

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

September 2018

The NWSD Board of Education met September 13, 2018. Below are some highlights from the meeting.

Delegation presentations:

Jay Elder, President, North West High School Athletics Association (NWHSA)

- NWHSA is the governing body for school sports that encompasses NWSD, Lloyd Public & Catholic schools, parts of Northern Lights School Division, and several federal schools. There are 37 member schools, 15 that are NWSD schools.
- At the recent SHSAA AGM, a resolution was adopted to change the classification of schools so that it would be based on total enrollment of female and male students. This will be in effect for the 2019/2020 school year. Currently classification for sports is based on separate enrollment for female students and for male students.
- The 2017/2018 NWHSA awards were given out at the end of the schools year. Trina Deobald of H. Hardcastle in Edam received the Female Coaching Award. Anthony Kytwayhat of Island Lake received the Male Coaching Award. Jason Stein of Turtleford received the Outstanding Official Award, and Ken Morrell of Onion Lake was recognized with the Service Award.
- A continued priority for the 2018/2019 school year will be the recruitment and retention of officials. The NWHSA will host multiple training events for new and beginning basketball and volleyball officials during the season.
- NWHSA hosts many conference and district championships during the school year, and this year will also host curling regionals in Meadow Lake, and the SHSAA AGM in North Battleford.

Todd Forbes, NWSD Supervisor of IT

- Over the summer the department upgraded all NWSD hardware to Windows 10.
- The IT department has launched Staff and Student BYOD (bring your own device). Students and staff can connect to NWSD wifi in any school building. The IT department is currently upgrading infrastructure in several facilities to support this initiative.
- The final phase of the new telephone system roll out has been completed. All division facilities are now operating with the new system.
- In 2017/2018 IT launched the new security and monitoring program Impero, and completed the automation process for generating users.

Gerry Pohl, Cogent Chartered Professional Accountants

- NWSD year-end is August 31, and the annual audit has now started. A presentation and auditor's report will be prepared for the November board meeting.





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Learning Walks

School administrators and senior administration conduct learning walks with each facility several times over the course of the school year. They are an opportunity to discuss progress on the school's Learning Improvement Plans and learning goals, and also touch on the needs of the school, facility conditions, and other school activities. Learning Walks happen several times throughout the school year, and Board Trustees are able to attend to receive updates on school progress.

November Meeting Date

The November meeting will be on Tuesday, November 20th. Prior to the start of the regular meeting the board will have the yearly organizational meeting, where the Chair and Vice-chair roles will be nominated.

The next board meeting is Tuesday, October 9th.

The complete minutes for the September board meeting will be posted on the NWSD website after they are approved at the October meeting.

