



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

September 26, 2013

MEMBERSHIP

Colin Kelly, Official Trustee Local School Board Chairs

Julia Cardinal, ADCS
Marc Cote, Anzac
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Clifford Cardinal, Calling Lake
Stella Noskiye, Chipewyan Lake
Wendy Tremblay, Conklin
Silas Yellowknee, Desmarais
Murielle L'Hirondelle, East Prairie
Shelley Bartman, Elizabeth
Janet Lynn McDonald, Fort McKay
Ken Shaw, Gift Lake
Jeff Chalifoux, Grouard
Joan Daniels, J.F. Dion
Alice Loftstrom, Janvier
Ken Tupper, Keg River
Dwight Gladue, Little Buffalo
Pam Stigsen, Paddle Prairie
James Alook, Peerless Lake
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
Elmer Gullion, Trout Lake
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
David Cox, Division Facility Manager
Delores Pruden, Director of First Nation Métis Inuit Education

View the September 26, 2013 Board Agenda on our website at:

<http://www.northland61.ab.ca/main/documents/September262013BoardAgenda.pdf>

Presentations

Audrey Anderson, Principal of Peerless Lake School, and along with Peerless Lake community members Leon Orr, Terry Okemow, Louis J. Cardinal, Jo Okemow, and Hilda Okemow spoke to the Board about focusing on community involvement within the school. They have taken the school mission and vision statement and concentrated on working together, their school community, and cultural heritage. This will be brought together by having an open door policy for community members, elders, and parents. The school is involving family in literacy/numeracy nights, having oral stories by elders in the classroom, culture camps, potluck dinners, building community specific science kits, mentoring non-aboriginal teachers, community PD sessions, and utilizing local elder knowledge. By weaving culture and traditions into the curriculum they are creating a value wheel for the students and making education a wonderful experience for all involved.

Helen Jacobs, Coordinator from OSLI, Delores Cardinal from Sekweha Janvier, and Beverley Barca, Consultant for Northland School Division No. 61 presented to the Board about the facilitation between OSLI, the schools, and the community. Six member companies within OSLI focused originally on environment, technology, and social performance improvements. Since then it has grown to include many companies and spun into a new organization, Canada's Oil Sands Innovation Alliance (COSIA). The vision they have created is safe, healthy sustainable communities where people want to live, work, play, and raise their children. This vision includes youth as active members of their community and can move forward with confidence to their chosen path in life.



The Board approved the following reports:

- Superintendent's Report
- Chairman's Report
- Secretary-Treasurer's Report
- Educational Quarterly Report



The Board accepted the FNMI Action Plan, for implementation Division wide.

"Every student is a lifelong learner and successful in life".



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✂ The Board approved in principle the following revised job descriptions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Teacher Assistant· Special Assistant· School Secretary· School and Community Liaison Worker· Library Assistant· ECS Instructor✂ The Board approved the request from Claudia Covelli to interview 3 beginning teachers as part of a research assignment in her Master of Education in Educational Studies Program at the University of Alberta providing we receive a copy of her findings.✂ The Board authorized the administration to establish a committee to review items in the EYE assessment to determine their appropriateness for a pilot in Northland School Division.✂ The Board received as information, changes to Procedure 304, Student Conduct.✂ The Board approved the appointment of co-principals at Gift Lake School for the 2013-2014 school year to accommodate the split of the students between the Gift Lake site for elementary students and the Northern Lakes College Campus for the Junior High Students.✂ The Board approved the establishment of the FNMI Programming Supervisor position.✂ The Board approved the request for Playground Safety Certification Training from Andrew Irwin, Safety Officer.✂ The Board approved the reinstatement of sections 2-12 of Procedure 420 – Paraprofessional Staff Education Leave, with a November 15th application deadline for entry into the January 2014 session. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✂ The Board approved the reclassification of the Maintenance Secretary position to Executive Secretary – Maintenance, effective September 1, 2013.✂ The Board approved the reclassification of the Print Shop Clerk / Receptionist position to a Secretary/Receptionist position, effective September 1, 2013.✂ The Board approved the disposal of the chemicals at Calling Lake School by CleanHarbours at a cost of \$4,721.00 + GST with funds coming from the OH&S budget.✂ The Board authorized the administration to accelerate the amortization of fixed assets at Gift Lake School to reflect its estimated remaining useful life in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards.✂ The Board approved changes to Appendix 2 – Schedule of Rates, changes for election officer expenses.✂ The Board approved changes to Appendix 2 - Schedule of Rates, changes for LSBC interviews and video conferencing.✂ The Board requested the administration negotiate a loan with ATB Financial in the amount of \$1,000,000, with a variable rate of prime plus .57% (current prime rate is 3.00%) over a 10 year period, subject to ministerial approval and an analysis of the current cash flow status of Northland School Division No. 61.✂ The Board received the following information items:<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Technology Issues in Schools· NSD Wireless Initiative· CEU Count· 2012-2013 Nominal Roll - Bigstone <p>Upcoming Meetings
October 23, 2013 – Advisory Committee Meeting
October 24, 2013 – Board Meeting</p> |
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