



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

## November 27, 2013

### MEMBERSHIP

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

Claris Voyageur, ADCS  
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Greg Gauchier, Bishop Routhier  
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Wendy Tremblay, Conklin  
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Shelley Bartman, Elizabeth  
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Ken Shaw, Gift Lake  
Sue Sutherland, Grouard  
Joan Daniels, J.F. Dion  
Alice Loftstrom, Janvier  
Ken Tupper, Keg River  
Dwight Gladue, Little Buffalo  
Candice Calliou, Paddle Prairie  
Louis Cardinal, Peerless Lake  
Violet Carlson, Pelican Mountain  
Rachel 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

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[http://www.northland61.ab.ca/main/documents/November\\_27\\_2013AgendaPackage.pdf](http://www.northland61.ab.ca/main/documents/November_27_2013AgendaPackage.pdf)

#### Presentation – Career Pathway School

Christoph Ruge, Principal and Angela Bigstone, Teacher at Career Pathways School spoke to the Board about the Outreach program offered in Wabasca.

The presentation was based on the new 'School Logo and Pamphlet – Circle of Courage', which means 'Mastery, Lifelong Independence, Generosity, and Belonging'. The Outreach Program has 49 students currently on their register, four students graduated last year and staff have set a goal for 12 students to graduate this year. Ruge and Bigstone shared with the Board the theme song for the school created by the students with contributions from local community musicians. The success of the school is because students are engaged and the programming is authentic, they are able to provide input into what they want to do. The students are able to see the relevance of what they are learning in school and how it relates in the outside world. "It is a family," both Ruge and Bigstone reiterated to the Board, "Students love coming to school because they feel safe and they feel they belong!"

A cultural exchange will be done with a school in Edmonton and Career Pathways School will be one of ten schools across Canada to be piloted for 10-10. The Minister of Finance will be visiting the school in the 2013-2014 school year.

#### Presentation – Website Development

Northland School Division No. 61 Communications Coordinator Curtis Walty, presented a glimpse of the new website to the Board for their review and input. Each school will have a website that is linked to the Divisional website. Some of the sections will be Governance, Administration, Transportation, Careers and Housing. A date has not been set as of yet for the website launch.



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- ✕ The Board approved the following reports:
  - Superintendent's Report
  - Chairman's Report
  - Secretary-Treasurer's Report
  - Education Quarterly Report
- ✕ The Board approved in principle, Procedure 304, Student Conduct.
- ✕ The Board approved the Combined Three Year Education Plan for 2014-2016 and the Annual Education Results Report.
- ✕ The Board approved the Borrowing Resolution – Current Expenditures in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 to meet the current operating expenditures for the year 2013/14.
- ✕ The Board of Trustees approved first draft of the Community Engagement Framework developed collaboratively by Alberta Education for the, Peerless Lake Cultural Weaving Project. This is a partnership project between the Peerless Lake School, Peerless Trout Lake First Nation and First Nations, Metis and Inuit Services Branch of Alberta Education.
- ✕ The Board ratified the administrative action in nominating Nine schools (Paddle Prairie, Mistassiniy, Calling Lake, St. Theresa, Peerless Lake, Athabasca Delta, Little Buffalo, Gift Lake and Bill Woodward) to participate in the 'Tell Them From Me Survey' for a three year period at a cost of \$500.00 per school, per year for a total of \$4,500.00 with the money coming from the Instructional Budget.
- ✕ The Board approved the recommendation for all Grade 3 students to write the June 2014 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) and all incoming Grade 3 students to write the Student Learning Assessments (SLAs) in September, 2014.
- ✕ The Board approved entering into an agreement with Project Brock Society for the donation of Automated External Defibrillators to be installed at all Northland School Division Schools'.

- ✕ The Board approved administration to examine the reclassifying of Teacher Assistants and Special Assistant to a more inclusive designation of Education Assistant for the 2014-2014 school year.
- ✕ The Board approved the School Bus Driver Recruitment and Retention Strategy Implementation Timelines.
- ✕ The Board approved the quote from IntelliMedia in the amount of \$11,550.00 including GST, for additional work to be don't to support recommendations from the Inquiry Team, the funds will come from the Cenovus Grant.
- ✕ The Board approved that Trustees begin negotiations for the transfer of Peavine teacherages and services by Northland School Division to the Peavine Metis Settlement, subject to Ministerial approval.
- ✕ The Board approved the amendment to the Educational Services Agreement with Bigstone Cree First Nation and Bigstone Cree Nation Education Authority to include funding for ECS students.

### Upcoming January Meetings

Jan 14/14	Committee Meetings & Agenda Review
Jan 22/14	Advisory Committee Meeting
Jan 23/14	Board Meeting



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