



The Northland School Division (NSD)

Board Highlights Regular Board Meeting – June 26, 2020



Board of Trustees left to right: Back Row – Silas Yellowknife (Ward 6), Randy Anderson (Ward 3), Robin Guild (Board Chair, Ward 7), Jules Nokohoo (Vice-Chair, Ward 10), Louis Cardinal (Ward 5), Jesse Lamouche (Ward 4).

Front Row - Rubi Shirley (Ward 9), Loretta Gladue (Ward 8), Karen Telford (Ward 11), Cathy Wanyandie (Ward 2).

Organizational Meeting - Board Chair and Vice-Chair Election Results



At our Organizational Meeting, Ward 7 Trustee Robin Guild was re-elected Board Chair and Jules Nokohoo was re-elected Vice-Chair. Click on the website

link to learn more about Robin and Jules

<https://tinyurl.com/y9ul9dxs>.

NSD nominates Cenovus Energy for Friends of Education Award



Northland School Division (NSD) is showing its appreciation to Cenovus

Energy. During the Regular Board Meeting on June

26, 2020, the Board of Trustees approved the nomination of Cenovus Energy for the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Friends of Education Award. The award recognizes organizations in the community who have made a special contribution to education.

Cenovus has been a supporter of NSD for many years. In 2013, Cenovus partnered with NSD to help deliver meaningful educational programs that encourage long-term benefits. Since the beginning of this partnership, they've contributed \$1.25 million to support Northland's focus on literacy. Cenovus continues to be instrumental in helping NSD deliver professional learning for educators and operating a summer reading program. The continued relationship with Cenovus puts NSD in a better position to help students achieve success.

NSD to hold a By-Election to fill Ward 1 vacancy

On June 26th, the Board of Trustees approved to hold a By-election for Ward 1 in Paddle Prairie while meeting COVID-19 guidelines. We will announce more details when they become available.

2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule approved by the Board

The Board of Trustees approved the 2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule, as amended. The Board Meeting dates will be face to face or via Zoom on the following Saturday dates: August 22nd, September 19th, October 24th, November 28th, January 23rd, February 20th, March 20th, April 24th, May 29th, June 19th.

Transfer of kitchen equipment to neighbouring school divisions approved by the Board

The Board of Trustees approved the transfer of kitchen equipment to the following neighboring school divisions, for a sum of \$1 from each division:

- Caslan and Kikino Schools to Northern Lights Public Schools
- Jossard School to High Prairie School Division
- Red Earth Creek School to Peace River

Board Chair honorarium adjustment approved

The Board of Trustees approved the change to Board Chair per diem from \$275 to \$225, to align with the per diem received by the trustees.

Board approved changes presented by the Policy Committee

The Board of Trustees approved housekeeping changes to the following policies:

- Policy 9 - Board Representatives
- Policy 19 Appendix B - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

The following policies were updated to be in line with the Education Act:

- Policy 1, 2, 2B, 2C, 3, 3A, 7, 7A, 11, 12, 12B, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 19A, 20, 21

Seven students to receive NSD bursaries and scholarships

The Scholarship and Bursary Committee announced the recipients of the bursaries and scholarships provided by NSD. Congratulations to the following students:

- Angel Marlo Chalifoux (Bishop Routhier School)
 - \$1,000.00 in memory of Adele Grace Carifelle for students pursuing studies in the areas of early childhood education, computer related studies or social work.
 - \$800 scholarships for students entering a college or technical institute.
- Briklyn Pratt (Anzac & Bill Woodward Schools)
 - \$1,000.00 in memory of Adele Grace Carifelle for students pursuing studies in the areas of early childhood education, computer related studies or social work.
- Wyatt Noskey (Bishop Routhier School)
 - \$800.00 NSD Scholarship for entering University other than Education.
- Shelley Laderoute (Gift Lake School)
 - \$1,000.00 in memory of Adele Grace Carifelle for students pursuing studies in the areas of early childhood education, computer related studies or social work.
 - \$800.00 NSD Scholarship for entering University other than Education.
- Nadia Moallem (Mistassiniy School)
 - \$800.00 NSD Scholarship for entering University other than Education.
- Preston Dillon (Mistassiniy School)
 - \$800 scholarships for students entering a college or technical institute.

- Rikki Janvier (Anzac & Bill Woodward School)
 - \$800.00 NSD Scholarship for entering University other than Education.

Tenders for roofing repairs approved by the Board

The Board of Trustees approved the winning bid of \$143,020 plus GST to Goodmen Roofing Ltd. for the Calling Lake School roof and \$270,870 plus GST to Knights Roofing for the St. Theresa School roof.

