



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

April 25, 2013

MEMBERSHIP

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Colin Kelly, Official Trustee **Local School Board Chairs**

Julia Cardinal, ADCS
Marc Cote, Anzac
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Stella Noskiye, Chipewyan Lake
Wendy Tremblay, Conklin
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Murielle L'Hirondelle, East Prairie
Shelley Bartman, Elizabeth
Janet Lynn McDonald, Fort McKay
Ken Shaw, Gift Lake
Jeff Chalifoux, Grouard
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Ken Tupper, Keg River
Dwight Gladue, Little Buffalo
Pam Stigsen, Paddle Prairie
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Jeanne Cardinal, Pelican Mountain
Rachelle McDonald, Susa Creek
Elmer Gullion, Trout Lake
Robin Guild, Wabasca

Advisory Committee

Nora Yellowknee, Bigstone Cree Nation
Jeff Chalifoux, Grouard
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Julia Cardinal, ADCS
Ken Shaw, Gift Lake

Senior Administration

Donna Barrett, Superintendent
Don Tessier, Associate Superintendent
Wes Oginski, Director of Human Resources
Dennis Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer
Richard Baier, Director of Support Services

Presentations

- ✎ Brian Dewar, Principal, Little Buffalo School presented Richard Baier, Director of Support Services with a certificate, acknowledging and thanking him for the assistance provided to the Little Buffalo students and staff during their maintenance issues at the school. A Helping Hand award of \$400.00 per year will be given to the student who is the most helpful over the next four years has been set up in Richard's name.
- ✎ Sherrie Buchner, Supervisor of Technology spoke to the Board about a program called Career Cruising, which helps students choose careers that interest them. This program gives students ideas and possibilities to assist them in determining the type of career they would like to pursue. Students answer a series of questions about their skills, interests and learning styles and the program tries to match up careers that may be suitable to the student. The student can then read more about those careers.
- ✎ Elizabeth Coldbeck, Project Coordinator, Center for Health Promotion Studies, University of Alberta and Melaney Sexsmith, Health Promotion Coordinator of Alberta Health Services, Slave Lake, spoke to the Board on the Alberta Healthy School Community Wellness program. This is a partnership between the University of Alberta and the Government of Alberta and their objective is to address the health and wellness of school age children in Alberta. Since healthy people learn better, they feel that schools can directly influence student's health and behavior by encouraging healthy lifestyle choices and incorporating health into all aspects of school and learning. Grants available are:
 - General wellness grants
 - District readiness: \$55,000 over next three years
 - Healthy relationship – looking at high school wellness
 - High school wellness - looking at changing curriculum relating to wellness
 - Student leadership – K-12: student led changes
- ✎ Melaney Sexsmith spoke to the Board on some of the projects she has been involved with in Northland School Division as well as some of the ways to implement health and wellness in the schools:
 - Identifying a health champion in each school
 - District level committee as well as a school level committee
 - Putting wellness on every agenda (staff) schools and central office
 - Event – Mistassiniy Science Fair – display of sugar shocker, display of pigs lungs to show the effects of smoking,
 - Health promotion – information on STIs and pamphlets
- ✎ The Board approved the following reports:
 - Superintendent's Report
 - Chairman's Report
 - Secretary-Treasurer's Report

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- ✕ The Board approved the donation of \$2,000 to the Pow Wow being held to recognize high school graduates in Peace River on June 8 & 9, 2013, with \$500.00 from these funds being utilized as a Northland give-away at the Pow-Wow.
- ✕ The Board approved in principle the concept of using the self-paced learning approach of program delivery for our small high school programs, including Mistassiniy School.
- ✕ The Board approved sessions be set up immediately to discuss the proposal of self-paced learning for secondary students, with the communities, LSBC, and staff in all communities that offer high school programs using the Community Engagement Framework, and that administration provide a progress report at each board meeting.
- ✕ The Board approved in principle the implementation of the recommendations relating to Junior High program and delivery and explore a pilot for the junior high self-paced program utilizing the Northland School Division Community Engagement Process.
- ✕ The Board approved the Locally Developed Courses from the Calgary RCSSD as foundation courses of study at the high school level: Reading 10-20-30 and Learning Strategies 15-25-35.
- ✕ The Board approved the 2013-2014 School Calendar and Literacy PD Dates.
- ✕ The Board approved in principle, changes to Procedure 428, Staff Vacations and Holidays.
- ✕ The Board approved housekeeping changes to Procedure 508, Reimbursement of Expenses.
- ✕ The Board approved the proposed Little Buffalo Water Feasibility Study to include in future discussions with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC).
- ✕ The Board approved the expenditure plan for IMR projects for the 2012-2013 school year.
- ✕ The Board approved the purchase of a Slip Tank, fuel pump and installation for Chipewyan Lake School be reviewed further for information relating to double walled/enviro tanks.
- ✕ The Board approved the disposal of Unit 216, a 1995, 3-bedroom mobile home (at the local landfill) in accordance with Section 200 of the School Act and division procedures.

- ✕ The Board received as information, the following:
 - Student Transportation Association of Alberta – letter.
 - School Bus Driver Recruitment & Retention Committee Update (Transportation Committee)
 - FNMI Programming Audit Questionnaire



Board and Committee Meetings

May 14/13	Committee Meetings & Agenda Review
May 22/13	Advisory Committee Meeting
May 23/13	Board Meeting
Jun 18/13	Committee Meetings & Agenda Review
Jun 26/13	Advisory Committee Meeting
Jun 27/13	Board Meeting
Aug 20/13	Committee Meetings & Agenda Review
Aug 28/13	Advisory Committee Meeting
Aug 29/13	Board Meeting

& Advisory Committee Meetings

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