



Board Meeting Highlights November 17, 2023

Organizational Meeting - Board Chair and Vice-Chair election results



Northland School Division (NSD) is pleased to announce that Ward 7 Trustee Robin Guild has been declared Board Chair. Guild previously served as Board Chair from June 2019 until September 22, 2022.

Additionally, NSD is pleased to share that Tanya Fayant has been re-elected as Vice-Chair. Click on the website link to learn more about Robin and Tanya

<https://www.nsd61.ca/governance/board-of-trustees-2>.

The Board extends its sincere gratitude to Ward 2 Trustee Cathy Wanyandie for her valuable contributions during her tenure as Board Chair from September 2022 to November 17, 2023. The nominations for the trustee roles took place during the Organizational Meeting on November 17, 2023.

Tri-Annual Report #1 for 2023-2024 presented to the Board



Media Relations Manager Curtis Walty presented the first Tri-Annual Report for the 2023-2024 school year on behalf of Superintendent of Schools/CEO Shelley Willier. The report highlights the progress we have made with meeting or exceeding the following Northland School Division priorities:

- Excellence in Learning
- Excellence in Leadership
- Excellence in Relationships

Click on the website link to view the Tri-Annual Report
<https://www.nsd61.ca/download/432832>.

Board approved the 2022-2023 Annual Education Results Report



The Board of Trustees were pleased with the division's initiatives to support numeracy, literacy and high school completion. They approved the 2022-2023 Annual Education Results Report (AERR). The AERR is one-way NSD communicates student achievement, accomplishments and priorities to the students, parents, community members and school division partners. The 2022-2023 version of the AERR details progress Northland School Division has made in meeting Alberta Education Assurance Measures (AEAMs). Analysis of provincial and local information revealed that:

- NSD improved in three measures (Citizenship, Education Quality and Access to Supports and Services) and improved significantly in five measures (Parental Involvement, Lifelong Learning, Program of Studies, Satisfaction with Program Access, and School Improvement).

- NSD is supporting high school completion. In the last year, the percentage of students completing high school within three years of entering grade 10 has **gone up 8%**. The percentage of Northland students completing high school within four years of entering grade 10 has **gone up 10%**.
- In addition, NSD students are finding success writing Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs). 45% of Grade 6 students and 27% of Grade 9 students who wrote the PATs achieved "Acceptable" performance.

The entire Annual Education Results Report will be posted on the NSD website by **November 30, 2023**. You will be able to view it by visiting <https://www.nsd61.ca/about-us/reports>.

Board approved a Mistassiniy School international field trip



A group of Mistassiniy School students in grades 10-12 will be attending a once in a lifetime field trip. The Board approved the school's international field trip to Buenavente, Spain.

The students from Mistassiniy will be participating in an exchange with students from a school in Buenavente, Spain. The grade 10-12 students would be traveling to Spain in April, 2024.

Board reviewed letter from Fishing Lake Métis Settlement about student busing

The Board of Trustees examined a letter that Superintendent Shelley Willier received from Charles Gladue, the Chair of Fishing Lake Métis Settlement. In the letter, Mr. Gladue addressed concerns about transportation for students attending schools outside the settlement.

At present, NSD operates a single bus to transport junior and senior high school students from Fishing Lake to Cold Lake schools. These students enroll in a school outside the settlement after finishing kindergarten to grade 6 at J.F. Dion School, which is operated by NSD.

Following the letter's review, the Board requested the administration to develop potential solutions to address some of the concerns raised by Chair Gladue.

NSD responds to community member question related to Gender Identity, Human Rights for Members of The LGBTQ2SIA+ Community

At the board meeting, Associate Superintendent Scott Meunier answered a question from a community member. They wanted to know how NSD helps and teaches students and families about gender identity, LGBTQ2SIA+ rights, and making a welcoming space for all students.

Meunier mentioned that NSD provides support to LGBTQ2SIA+ community members through various means, including Board Policy, Administrative Procedures, ensuring equal access to education, and offering specific interventions for students as required. For instance, NSD has made diverse resources accessible to students and staff to foster welcoming, safe, and inclusive environments. These resources cover aspects like orientation and identification and are available in NSD's in-classroom libraries.

Furthermore, the division's family wellness workers and mental health therapists offer targeted assistance to students who are questioning or facing crises related to orientation or identity.

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