



## Northland School Division No.61 Board Highlights Corporate Board Meeting – September 14, 2017

### Congratulations to Zone 1 Edwin Parr winner Chelsea Cattroll and Friends of Education recipient APPLE Schools



*Peerless Lake School students and staff congratulate Chelsea for winning the Edwin Parr Teacher Award for Zone 1.*



*APPLE Schools presented Friends of Education Award*

Official Trustee Lois Byers and Superintendent of Schools Gord Atkinson congratulated Peerless Lake School Teacher Chelsea Cattroll for winning the Edwin Parr Teacher Award for Zone 1. Chelsea, who was selected as Northland School Division's nominee on April 20, 2017, was chosen for the award from among six school division nominees. The Edwin Parr Teacher Award recognizes first-year teachers that demonstrate exemplary dedication and commitment in the field of education. Cattroll received the recognition at the Alberta School Boards Association's (ASBA) Zone 1 Fall Awards Ceremony on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Chelsea will now be recognized with other Edwin Parr Teacher Award winners from Zone 2,3,4,5 and 6 November 19<sup>th</sup> at the ASBA Fall General Meeting in Edmonton. Click here to view the news release <http://nsd61.ca/about-us/division-news/post/peerless-lake-school-teacher-selected-asba-zone-1-edwin-parr-teacher-award-recipient>.

Byers and Atkinson also congratulated Friends of Education recipient APPLE Schools. The award recognizes individuals and organizations in the community who have made a special contribution to education in Alberta. APPLE Schools is an innovative school-focused health promotion initiative that improves the lives of more than 19,000 students annually in 63 schools across northern Alberta. Seven of the 63 APPLE Schools are from NSD. Click here to view the news release <http://nsd61.ca/about-us/division-news/post/apple-schools-celebrated-as-friends-of-education-at-the-asba-falls-awards-ceremony>.

### Superintendent presents Education Quarterly Report

Division priorities and student attendance success stories were highlighted in the August, 2017 Education Quarterly Report. In Bulletin #2 it shows how Annual Education Results Report (AERR) elements relate to Northland School Division's (NSD) 5 Outcome Statements: 1) NSD students are strong in identity, healthy and successful, 2) NSD is a leader in Indigenous education, 3) NSD is inclusive, each child's ways of knowing and ways of being is respected and essential, 4) NSD has excellent teachers, system leaders and school leaders, 5) NSD is well governed and managed. With respect to student attendance, Superintendent of Schools Gord Atkinson says the executive team has discussed realistic targets, improvements to procedures, processes, and strategies to improve attendance with at risk students. NSD will be working with the Board and School Councils to reach our stated target of an overall 88% attendance rate by the 2022/2023 school year.

This goal represents a 1% improvement year over year for the next five years. Click here to view the Education Quarterly Report <http://nsd61.ca/download/108953> (starts on page 26).

### **Thank you message from Official Trustee**



While presenting the Official Trustee's Report, Lois Byers thanked everyone involved in getting NSD ready for School Board Trustee Elections. On May 4, 2017, the new Northland School Division Act received Royal Assent in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. The proclamation results in the reinstatement of an elected board in NSD. Parents and community members will be voting in a Board of Trustees for the first time in seven years on October 16th.

With this being her final Board Meeting as Official Trustee, Byers also took time to thank communities and staff describing her time with NSD as short but busy and much was accomplished by many. NSD is set to move forward under the direction of the new locally elected board and with the five year, 20% investment funding Minister of Education David Eggen has committed to the jurisdiction. The Board of Trustees will be sworn in October 26<sup>th</sup>. Click here to view the Official Trustee's Report <http://nsd61.ca/download/108953> (starts on page 91).

### **NSD's 5 Outcome Statements highlight the Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent of Schools Gord Atkinson presented a revamped Superintendent's Report. The report captures recent meetings, events and future commitments. Atkinson highlighted a June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting with an Alberta Education Implementation Plan Sub-Committee. This meeting helped NSD shape its 5 Outcome Statements. Atkinson also mentioned a large contingent of NSD students will once again attend WE Day in Calgary November 1<sup>st</sup>. In 2016, students from Keg River, Elizabeth Métis Settlement, Grouard, Wabasca-Desmarais, Peerless Lake and Calling Lake earned their way to WE Day by exploring topics linked to real world challenges and then commit to implementing one local and one global action that will improve their community and the world. Click here to view the Superintendent's Report <http://nsd61.ca/download/108953> (starts on page 95).

### **NSD department reports received as information to Official Trustee**

The Board of Trustees will be receiving reports from various departments on a regular basis as part of the monitoring aspect of governance and keep on top of what is going on. Curtis Walty, Communications Coordinator, presented the Strategic Communications Plan for 2017-2018. The plan is aligned with NSD's 5 Outcome Statements. Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Wes Oginski presented a Personnel Department report. After a few questions of clarification and comment, the Official Trustee received both reports as information, indicating how valuable each one was.

The Official Trustee approved or moved:

- Locally Developed courses from Chinook's Edge School Division No.73: Big History 15-3, Big History 15-5 and History Through Film: Fact and Fiction 25-3.
- Transfer of three houses to the Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement.
- Third and Final Reading Policy 2 – Appendix A Board Annual Work Plan.
- Third and Final Reading Policy 2 – Appendix B Facilitated Board Self Evaluation Process.
- Third and Final Reading Policy 2 – Appendix C Board Performance Assessment Guide.
- Third and Final Reading Policy 3 – Appendix A Services, Materials and Equipment to Trustee.
- Third and Final Reading Policy 4 – Appendix A Trustee Code of Conduct Sanctions.
- Third and Final Reading Policy 7 – Appendix A Schedule of Rates.
- Third and Final Reading of Policy 16 – Recruitment and Selection of Personnel.
- Changes to Policy 20 – Teacher Housing.
- First Reading Policy 4 – Trustee Code of Conduct.
- That Board of Trustees direct the formation of a Principal Advisory Committee (PAC) in the circumstance that a School Council is unable to form; or a Principal Advisory Committee is preferred; and the PAC shall have the same opportunities and involvement as a school council would as per the School Act and the School Council Regulations; and that all meetings shall be open to all parents and community members.
- The Audit Plan as presented.

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**Next Corporate Board Meeting is October 26, 2017 (Board Organization Meeting)**

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