Following the presentation, it was mentioned that plans are being drafted to address concerns raised by students.

Official Trustee approved Edwin Parr Teacher Award nomination



Official Trustee Lois Byers approved that Chelsea Cattroll, Peerless Lake School Teacher be nominated for the 2017 Edwin Parr Teacher Award. The Edwin Parr Teacher Award recognizes first year teachers that demonstrate exemplary dedication and commitment in the field of education. Advisory Committee member and Peerless Lake Local School Board Committee Chair Louis Cardinal said, “Through her fresh and innovative approach to Physical Education and her extensive background in numerous

sporting and athletic activities, she has been able to get all students in the school eagerly and happily involved in Physical Education. Through many of her activities, she has been able to promote our cultural and land-based learning philosophies.” Click on the website link to view the media release <http://nsd61.ca/about-us/division-news/post/peerless-lake-educator-nominated-for-edwin-parr-teacher-award>.

Secretary Treasurer presents Second Quarter Finance Report

Secretary Treasurer Trudy Rasmuson presented the Second Quarter Finance Report to the Official Trustee as information. Click on the website link to view the report <http://nsd61.ca/download/101306> **(Starts on page 11)**.

Policy Reading Timeline presented as Information

Secretary Treasurer Trudy Rasmuson presented the Policy Reading Timeline as information. Click on the website link to view the report <http://nsd61.ca/download/101306> **(Starts on page 24)**.

New Procedure for Alternate Attendance Placements

A new procedure is being implemented to address alternate attendance placements. Click on the website link to view Procedure 320 which will become 306 – Alternate Attendance Placements <http://nsd61.ca/download/101306> **(Starts on page 60)**.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools Gord Atkinson presented the Superintendent's Report. The report highlights relationship building with education partners and conversations to support teacher housing in the jurisdiction. A partnership agreement is being discussed between Northland and the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation. The report also includes a news article featuring the Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council (KTC) – Northland School Division sports league. Click on the website link to view the Superintendent's Report <http://nsd61.ca/download/101306> **(Starts on page 78)**.

Official Trustee's Report

Witnessing the Minister of Education introduce the Northland School Division Act (Bill 6) April 4th highlights the Official Trustee's Report. While discussing the Northland Act, Byers explained that Northland staff were not involved in crafting the bill. She was involved at some points but not completely. Following the introduction of Bill 6, Spring Engagement sessions were organized to gather feedback from school communities on the possible ward structure for Northland School Division. Parents and community members who couldn't attend the Spring Engagement sessions were also able to submit input via email, mail or FAX. On May 4th, the Northland Act <http://tinyurl.com/lphc7lo> received Royal Assent. Click on the website link to view the Official Trustee's Report <http://nsd61.ca/download/101306> **(Starts on page 88)**.

APPLE Schools making a difference in Northland school communities



APPLE Schools is making a difference in Northland school communities. St. Theresa School was the first Northland school to become an APPLE School and in September, 2016, APPLE Schools started working with Athabasca Delta Community School, Fort McKay School, Anzac School – Bill Woodward School, Father R. Perin School and Conklin Community School. APPLE Schools is a

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school-focused health promotion initiative that improves the lives of more than 16,500 students annually in 63 schools across northern Alberta. The project supports healthy eating, physical activity, and mental health by implementing the Comprehensive School Health model. The report highlights success stories so far for each school! Click on the website link to view the report

http://www.appleschools.ca/files/APPLE_Northland_Dvision_Report_2_LOW.pdf.

Summary of approved Board Motions

The Official Trustee approved:

- Third and Final Reading for Policy 14 – Hearings on Teacher Matters.
- Third and Final Reading for Policy 15 – School Closure.
- Third and Final Reading for Policy 18 – Alternative Programs.
- Second Reading for Policy 8 – Committees.
- Second Reading for Policy 9 - Board Representatives.
- Second Reading for Policy 10 - Policy Making.
- First Reading for Policy 11 - Board Delegation of Authority, also directed administration to send out the information to Local School Board Committee Chairs and principals for feedback.
- First Reading for Policy 17 - Student Transportation Services and directed administration to send out the information to Local School Board Committee Chairs and principals for feedback.
- First Reading for Policy 20 - Teacher Housing and directed administration to send out the information to LSBC chairs and principals for feedback.

View Board Schedule, Agendas, Minutes, Highlights and Attachments on our website at:

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

Next Corporate Board Meeting will be held at Susa Creek School on May 25, 2017.

Note: These writings do not constitute the official record of the Northland School Division No.61. They are however, provided as general information relating to action taken at board meetings. For further information, please call 780-624-2060 or 1-800-362-1360.