



# Board Meeting Highlights

## November 25, 2022

### Moment of silence to remember two NSD students

In memory of two Northland students, the Board of Trustees held a moment of silence. Dakota Yellowknee, who attended Mistassiniy School, passed away on October 29, 2022. Andre Gambler-Young, who attended Calling Lake School, passed away on October 31, 2022.

Northland School Division will miss Dakota and Andre very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and communities affected.

### Triannual Report #1 for 2022-2023 presented to the Board



Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras presented the first Triannual Report for the 2022-2023 school year. The report highlights the progress we have made with meeting or exceeding the following Northland School Division priorities:

- Excellence in Learning
- Excellence in Leadership
- Excellence in Relationships

Click on the website link to view the Triannual Report <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/403884>.

### Board Chair Highlights - Feedback from Council of School Councils & Ward Council Workshop Presented



School Council representatives and Elders had a chance to learn and share during the Northland School Division Council of School Councils and Ward Council Workshop on October 20, 2022. The workshop is one-way Northland School Division engages with communities to support student achievement and success.

During the board meeting, Board Chair Cathy Wanyandie discussed the “What We Heard Report”. The report is a summary of the feedback shared with the Board at the Council of Schools Council/Ward Council Workshop. Participants provided input on what was working well, and what could be done to enhance and improve learning. The participants offered suggestions for ways to further engage communities in schools and learning. Click on the website link to view the “What We Heard Report” <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/405197> (page 98).

### Superintendent’s Highlights - Important conversations about preserving language and culture



There was a lot happening during the month of November throughout Northland School Division. On November 14, 2022, an important get-together between parents, guardians, MacEwan University staff and NSD staff took place at the Learning Services Centre in Wabasca-Desmarais. During the get-together, the group celebrated and learned about the importance of preserving language and cultural traditions.

NSD schools celebrated Métis Week November 14-18, 2022. The week celebrates the rich culture and contributions of the Métis people. To learn how schools celebrated Métis Week visit the NSD website <https://www.nsd61.ca/about-us/division-news/post/northland-schools-celebrating-metis-week>.

Students and staff across NSD honoured and remembered veterans by hosting Remembrance Day events. On November 8, 2022, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at Paddle Prairie School with Board Chair Cathy Wanyandie and Ward 1 Trustee Lorraine McGillivray.

Spencer-Poitras also took a moment to highlight news articles showcasing NSD’s Truth and Reconciliation Camp, **the Canadian Association of Science Centre’s (CASCADE) National Award NSD won with TELUS World of Science - Edmonton and the visit NSD recently had with the Breakfast Club of Canada and Danone Canada**. Click on the website to view the Superintendent’s Highlights in more detail

### Productive discussion between the Board of NSD and PSBAA President



President of the Public School Boards’ Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Dennis MacNeil met with the Board of Trustees during the board meeting. He discussed the current priorities for PSBAA and asked for feedback from the Board. A priority for the PSBAA is utilizing more experts from each school division when hosting meetings or events. McNeil encouraged Northland to present more success stories in a presentation.

## Associate Superintendent's Report - Students Services Department enhancing support to staff

### Priority 3 - Excellence in Relationships

Division priority: Develop and actively promote healthy relationships with students, parents/guardians, staff, community, and educational partners.

Department Outcome	Strategies	Measures of Success
The Student Services department will implement methods of collaboration and document management that ensure timely, balanced responses to student needs across the division.	Implement student services request management system (School Dude for non-emergent support requests).  Staff Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Log entries</li><li>Special Programs</li><li>School Dude requests</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Number of student log entries in PowerSchool.</li><li>Number of staff with role-appropriate training to use PowerSchool and Special Programs.</li><li>Number of resolved Student Services helpdesk requests.</li></ul>

One of the key priorities for Northland School Division is Excellence in Relationships. Associate Superintendent Scott Meunier shared an example of what the Student Services Department is doing to help Northland with this priority. During the 2021-2022 school year, Meunier said the Student Services Department surveyed staff to find out what kind of support they needed. After

reviewing the survey results from staff, Student Services developed a plan to implement:

- Professional learning around specific topics such as trauma informed practice.
- Individual Program Plan (IPP) creation and management.
- Assistive technology.

The department has hosted 22 training sessions so far this year. Some take place during staff meetings and at a principal's request. If a staff member is unable to attend, they can access the training materials from a Student Services Drive or from our classroom management system called Hapara. Meunier said Student Services is also using the division's ticketing system SchoolDude to manage support requests from schools.

### 2022-2023 Fall Budget Update approved by the Board

The Board approved budget is focused on enhancing classroom resources, technology, housing, and facilities. The 2022-2023 Fall Budget also reflects the student count as of September 30, 2022 and adjustments with staffing, number of schools, student enrollment and funding. Click on the website link to view the budget in more detail [Click on the website link to view the budget in more detail](https://www.nsd61.ca/download/405197) <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/405197> (page 42).

### Board approved 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements

The Board of Trustees approved the 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements. As per Policy 2 – Role of the Board, approves the financial statements and receives the audit opinion report. The financial statements have been prepared by the Finance Department for the year ended August 31, 2022. Click on the website link to view the Audited Financial Statements <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/405178>.

### Next Regular Board Meeting is Friday, January 20, 2023

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