

Meeting Date: October 16, 2025

North West Teachers' Association – Alan Robins, President; Leighton Chiverton, Vice President

The Board welcomed a delegation from the North West Teachers' Association (NWTa)—Alan Robins, President, and Leighton Chiverton, Vice President. The delegation outlined how the association supports schools and shares information: each school has a School Staff Liaison (SSL) who attends NWTa meetings to relay updates from the executive and the provincial council, the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF), back to staff.

The NWTa representatives also spoke about ongoing recruitment and retention challenges in smaller communities - priority in the Strategic Plan. Finally, they emphasized the importance of targeted professional development and training so teachers have the skills needed for their specific roles.

Transportation Presentation – Gini Calvert, Transportation Supervisor

Transportation Supervisor Gini Calvert briefed the Board on two recent policy updates shared with families—Items on the Bus and Yard Pickup. These guidelines are grounded in SGI provincial regulations and applicable federal transportation regulations, and are detailed in the [Bus Parent Handbook](#) available on the division website.

Gini also reported on ongoing efforts to address the bus driver shortage. Strategies include social media and radio advertising, “Try a Bus” experiences at schools, participation in career fairs, and other outreach initiatives.

December Board Meeting Scheduled (Location TBA)

The Board of Education will convene on Thursday, December 11, 2025 (location to be determined). While the board doesn't always meet in December, this additional meeting will provide an opportunity to continue work that advances the 2025–2028 Strategic Plan and the board's annual work plan.

School Enrollments

Overall enrollment has decreased across the school division. For the 2025-2026 school year our full-time equivalent student number is 4,041 (grade 1-12) and the total number of students is 4,160. (The total number of students includes Kindergarten). There are 200 Pre-Kindergarten students in the division, but that program is funded separately, so their numbers are not included in our enrollment.

Celebrations

St. Walburg SCC: Growing Parent & Family Engagement

St. Walburg School's SCC is seeing a surge in interest this year, with more parents and families stepping forward for executive roles and attending meetings. This increased involvement strengthens home–school partnerships, supports school initiatives, and

ensures family voices help shape student learning and well-being. Thank you to the SCC, school staff, and community members for building a welcoming space where participation thrives.

Cross Country Provincials: Strong NWSD Showing

This year's Cross Country Provincials took place in Yorkton, SK, with students from nearly every NWSD high school and K-12 school lacing up to compete. Our athletes represented their schools with grit, teamwork, and great sportsmanship across challenging courses. Thank you to our coaches, families, and staff for the training, travel support, and encouragement that helped our runners shine on the provincial stage.

Hillmond Central Updates

Their annual Clean Out the Closet Campaign was a tremendous success once again. Thanks to some friendly competition, staff and students donated hundreds of clothing items for clients of the Lloydminster Native Friendship Centre. A highlight: one student received "new-to-him" Nike basketball shoes, slipped them on immediately, and proudly asked everyone, "*Do you know what these shoes are?*"—then shared everything he knew about the design. A small gift that made a big day.

Daily Phys Ed for Grades 3-9 + Outdoor PE Pilot

HCS has successfully scheduled daily physical education for all Grade 3-9 students—no small feat in a K-12 timetable. They are also piloting an Outdoor Phys Ed class with the Grade 6/7s, giving students more opportunities to explore outdoor activities and enjoy extra fresh air while building lifelong wellness habits.

Marshall SCC: Big Turnout & a Beautiful New Sign

At the September SCC meeting, turnout was outstanding—attendance represented roughly one quarter of Marshall School's students, an incredible show of family engagement for a small school.

The community is also celebrating a much-needed upgrade to the Marshall school sign. It looks fantastic and brings a strong sense of pride to the school—be sure to check it out next time you're there!

Bus Driver Appreciation Day

On October 20, schools across NWSD will take time to thank and celebrate bus drivers—the first smiling face many students will see each morning and the steady presence that will get them home safely each afternoon. From early mornings and winter roads to field trips and extracurriculars, our drivers will be recognized for the professionalism, care, and commitment to safety they show every day.

Next meeting: November 25, 2025