



# Board Meeting Highlights

## January 20, 2023

### Tanya Fayant officially sworn in as Ward 5 Trustee



During the Regular Board Meeting, Tanya Fayant was officially sworn in as Ward 5 Trustee. Tanya, a Fishing Lake Métis Settlement resident, was elected during a By-election on December 19, 2022.

As Ward 5 Trustee, Tanya will represent the Elizabeth Métis Settlement and Fishing Lake Métis Settlement. Click on the website link to learn more about Tanya

<https://www.nsd61.ca/governance/board-of-trustees-2>.

### Board approved the 2021-2022 Annual Education Results Report



The Board of Trustees were pleased with the division's initiatives to support numeracy, literacy and high school completion. They approved the 2021-2022 Annual Education Results Report (AERR). The AERR is one-way NSD communicates student achievement, accomplishments and priorities to the students, parents, community members and school division partners. The 2021-2022 version of the AERR details progress Northland School Division has made in meeting Alberta Education Assurance Measures (AEAMs). Analysis of provincial and local information revealed that:

- NSD parents/guardians maintained their level of satisfaction with parental involvement in decisions about their child's education.
- Overall, there is a significantly higher belief that NSD students model characteristics of active citizenship. 90% of teachers believe students are providing their best effort, following rules and helping others succeed. That is a 7.4% increase from the previous three-year average. Students are 13.8% more satisfied with this measure in comparison to the previous three-year average. Click on the website link to view the entire 2021-2022 AERR

<https://www.nsd61.ca/download/407967>.

## 2023-2024 Northland School Division Calendar

Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Murray Marran presented two draft calendars for the 2023-2024 school year. The Board has the responsibility to set the school division calendar as set out in Section 60 in the Education Act.

The draft calendars will be circulated for feedback and will be brought back to the March 24, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Click on the website link to view the draft calendars <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/408572> (pages 34-37).

## Board approved operational changes at Pelican Mountain School

Pelican Mountain School will operate differently starting next school year. The Board moved to operate Pelican Mountain School as an ECS to grade 3 program and as a division-wide site for land-based and cultural learning opportunities. The school will also operate as a co-campus with St. Theresa School. When the Board reviewed the report, they considered the following information:

- Education quality at Pelican Mountain School remains highly rated.
- Despite the age of the building, the school is still a high-quality facility to deliver educational programming.
- Enrolment in grade 4-6 is not rebounding since the last time the school was reviewed.
- The relative cost of continuing to offer a full ECS to grade 6 program at Pelican Mountain School is rising.

With the school changing from an ECS to grade 6 program to an ECS to grade 3, students in grades 4-6 will be transported on a Northland bus to attend St. Theresa School.

## Board moved to defer the consideration of closing specific instructional programs to 2023-2024 school year

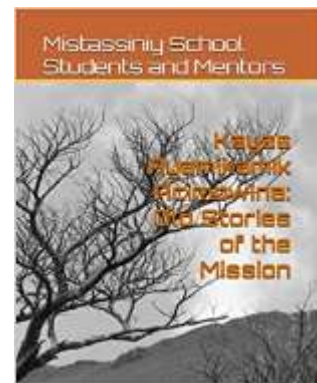
After reviewing the viability reports for Conklin Community School and Hillview School, the Board of Trustees moved to defer the consideration of closing the instructional programs to the 2023-2024 school year.

## Superintendent's Highlights - Another published NSD book available on Amazon

Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras highlighted exciting developments in the latest edition of Superintendent Highlights!

She informed the Board that NSD has launched a second book on Amazon called *Kayas Ayamikamik Acimowina: Old Stories of the Mission*. The book was officially unveiled on September 29, 2017 during an Orange Shirt Day event at Mistassiniy School.

The inspiration for this project came after a group of Mistassiniy School students attended WE Day in Calgary in 2016. After learning about changing communities from Me to We, the students came up with the idea



to research the residential school history in Wabasca-Desmarais. From January until the end of June, 2017, students interviewed Elders about their residential school experience. The students received first-hand accounts from Elders about life within the missions. Click on the website link to purchase the book on Amazon <https://tinyurl.com/23h4pk4d>.

Spencer-Poitras then discussed a project that will save NSD thousands of dollars when it comes to maintaining housing for teachers. This past summer, high/low sensors were installed in several housing units. These sensors send notifications to the Housing Department when the temperature falls below a certain level or if there is a water issue. This will save the division dollars in repairs for both furnace and frozen water line issues.

### **Associate Superintendent Report - CTS Week**

Career and Technology Studies (CTS) Week will occur January 23-27, 2023. Each NSD high school has developed their own course options and are able to access organized activities from other NSD schools. Some of the courses include:

- Outdoor Education (fishing, moccasin making and shelter making)
- Cosmetology
- Design Studies and Fashion Studies
- Media Sleuths program in partnership with TELUS World of Science – Edmonton
- Office Applications and Basic Programming
- Standard First Aid/Child and Infant First Aid



**The next Regular Board Meeting is Friday, February 17, 2023. Visit <https://www.nsd61.ca/governance/board-meetings> to view upcoming Regular Board Meeting dates and board-related documents.**

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