



Board Meeting Highlights April 20, 2023

Edwin Parr Teacher Award nominee approved by the Board of Trustees

The 2023 Edwin Parr Teacher Award nominee from NSD is an educator from Bishop Routhier School! The Board of Trustees approved the nomination submitted for Jaskaran (Jay) Klair.

Awards and Celebrations - NSD student celebrated for Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award



Northland School Division is once again celebrating a very special achievement. Tyson Bigstone, a grade 5 student from Chipewyan Lake School, was selected as an Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards recipient!

Tyson is one of the 12 selected from 224 nominees in Alberta. Recipients in Kindergarten to Grade 12 from across the province were nominated by members of their education communities, based on their exemplary leadership, courage, and commitment to their cultures and educational paths.

Tyson was nominated for his passion to learn the Cree language, encouraging other students and for his commitment to education.

Each recipient is recognized with:

- An award certificate and congratulatory letter;
- A unique hand-crafted Star Blanket;
- And, a one-time scholarship, sponsored by Keyera.

Awards and Celebrations - Anzac students represent Northland at the Wood Buffalo Regional Science Fair



The Board and Administration celebrated Bill Woodward School (Anzac) students who recently competed at the Wood Buffalo Regional Science Fair. Students in the grade 5/6 class put together 14 projects. One of the students earned a special award. Carter Savill won a silver medal in the grade five category!

While speaking to the Board and Administration via Zoom, students explained their science experiments and overall experience at the science fair.

Superintendent Highlights - Forestry pilot course and new dual credit agreement!

Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras highlighted a forestry pilot and a new dual credit agreement!

A forestry pilot project involving Calling Lake School students is underway. The project is made possible through a partnership between NSD, Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (Al-Pac) and Woodland Operations Learning Foundation (WOLF). Students are taking a Career and Technologies Studies (CTS) Forestry option and earning credits for work in the classroom. The project will also see students participate in an in-school simulator experience, practical learning sessions with the WOLF instructors, and a student/employer networking event. The event is taking place May 1-5, 2023.

A new dual credit agreement between Northland and Olds College is official. Spencer-Poitras said conversations continue with respect to the courses being offered. More information will be communicated when it becomes available!

Associate Superintendent Report - Northland Games and CTS Day



A signature event for Northland School Division is just around the corner! Associate Superintendent Scott Meunier said the Northland Games will take place June 1, 2023 at Anzac School-Bill Woodward School (Anzac). NSD student-athletes from across the province compete in traditional games and track and field events.



Meunier also highlighted Career and Technology Studies (CTS) Day activities. The photos showcase students from Anzac School and Bill Woodward School. As you can see in the photos above, grade 12 students from Bill Woodward earned credits while taking construction and computer programming courses. The photos below show Anzac School students learning how to make ribbon skirts and shirts.



Northland Online School Ward Representation Update



The Board approved a decision with respect to ward representation for Northland Online School. The online school will be represented by Ward 5. With this decision, Ward 5 will represent Elizabeth Métis Settlement (Elizabeth School), Fishing Lake Métis Settlement (J.F. Dion School) and Northland Online School.

Long Service Awards date approved by the Board



Long Service Awards



The Board of Trustees approved hosting the Long Service Awards on Thursday, May 25, 2023 in Peace River. The event recognizes staff who have achieved 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 years of service and retirees. In addition, NSD recognizes the 2023 Edwin Parr Teacher Award nominee.

The next Regular Board Meeting is Friday, May 26, 2023. Visit <https://www.nsd61.ca/governance/board-meetings> to view upcoming Regular Board Meeting dates and Board-related documents.

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