



Board Meeting Highlights May 26, 2023

Board passed a motion to appoint an Acting Superintendent of Schools/CEO



The Board of Trustees passed a motion on May 26, 2023, to appoint an Acting Superintendent of Schools/CEO, effective immediately. Cal Johnson has been appointed the Acting Superintendent of Schools/CEO.

Mr. Johnson has been a part of the Northland team since 2016. During his tenure, Cal has served as Principal at Conklin Community School, Anzac School - Bill Woodward School, and as Associate Superintendent - High School Completion/Numeracy/Literacy.

“We are looking forward to Cal’s many years of experience helping to effectively move Northland forward and achieve the board’s vision,” said Cathy Wanyandie, Board Chair.

Mr. Johnson will serve as Acting Superintendent of Schools/CEO until a new Superintendent of Schools/CEO is hired. Click on the website link to learn more <https://www.nsd61.ca/about-us/division-news/post/acting-superintendent-of-schools-ceo-appointed-by-the-board-of-trustees>.

Wally Rude officially sworn in as Ward 8 Trustee



During the Regular Board Meeting, Wally Rude was officially sworn in as Ward 8 Trustee. He was elected during a By-election on April 17, 2023. As Ward 8 Trustee, Wally will represent Calling Lake.

Board approved the 2023-2026 Education Plan and 2023-2024 Spring Budget



The Board of Trustees approved the 2023-2026 Education Plan, as presented. The Education Plan outlines Northland School Division’s priorities, outcomes, strategies and measures. The priorities, outcomes, strategies and measures have been developed as a result of conversations with the Board, staff and school communities. To view the entire plan, click on the website link <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/417247>.



The Board also approved the 2023-2024 Spring Budget. The budget is aligned with NSD's priorities listed in the 2023-2026 Education Plan and includes the following investments:

- Increased funding to educational priorities for literacy and numeracy.
- The School Food Services hot lunch program will continue.
- NSD will continue to fully fund school bus transportation for all students.
- NSD will continue with building and technology improvements with a major focus on improvement for resources in the classrooms.

Click on the website link to view the 2023-2024 Spring Budget in detail

<https://www.nsd61.ca/download/417246>.

Northland Online School to offer grade 11 programming starting next school year



Starting next school year (2023-2024), Northland Online School will be offering grade 11 programming. The Board authorized Administration to add grade 11 programming to Northland Online School, effective September 1, 2023. Click on the website link to learn more about Northland Online School <https://www.northlandonlineschool.ca/>.

J.F. Dion School to offer Kindergarten to Grade 6 starting next year



The Board approved an adjustment to the grades being offered at J.F. Dion School starting next year (2023-2024). Starting September 1, 2023, J.F. Dion School will offer Kindergarten to grade 6. A survey was distributed to parents/guardians and community members requesting input on grade level programming. The majority of respondents were in favour of removing programming for students in grades 7 and 8.

Superintendent's Highlights - NSD students earning more high school credits!



The latest edition of the Superintendent's Highlights showcases a number of success stories!

As part of the NSD Attendance Recognition and Awards Program, students that earned 20 or more credits in each semester are eligible for a prize draw to celebrate their learning success. In the first semester of 2021-2022 Northland had a total of 47 students earn twenty or more credits, which was an increase from the previous year. In the first semester of 2022-2023, NSD had a total of 88 students earn

twenty or more credits! This is an increase of 41 students (+87%)! Almost 25% of all high school students enjoyed this success.

The work NSD schools have done in the common high school calendar, dual credit opportunities, Career and Technology Studies (CTS) Days and student support have most definitely contributed to this achievement.

On April 27, 2023, the Breakfast Club of Canada added Paddle Prairie School and Conklin Community School to the Northland School Division agreement which will provide breakfast to students.

This summer, NSD is hosting a traditional young parent camp in Wabasca-Desmarais. The main goal of this camp is to assist parents/guardians with helping children speak Cree. The camp is an example of how NSD is working towards weaving more First Nations and Métis language into the curriculum.

Click on the website link to view the Superintendent's Highlights in detail <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/417662> (starting on page 123).

Associate Superintendent's Report - Library Enhancement Project



In the latest edition of the Associate Superintendent's Report, Scott Meunier provided updates with respect to library enhancement, learning disruption assessments and First Aid/ACT Training. The NSD Library Enhancement Project will enhance the quality and accessibility of quality resources for students across NSD. Each school will have new books made available to them based on the number of students as well as the following criteria for selecting books included:

- Mixture of quality fiction and non-fiction books.
- Prominent/respected authors.
- Award-winning books when possible.
- Noted interest for specific grade levels.

Elementary school students across NSD are completing their end-of-year learning disruption assessments. Teachers for grades 1-3 are leading students through the assessment process to help

identify learning needs caused by the disruptions such as COVID-19. Students whose learning is shown to have been significantly disrupted in the assessment process will have access to ongoing interventions that will help them achieve grade level literacy and numeracy as soon as possible.

Meunier also noted work taking place with building capacity around teaching basic lifesaving skills. NSD is working in partnership with ACT to train staff CPR and how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED). In addition, the Red Cross is supporting NSD's Occupational Health and Safety Department with teaching First Aid to both students and staff. Being able to train students not only meets curricular requirements but also supports them in getting the tickets needed for many employment opportunities.

The next Regular Board Meeting is Friday, June 23, 2023. Visit <https://www.nsd61.ca/governance/board-meetings> to view upcoming Regular Board Meeting dates and Board-related documents.

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