



# Board Meeting Highlights September 22, 2023

## Organizational Meeting - Board Chair and Vice-Chair election results



Northland School Division (NSD) is pleased to share that Cathy Wanyandie has been re-elected as the Board Chair for a second consecutive year. Cathy has been the representative for Ward 2 in Susa Creek since 2017.

Additionally, NSD is pleased to announce Tanya Fayant as the newly elected Vice-Chair. Tanya took on the role of Ward 5 Trustee on December 19, 2022.

These trustee elections occurred during the Organizational Meeting on September 22, 2023.

## Regular Board Meeting dates for 2023-2024 school year approved by the Board

The Board of Trustees approved the 2023-2024 Regular Board Meeting Schedule, as amended. The Board Meeting dates are October 27th, November 17th, January 25th, February 23rd, March 15th, April 19th, May 31st and June 28th. NSD will be posting the dates on this webpage [www.nsd61.ca/governance/board-meetings](http://www.nsd61.ca/governance/board-meetings).

## Professional Learning dates revised on the 2023-2024 Northland School Division Calendar

The Board approved changes to the 2023-2024 Northland School Division Calendar. They've adjusted the dates when staff participate in professional learning days. Previously, these were set for March 18, 2024, and May 17, 2024. Now, instead of those dates, NSD will hold a two-day professional learning session on March 13th and 14th.

## Tri-Annual Report #3 for 2022-2023 presented to the Board



Superintendent of Schools/CEO Shelley Willier presented the third and final Tri-Annual Report for 2022-2023. This report highlights NSD's progress in three important areas:



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

In this report, Willier highlighted several noteworthy achievements, including:

- The success of high school graduates.
- The publication of a new book authored by NSD students, with guidance from Elders and Knowledge Keepers. The book is titled *Weaving Hearts Together*.
- Strategies aimed at integrating more First Nations and Métis knowledge into the curriculum.
- Recognition of staff members who have received awards.

Click on the website link to view the Tri-Annual Report [www.nsd61.ca/download/427310](http://www.nsd61.ca/download/427310).

### **Superintendent's Highlights: TLU Camp and New Mistassiniy School Construction**



Superintendent of Schools/CEO Shelley Willier recently shared some exciting updates during her Superintendent's Highlights. She specifically discussed the Traditional Land Use (TLU) Camp and the new Mistassiniy School construction.

From September 6-8, 2023, five NSD staff members attended the Aseniwuche Winewak (means mountain people in Cree) Nation's (AWN) Traditional Land Use (TLU) Camp. AWN, which is located near Grande Cache, is made up of four cooperatives and two enterprises. One of 19 NSD schools is located in Susa Creek, which is one of the four cooperatives. The camp left NSD staff members with a deep appreciation for the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation's heritage. Willier explained that the knowledge and stories inspired a number of ideas to:

- Enhance the visibility of the communities NSD serves.
- Improve the student learning experience.
- Support the creation of a youth council.
- Organize a future orientation for new staff at an AWN TLU Camp.

Willier also provided an update to the Board about the new Mistassiniy School construction. She explained that construction is progressing well. As reported in August, NSD expects substantial completion by mid-fall. The school division will then have access to outfit the facility with furniture, fixtures, and equipment for spaces including CTS shops, an integrated School Food Services, and CTS kitchen, that support new IT and learning technology. NSD anticipates opening the new school in early 2024. More details about celebrating the new school will be announced in the coming months.

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