

Meeting Date: December 11, 2025

Delegation – Monica Couture, Saskatchewan School Boards Association

The Board of Education received a presentation from Monica Couture of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Legal Council, focused on LAFOIP (The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act). Monica provided a helpful overview of the duties and responsibilities of school divisions when it comes to protecting personal information and responding to public records requests. The session supported the Board's ongoing commitment to transparency, accountability, and safeguarding the privacy of students, staff, and families.

SCC Engagement

Northwest School Division leadership recently gathered feedback from School Community Council (SCC) members to better understand what types of engagement would be most meaningful for their councils. In response, the Board of Education and NWSD administration will support opportunities for SCC members to connect through an SCC Edsby group, creating a space to share ideas, questions, and best practices across communities. SCC members also expressed interest in additional resource sharing through the division website, as well as the potential for an in-person engagement opportunity in the future.

January and April Meeting Dates

Please note that, due to scheduling conflicts, the January and April meeting dates have been revised. The January meeting will now be held on January 15, and the April meeting will take place on April 14.

Celebrations

Turtleford Winter Feast

Turtleford Community School hosted their annual Winter Feast, bringing students, staff, and volunteers together to celebrate community and connection. The meal was prepared collaboratively by students, staff, and volunteers, with older students partnering with younger grades to enjoy the experience together. The event was a wonderful example of mentorship, teamwork, and school spirit in action.

Student Voice Focus Groups

Students from each NWSD school offering Grade 9 and up took part in Student Voice Focus Groups held in the North, Central, and South regions of the division. These sessions created space for open and honest conversations, where students shared their experiences, ideas, and concerns about school and learning. The feedback gathered will be shared with school administrators and school division leadership to help inform policies, planning, and decision making, ensuring student perspectives continue to play a meaningful role in shaping NWSD.

White Elephant Sales

White Elephant sales at Marshall School, Hillmond Central School, and Lakeview Elementary School were a wonderful success. Thanks to generous donations from school communities, students were able to shop for gifts for their families and experience the joy of giving. These events require significant planning and coordination—thank you to the staff and volunteers who made them possible.

Paradise Hill School Awards & Recognition Ceremony

Paradise Hill School recently hosted its Awards and Recognition Ceremony, celebrating students for their extracurricular involvement and academic achievements to date this school year. The event highlighted the many ways students contribute to their school community, both inside and outside the classroom, and recognized their dedication, effort, and commitment to learning.

St. Walburg School Canteen Revitalization

The St. Walburg School Community Council has revitalized the school canteen with a fresh coat of paint, creating a bright and welcoming space for students. The SCC has also begun organizing hot lunch opportunities, further enhancing the student experience and strengthening school community connections.

Motivational Speaker – Nolan Malbeuf (Métis Week)

During Métis Week, middle years and high school students had the opportunity to hear from Nolan Malbeuf, a powerful Métis storyteller, artist, and educator. Through engaging stories and meaningful reflection, Nolan shared messages centered on identity, culture, healing, resilience, self-worth, kinship, and dreaming big. His presentation encouraged students to honour those who came before them and to consider what it means to live a good life rooted in respect, purpose, and connection.

Michif Students Share Culture Through Song and Performance

Michif elementary students from Lakeview Elementary shared their voices and culture during visits to long-term care homes at Flying Dust First Nation and in Meadow Lake. Students sang and performed for residents, bringing joy, connection, and meaningful cultural sharing into the spaces. The visits were a wonderful opportunity for students to give back to the community while celebrating language, music, and intergenerational relationships.

Teacher Observations

The Superintendents of Learning completed classroom observations with first- and second-year teachers across the school division. These visits are an important part of supporting early-career educators, and the teachers did an excellent job preparing for the observations. The division appreciates their professionalism, reflection, and commitment to continuous growth.

Jonas Samson & Gateway Middle Schools – New Video Board Score Clocks

Jonas Samson and Gateway Middle School are excited to welcome new video board score clocks to their schools. These upgrades will enhance school events and athletic experiences

for students and spectators alike. The schools are actively working with local businesses to secure advertising sponsorships and community support to help bring this project to life.

Maintenance Department Meeting

The school division held its first combined maintenance meeting, bringing together maintenance and shop staff from Meadow Lake and Turtleford, with the Chief Financial Officer also in attendance. Staff appreciated the opportunity to have their concerns heard and to collaborate on planning for future projects.

Lashburn High School Events

Lashburn High School hosted its 12th annual Pink Game during the December basketball tournament, continuing its strong tradition of fundraising in support of cancer research. The school is approaching the \$50,000 fundraising milestone. In addition, Lashburn High School welcomed the community to its recent Talent Night, showcasing student performances and creativity.

Pierceland Central School Highlights

Pierceland Central School engaged students and families in a One Book One Community literacy project, reading *Class Dismissed!* together. Community members joined as guest readers, and the project concluded with a class competition. The school also celebrated its first Christmas Band Concert since COVID. In December, Indigenous Education Coordinator Danene Kopperud visited the school to share land-based learning opportunities with multiple grade levels.

Community Band Supports School Program

The Meadow Lake Community Band provided meaningful support to the Carpenter High School band program through acts of service that strengthened the program behind the scenes. Band members assisted with repairing music stands and servicing instruments within their areas of expertise, helping ensure students have well-maintained equipment to support their learning and performances. This collaboration highlights the value of community partnerships in enriching student programs and sustaining the arts.

Next meeting: January 15, 2025