



## Northland School Division No.61 Board Highlights

Corporate Board Meeting – August 28-29, 2015

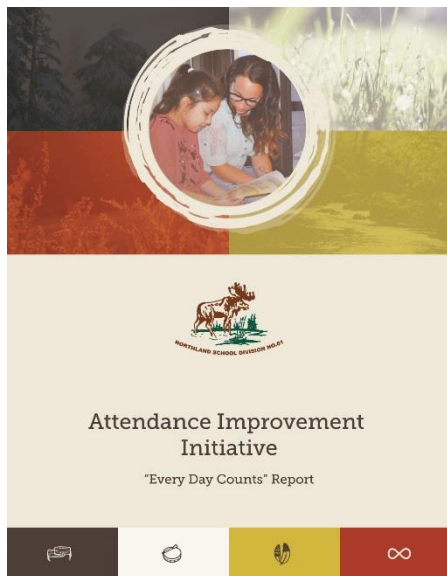
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### **Attendance Improvement ‘Every Day Counts’ Presentation**



Associate Superintendent Don Tessier presented a comparison in division-wide student attendance to the Northland Board between 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. Results show a two percent increase in student attendance division-wide, two schools who achieved over 90 percent overall and 11 schools over 85 percent. When reviewing year to year comparison for schools, 15 schools achieved an increase in student attendance. For example, Father R. Perin School in Janvier earned a 10 percent increase and Chipewyan Lake School achieved an eight percent gain. Tessier also presented the amount of generated high school credits for 12 Northland high school programs. During the 2014-2015 school year, students earned 8619 total credits. These credits include core subjects, Career and Technology Studies and summer school. Tessier highlighted the successful summer school program at

Athabasca Delta Community School (ADCS) in Fort Chipewyan. ADCS students who participated in the program earn 71 credits!

### **Tell Them From Me Survey Presentation**



Associate Superintendent Don Tessier presented results from the Tell Them From Me Survey (TTFM). Nine Northland Schools (**Paddle Prairie School, Mistassiniy School, Calling Lake School, St. Theresa School, Peerless Lake School, ADCS, Little Buffalo School, Gift Lake School**) participated in the online survey that measures intellectual, academic, social and emotional engagement of students. “The TTFM survey is a perfect opportunity to involve the student voice in creating an engaging learning environment,” said Tessier. Click on the link below to view the media release and TTFM statistics.

<http://nsd61.ca/about-us/division-news/post/nsd-tell-them-from-me-survey-results>



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### **Education Quarterly Report**

Superintendent of Schools Donna Barrett presented the Education Quarterly Report to the Northland Board. The purpose of the report is to chronicle progress on the school division's initiatives. Barrett's began the presentation by highlighting a few summer initiatives such as Summer School and the Summer Reading Program. She updated the Board on Divisional Priorities that include student attendance and literacy. Barrett concluded the presentation by showcasing success stories relating to literacy, land-based learning, high school graduations and Northland School Division's award winning website! Click on link to view the Education Quarterly Report. <http://nsd61.ca/download/34439> (starting on page 2).

### **Friends of Education Award**



The Northland Board approved the nomination of Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) for the 2015 Friends of Education Award and invite the nominee to attend the 2015 Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone One Fall Award Ceremony on September 24<sup>th</sup> in Peace River. The Sustainable Communities Initiative is a collaboration between oil sands companies, the communities of Janvier and Fort Chipewyan and partner organizations such as Northland School Division.

SCI has worked to transform the way industry works to support communities. They focus on building community capacity to bring about positive change. SCI works in Fort Chipewyan and Janvier, with youth and partners to develop experiential land-based learning initiatives for students. The initiative provides training and support to help educators and the community to work together so that they can create authentic and relevant learning experiences. This work has resulted in educational experiences such as Camp Voyageur 2015 (See photo below).



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*On June 15th the grade 8/9 class at Athabasca Delta Community School flew by float plane to the remote Camp Voyageur near Turtle Lake and camped out for 5 nights and 6 days! During their time at camp, students were immersed in land based learning. Some of the learning experiences included building a kitchen and common area at camp using basic tools, setting and routinely checking a fish net, and properly filleting both northern pike and white fish. **This experience was made possible through a partnership with Sustainable Communities Initiative.***

<http://www.adcs.ca/about/school-news/post/grade-8-9-camp-voyageur-field-trip-2015>

### **Approval Summary**

- The newly created job description for the position of Divisional Facilities Manager passed second reading.
- The newly created job description for the position of Construction Project Forman passed second reading.
- The job description for the position of Executive Secretary for Finance passed second reading.
- The newly created job description for the position of Student Data and Education Technology Coach passed first reading.
- Northland Board received as information; changes to Procedure 516 – Disposal of Divisional Property.
- Northland Board received as information; changes to Procedure 500 – Budget.
- Northland Board approved the updated Appendix 2 – Schedule of Rates salary schedule to reflect the two percent that was approved for support staff in the June 2015 Budget.



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### **Important Dates to Remember**

<b>October 2-3, 2015</b>	<b>Board Meeting, Peace River, Alberta</b>
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