



## Northland School Division No.61 Board Highlights Corporate Board Meeting – May 25, 2017

### Ward structure approved in principle

Establishing an 11 ward governance structure was approved in principle. In April, Alberta Education hosted in person sessions and gathered feedback via mail, fax and email on possible ward structures once the Northland Act was introduced in Legislative Assembly. The act, which was proclaimed on May 4<sup>th</sup>, states the Minister may, by order, divide the division into no fewer than 7 wards and no more than 11 wards. The next step is drafting bylaws relating to the ward structure which will then be passed at a Special Meeting of the Board. From there it will need Ministerial approval.

Ward	Communities	Schools Within Ward
1	Paddle Prairie Keg River	Paddle Prairie School Dr. Mary Jackson School
2	Susa Creek	Susa Creek School
3	Gift Lake Métis Settlement Whitefish Lake First Nation No.128; Peavine Métis Settlement Utikoomak Lake No. 155/ 155A/ 155B	Gift Lake School Bishop Routhier School
4	East Prairie Métis Settlement Grouard Kapawe’no First Nation and Sucker Creek First Nation; Sucker Creek No. 150A Kapawe’no First Nation No. 150B/ 150C/ 150D/ 229/ 230	Hillview School Grouard Northland School
5	Trout Lake Peerless Lake Peerless Trout First Nation Little Buffalo Lubicon Lake Band, Peerless Trout First Nation, and Woodland Cree First Nation; Woodland Cree No. 226/ 227/ 228 Lubicon Lake Peerless Trout Indian Reserve No. 238 Peerless Trout First Nation	Kateri School Peerless Lake School Little Buffalo School

6	Desmarais Sandy Lake Bigstone Cree First Nation Wabasca 166 Wabasca 166A/166D Pelican Settlement	Mistassiniy School Career Pathways School Pelican Mountain School
7	Wabasca Chipewyan Lake Bigstone Cree First Nation Wabasca 166B/ 166C	St. Theresa School Chipewyan Lake School
8	Calling Lake School Bigstone Cree First Nation; Jean Baptiste Gambler No. 183	Calling Lake School Calling Lake Outreach
9	Fort Chipewyan Mikesew Cree First Nation and Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation; Old Fort No. 217 Dog Head No. 218 Allison Bay No. 219 Devil's Gate 220 Sandy Point No. 221 Chipewyan No. 201/ 201A/ 201B/ 201C/ 201D/ 201E/ 201F/ 201G	Athabasca Delta Community School
10	Anzac Chard Conklin Fort McKay Chipewyan Prairie First Nation, Fort McKay First Nation, and Fort McMurray No. 468 First Nation; Clearwater No. 175 Gregoire Lake No. 176/ 176A/ 176B Janvier No. 194 Cowper Lake Indian Reserve 194A Winefred Lake Indian Reserve No. 194B	Anzac Community School Bill Woodward School Father R. Perin School Conklin Community School Fort McKay School
11	Elizabeth School Métis Settlement Fishing Lake Métis Settlement	Elizabeth School J.F. Dion School

## **Secretary Treasurer presented the 2017-2018 Draft Budget**

Secretary Treasurer Trudy Rasmuson presented the 2017-2018 Draft Budget. Click on the website link to view the draft budget <http://nsd61.ca/download/104151> (Start on page 18).

## **Two housing units transferred to Gift Lake Métis Settlement**

The transfer of two housing units to the Gift Lake Métis Settlement was approved. The approved transfer is in response to a request received in April from the Gift Lake Métis Settlement. Prior to the transfer, the division had a surplus of housing units for educators in the settlement.

## **Northland to enter into a transportation agreement with Grande Yellowhead Public School Division**

Superintendent of Schools Gord Atkinson updated Official Trustee Lois Byers on progress with entering into a transportation agreement with Grande Yellowhead Public School Division. Currently, both school divisions operate different busing systems to pick up students living in Susa Creek and surrounding Indigenous communities represented by Aseniwuche Winewak Nation of Canada. Atkinson says this creates confusion for parents and it impacts certain aspects like student attendance. Although agreement details are still being worked out, Atkinson says they are discussing an arrangement which will see one jurisdiction providing the services to the entire area to help ensure services are well coordinated.

## **Pilot Busing Program to continue at Grouard Northland School**

The continuation of the pilot busing program for the 2017-2018 school year in Grouard was approved. The pilot launched in September after it was approved on May 27, 2016 in a motion that approved the continuation of the junior high program at Grouard Northland School and allowed access to transportation to High Prairie on the existing Northland bus route for junior high students for the 2016-17 school year. Superintendent of Schools Gord Atkinson met with parents on April 4<sup>th</sup> to understand the rationale for the pilot, to find out why some are choosing to send students to High Prairie and to ask them for feedback on how to improve Grouard Northland School.

In addition to approving the continuation of the pilot busing program in Grouard, a review of Northland School Division's educational services offerings in the region which includes Grouard Northland School will take place in 2017-2018. A community engagement process will be undertaken by Associate Superintendent Shelley Willier and Director of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Learner Success Lorraine Cardinal-Roy.

## **Northland to transfer land to Pembina Hill Public Schools**

The request from Pembina Hill Public Schools to transfer land for school purposes from Northland School Division to Pembina Hills Public Schools was approved, subject to Minister approval. The transfer would allow Pembina Hills to redraw their jurisdiction boundaries to encompass the land between Barrhead and Swan Hills bringing the jurisdiction completely together. There are no Northland students residing in the area requested.

## **Changes to Supervisor designation approved**

The changes to the proposed supervisor designation as defined in Appendix 2 – Schedule of Rates were approved. Click on the website link for more information <http://nsd61.ca/download/104151> (Start on page 44).

## **Health Spending Account increase for non-teaching staff approved**

Increasing the Health Spending Account amount for non-teaching staff to \$850 person, effective immediately was approved. This change will see non-teaching staff and certificated staff have access to the same Health Spending Account amount.

## **Summary of other approved Board Motions**

- The disposal of the vehicle units #605, #615, #645 and #665 and request that these vehicles be put up for tender as per Procedure 516 – Disposal of Divisional Property.
- The purchase of three new Thomas Built 64 passenger diesel school buses from the Bus Centre, for the purchase price of \$108, 810. 25 each plus G.S.T. and one Blue Bird 64 passenger gasoline school bus from Kirkman Bus Sales for the purchase price of \$107, 168.40 plus G.S.T., with funds coming from the approved 2016-2017 Transportation Budget.
- Third and Final Reading for Policy 8 – Committees.
- Third and Final Reading for Policy 9 – Board Representatives
- Third and Final Reading for Policy 10 – Policy Making.
- Second Reading for Policy 11 - Board and Delegation.
- Second Reading for Policy 17 – Student Transportation Services with amendments.
- Second Reading for Policy 20 – Teacher Housing.
- First Reading for Policy 2 – Role of the Board.
- First Reading for Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee.
- First Reading for Policy 4 – Trustee Code of Conduct.
- First Reading for Policy 5 – Role of Board Chair.
- First Reading for Policy 6 – Role of the Board Vice-Chair.
- First Reading for Policy 7 – Board Governance and Operations with amendments.

\*Policies in first or second reading will be sent out for feedback. Feedback is to be emailed to [melanie.mantai@nsd61.ca](mailto:melanie.mantai@nsd61.ca).

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