



Board Meeting Highlights September 22, 2022

Awards and Celebrations - Board congratulates Pelican Mountain School for the best overall attendance in 2021-2022



Earlier this month, Northland School Division announced that Pelican Mountain School achieved the highest overall attendance for the 2021-2022 school year. During the Regular Board Meeting, the Board and Administration virtually congratulated the students and staff for their efforts.

Following the celebration, the Board had a chance to review the progress NSD is making with respect to attendance. The following accomplishments were also recognized:

- 12 schools experienced an increase in attendance in June 2022 from June 2021.
- 51 high school students finished semester two with 20 or more credits earned (47 in semester 1).

Click on the website link to view the entire report <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/399782> (page 31).

Ward Renumbering approved by the Board

The Board approved a motion to amend the Northland School Division Electoral Wards (Bylaw 01-2022) as per Ministerial Order. The electoral Ward 10 - Anzac, Janvier, Conklin, Fort McKay will be renumbered as Ward 9.

The Board of Trustees approved the closure of Fort McKay School

The Board authorized the administration to proceed with the closure of the instructional program at Fort McKay School. The decision was made as per Section 62 of the [Education Act](#) and [NSD's Policy 15 – School Closure](#).

On September 1, 2017, Northland School Division and Fort McKay First Nation (FMFN) entered into a Co-Management Education Agreement. The agreement saw NSD and FMFN work together to reinforce the importance of First Nations language, culture, and traditions in the education of students. The Co-Management Education Agreement also saw Northland support FMFN while they built and opened their own school. The Elsie Fabian School officially opened on September 1, 2022, and as a result of the new school opening and respecting the terms of the Co-Management agreement, Fort McKay School will be closed.

Superintendent presented details from the third Triannual Report for the 2021-2022 school year



The Class of 2022 from Career Pathways School!



Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras presented success stories in the third Triannual Report for 2021-2022. These reports showcase how Northland School Division is progressing with meeting or exceeding its priorities. The three priorities are:

1. Excellence in Learning
2. Excellence in Leadership
3. Excellence in Relationships.

The third Triannual Report showcases high school graduates, a book written by Northland students, an exciting project supporting Cree and Dene language development, an update on the new school project in Wabasca-Desmarais, Northland engagement with communities, and the sights and sounds from the Northland Games. Click on the website link to view the report <https://www.nsd61.ca/download/398537>.

Superintendent's Highlights - Dual credit opportunities and TELUS World of Science - Edmonton visit



The Superintendent Highlights summarizes a number of exciting projects and recent events Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras attended. First, Spencer-Poitras discussed the dual credit opportunities for Northland students. In 2021, Northland and MacEwan University signed a five-year agreement that gives students access to the following dual credit courses.

- PSSC 112 - Policing in Canada
- PSSC 121 - Law and the Administration of Justice
- TAST 101 - Child and Adolescent Development
- Indigenous Studies 100/ Aboriginal Studies 30

Dr. Spencer-Poitras recently attended an event at the TELUS World of Science - Edmonton. While attending the event, she participated in a smudge and prayer at their newly developed medicine plant garden and toured the new [Indigenous Traditional Room](#) and the [Arctic Journey](#) exhibit.

In August, Northland hosted a professional learning session to help teachers understand the new K-3 curriculum. Spencer-Poitras was pleased to see the large percentage of NSD teachers take advantage of this learning opportunity.

In addition, a video showcases how the APPLE Schools program supports Elizabeth School, connecting health and culture. Click on the website link to view the video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2beRe5_Eb68.

Deputy Superintendent Report - New Teacher Orientation Highlights



Deputy Superintendent Dr. Tim Stensland shared some highlights from the New Teacher Orientation and outlined the common professional learning plan for principals, teachers, and support staff. At the New Teacher Orientation, 17 educators had an opportunity to learn about teaching in a First Nations community and a Metis community, the importance of developing relationships, and organizing

effective community engagement. They had a chance to meet district staff who are available to support them and assist with needed resources.

The new teachers also learned from second-year teachers in Northland School Division. One of the teachers said it was very helpful to be involved in the community and understand how it functions. Another teacher encouraged teachers to take advantage of using the platform Hapara and embrace the exciting opportunities Northland offers.

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Next Regular Board Meeting is Friday, October 21, 2022

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