



The Northland School Division (NSD)

Board Highlights Regular Board Meeting – June 25, 2021

Board and Administration paid tribute to the children found at the former residential schools in Kamloops and Marieval in Saskatchewan



Near the beginning of the Regular Board Meeting, the Board and members of the Administration had 215 seconds of silence in memory of the children found at the former residential schools in Kamloops and Marieval in Saskatchewan. When the unmarked graves were announced publicly, the Board and Administration posted public statements on May 31, 2021 and June 24, 2021.

- [NSD Statement: Graves found at the Kamloops Indian Residential School](#)
- [NSD Statement: Graves found at the former Marieval Residential School in Saskatchewan](#)

Flags at Northland schools and buildings are at half-mast and will remain that way until further notice in remembrance of all of the children who died at residential schools and all those who continue to feel the impact of residential schools.

Five 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:

- Evelyn Alook, St. Theresa School/Mistassiniy School
 - \$800 scholarship for students entering a university program other than education.
 - Northern Lakes College, Social Work Program
- Abigail Nydokus, Elizabeth 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.
 - Lakeland College, Social Work Program.
- Rikki Janvier, Anzac Community School, Bill Woodward School
 - \$800 scholarship for students entering a university program other than education.
 - University of Calgary - Bachelor of Commerce.
- Briklyn Pratt, Anzac Community School, Bill Woodward School
 - \$800 scholarship for students entering a college or technical institute.
 - Mount Royal University - Sociology Program.
- Hunter Pratt, Anzac Community School, Bill Woodward School
 - \$800 scholarship for students entering a university program other than education.
 - Mount Royal University - Bachelor of Communications

NSD students benefiting from participation agreements that support learning



It was a celebratory week for Northland School Division. On National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21, 2021), the Board and Administration officially signed partnership agreements with the TELUS World of Science - Edmonton and MacEwan University. During the Board Meeting on June 25, 2021, the trustees celebrated how these agreements have benefitted students.

TELUS World of Science - Edmonton: The agreement between TELUS World of Science - Edmonton and NSD will provide enhanced science programming for K-12 students. One of the goals of the partnership is to support students in discovering their career passions and interests as well as increased interest in post-secondary science programs
<https://tinyurl.com/6ks4n9u3>.



MacEwan University: NSD and MacEwan University signed a five-year agreement that will give students access to the dual credit course, INDG 100: Introduction to Indigenous Studies
<https://tinyurl.com/4cni98ej>.

Superintendent's Highlights - Trustee recognized by PSBAA and Kindergarten programming update



In the latest Superintendent Highlights, Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras highlighted the following during the Regular Board Meeting:

- **NSD Trustee wins a PSBAA award:** Dr. Spencer-Poitras congratulated Ward 9 Trustee Dr. Rubi Shirley for winning a Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) award for promoting and advancing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada within Alberta
<https://tinyurl.com/7ebpczdu>.
- **Kindergarten Programming:** For the 2021-2022 school year, Kindergarten students will be attending school 5 days a week. During the 2020-2021 school year, Kindergarten students attended three days a week due to COVID-19 protocols.
- **Professional Learning Common Calendar:** A professional learning common calendar has been developed. Eight days were selected as common professional learning times for educators. This will support common district professional learning opportunities.
- **Math initiative in the works:** NSD is working with the University of Calgary (U of C) to develop a math initiative for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8. For this initiative, the resources being used are Math Minds and Jump Math. Math Minds is the method and practice used to teach

math and Jump Math is the program that will be implemented in five pilot schools during the 2021-2022 school year.

- **NSD working with Hāpara learning management system:** This working relationship with Hāpara will help NSD better leverage the use of technology to support student learning. Specifically, Hāpara simplifies the use of Google Workspace tools by placing all student work in one area for easy access and retrieval by students and teachers.

Click on the website link to view the Superintendent's Highlights in more detail <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/358255> (page 86).

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Report - Plan in place to enhance land-based learning infusion into the curriculum

Supervisor of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Language and Culture and Land Based Learning Debbie Mineault developed a report to inform the Board on what NSD is doing to further infuse land-based learning into the curriculum. The plan will essentially see NSD Cree/Dene instructors implement specific learning practices that encourage conversational Cree/Dene language development among students.

While completing this work, Cree/Dene language instructors will be supported with knowledge from Elders, Knowledge Keepers, language experts and local resources. Click on the website link to review the report in more detail <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/358255> (page 90).

Next Regular Board Meeting is Friday, September 17, 2021

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