Superintendent's Highlights - 2020-2021 School Re-Entry Plan



Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras spoke to the Board about the 2020-2021 School Re-Entry Plan from Alberta Education. The school re-entry plan for ECS-12 schools considers three scenarios that could exist when the 2020-21 school year begins in September. 1) In-school classes resume (near normal with health measures) 2) In-school classes partially resume (with additional health measures) 3) At-home learning continues (in-school classes are suspended/cancelled). Spencer-Poitras said NSD is working with schools to put measures in place depending on what scenario is in place so schools will be ready for the new school year. Click on the website link to view the entire report <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/280937>.

Area 3 Associate Superintendent Report - Vision for Technology, Teaching, Learning and Leading

Area 3 Associate Superintendent Dr. Tim Stensland and Pedagogical Supervisor Michael Maciach spoke and shared examples of NSD's vision for technology, teaching, learning and leading. During the 2019-2020 school year, NSD took large steps in better leveraging the use of technology to support student learning. When in-person classes were cancelled due to COVID-19, it gave NSD an opportunity to move the school division forward in the use of technology, which in turn helped to enhance and improve teaching and learning. To support this vision of further enhancing teaching and learning, educators have been involved in professional learning opportunities. These opportunities began with developing the teacher and educational assistants' skills in the use of technology such as Google Classroom, Google Sites, Kahoot, Zoom, etc. Secretaries were also included in professional learning to support the final implementation of the student information system, Powerschool.

To help the trustees visually see NSD's vision, Maciach shared a few technology tools NSD staff have been using with students. He first shared information about the Bee Bot. The tool teaches young students about sequencing, estimation and problem solving. Click on the video link to learn more https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgERi8DFK_8. A number of staff members also use Sphero to support instruction. It's a robotic ball which takes the mechanisms used to control toys and uses them as a way to teach the basics of coding. Click on the website link to learn more https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yg8LmEkl_0c.

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Department Report - Syllabics Project Update

Acting Area 2 Associate Superintendent Dr. Joe Pearce updated the Board on projects supporting Indigenous language development and land-based learning. This year, schools have been using their respective funds to develop land-based learning projects. Projects include archery, shelter building and cooking. When in-person classes resume, schools will work with Elders and Knowledge Keepers to offer

on the land learning experiences. To support Cree language instruction, flashcards for each classroom have been created. These cards will be used to increase student vocabulary through picture and sight recognition.

In 2019, NSD in partnership with Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority (KTCEA) received funding from the Indigenous Languages in Education (ILE) grant program. The funding supported creating resources for syllabics and sound building blocks. This project involved creating sets of wooden building blocks for each school that colorfully illustrate culturally relevant images, syllabic symbols and their corresponding sounds. The grant helped cover the cost of materials and design, hiring of labour to assemble sets of building blocks and distribution to each language instructor working with NSD and KTCEA. The blocks will be ready for NSD and KTCEA Indigenous language instructors to use in the fall. Click on the website link to view the entire report <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/280937>.

Northland Community Based Education Program highlighted in Personnel Report

Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Wes Oginski highlighted the Northland Community Based Teacher Education Program in the Personnel Report. The program is a partnership with the University of Calgary's Werklund School of Education. Three staff are continuing in their second year of the Bachelor of Education Program; Val Lagimodiere (Elizabeth School), Kate McEvoy (Wabasca) and Gerald Young (St. Theresa School). Four staff begin their first year: Melissa Campbell (Anzac), Dallas L'Hirondelle (Hillview School), Madison MacDonald (Fishing Lake), Crystal Orr (Wabasca).

In addition to this program, NSD continues to provide mentorship and coaching to new principals. In February 2018, NSD launched the Aspiring Leaders Program. The program is offered to teachers who aspire to become principals. Click on the website link to view the entire report <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/280937>.

School Food Services Update



School Food Services (SFS) Operations Manager Emily Hunt provided an annual update to the Board. For over 47 years, SFS operated lunch programs in NSD communities and neighbouring school division communities. Due to funding changes, SFS will no longer provide services to schools outside NSD. For the 2020-2021 school year, the Board approved funding to ensure the lunch program continues. While presenting the report, Hunt expressed her appreciation to the Board for continuing to support the lunch program for NSD communities.

The report also highlighted how the remaining SFS funding was used when in-person classes were cancelled in March due to COVID-19. The remaining funds were given to various organizations in NSD school communities to support families during this challenging time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Click on the website link to learn more <https://tinyurl.com/yddws424>.

Notice: Next Regular Board Meeting is Saturday, August 22, 2020.

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