



Northland School Division No.61 Board Highlights Corporate Board Meeting – September 8, 2016

Superintendent of Schools presents Education Quarterly Report

Superintendent of Schools Gord Atkinson presented the Education Quarterly Report to the Official Trustee. The report highlights positive trends with the amount of students reading at grade level. The reading results were also paired with attendance to show the relationship between attendance and achievement. The report includes information about a First Nations, Métis action plan focused on building capacity with educators who teach indigenous languages. This month for example, our Indigenous language instructors will participate in professional development in Slave Lake. The report also highlights the division's improved student attendance. Since the Attendance Improvement Initiative 'Every Day Counts' was implemented, overall student attendance has improved by 3%. See Board Attachments to view the entire report <http://nsd61.ca/download/82717> (Page 2).

Community Liaison Workers a priority for Northland School Division

During the Board Meeting, an in depth discussion was had in response to the importance of having community liaison workers in schools. Official Trustee Lois Byers requested that administration make having school community liaison workers a divisional priority.

Policy 11 - Role of Superintendent Policy passes first reading

Superintendent of Schools Gord Atkinson presented Policy 11, Role of the Superintendent to the Official Trustee for first reading. This policy was reviewed and amended in consultation with Terry Gunderson, Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Educational Consultant. The additions include First Nations, Métis and Inuit quality indicators and an assessment guide. The assessment guide will be used as evidence that the Superintendent is performing the duties that have been assigned to him. See Board Attachments to view the entire report <http://nsd61.ca/download/82717> (Page 31).

Northland partners with Bigstone Cree Nation and M.D. of Opportunity to provide student counseling services

Northland School Division is pleased to continue a cost-sharing partnership with Bigstone Cree Nation and the Municipal District of Opportunity that supports counseling services for students in Wabasca-Desmarais. The school counselor will be shared between St. Theresa School, Mistassiniy School and Oski Pasikoniwew Kamik School (Bigstone Community School).

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Summary of approved Board motions

The Official Trustee approved:

- The request from APPLE Schools to look at non-specific attendance data over the next five years for six APPLE Schools. Schools include St. Theresa School, Athabasca Delta Community School, Anzac Community School - Bill Woodward School, Conklin Community School, Father R. Perin School and Fort McKay School.
- Locally Developed Courses – Film Studies 15-25-35 from Calgary School District No.19 for the period of September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017.
- Locally Developed Courses – Reading 15-25 from Calgary School District No. 19 for the period of September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2020.
- Changes to Procedure 431 – Employee Benefits.
- The Assistant Supervisor designation allowance in the Appendix 2 Schedule of Rates.
- Changes to the Level 1 Assistant Cook wage to \$12.20 per hour plus holiday pay to meet Alberta minimum wage.
- The disposal of school unit #514, 48 passenger 2001 Thomas Freightliner and unit #542, 54 passenger 2001 Thomas Freightliner and that these buses be put up for tender as per Procedure 516, Disposal of Divisional Property.

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