



Northland School Division No.61 Board Highlights Regular Board Meeting – November 30, 2017

2016-2017 Annual Education Results Report and 2017-2020 Education Plan approved

The Board of Trustees approved the Combined Three Year Education Plan (3YP) 2017-2020 and Annual Education Results Report (AERR) 2016-2017. The 3YP/AERR is one way we communicate to students, parents, community members and Alberta Education about priorities and success stories. Click on the following website links to view the 3YP/AERR.

Combined Three Year Education Plan (3YP) 2017-2020 and Annual Education Results Report (AERR) 2016-2017 - <https://nsd61.ca/download/117991>.

Combined Three Year Education Plan (3YP) 2017-2020 and Annual Education Results Report (AERR) 2016-2017 Summary - <https://nsd61.ca/download/118594>.

Study to be conducted at Dr. Mary Jackson School

Northland School Division is going to be conducting a viability review on Dr. Mary Jackson School in accordance with Policy 15 – School Closure <https://nsd61.ca/download/101463>. The school in Keg River has 11 full time registered students. The study is going to involve conversations with parents, community members and school staff to pin point the reasons why enrolment is down.

Board Chair Report

In this edition of the Board Chair Report, Maddy Daniels briefly spoke about attending the Public School Boards Association of Alberta's Annual General Meeting and the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Fall General Meeting (FGM) in November. Daniels attended the ASBA Awards Banquet to celebrate two awards connected to NSD. Chelsea Cattroll, Peerless School Teacher, received recognition for winning the Edwin Parr Teacher Award for Zone 1, which is for exceptional first year teachers. Our friends APPLE Schools received the provincial Friends of Education Award for significant contributions to education in Alberta. NSD nominated NSD for the award.

Student attendance highlighted in Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent's Report included good news with respect to student attendance. NSD achieved its best attendance result over the last 4 years in October. When comparing October 2016 to 2017, 11% more students achieved attendance rates between 95% - 100%. To ensure student attendance improvement continues, Superintendent of Schools Gord Atkinson says the division's Attendance Improvement Initiative "Every Day Counts" will focus on understanding why chronically absent students (below 70%) are not attending school. He says medical is one reason why students are not attending school.

Atkinson attended the ASBA FGM with the Board of Trustees November 19-22 in Edmonton. He accompanied the Board Chair and staff to congratulate Chelsea and APPLE Schools.

Summary of Board Motions

The Board of Trustees approved or moved:

- The 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statements <https://nsd61.ca/download/118710>.
- The 2017-2018 Fall Budget <https://nsd61.ca/download/118428> (Page 115).
- That the January Regular Board Meeting be moved to January 26-27, 2018 in Edmonton and administration along with Board Chair Maddy Daniels and Vice-Chair Randy Anderson will draft a schedule that will be brought to the January Board Meeting.
- Third and Final Reading of Policy 4 – Trustee Code of Conduct.
- Housekeeping change to Policy 2 – Role of the Board.
- Housekeeping change to Policy 2 Appendix A - Board Annual Work Plan
- Housekeeping change to Policy 9 – Board Representatives.
- First, Second and Third Reading to [Policy 9 Appendix A – Board Representation to Organizations](#).
- The Terms of Reference for Board Representation.
- To accept the Facilities Year in Review 2016-2017 as presented.

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

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

Next Corporate Board Meeting is January 26 & 27, 2017

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