

September 21, 2021 Board Meeting Highlights

The need for a Vaccine Mandate in the NESD was discussed in the Committee of the Whole Board meeting. Talking points, include:

- We have seen the Government of Saskatchewan and many employers move to proof of vaccination or negative test policy for employees. The Government of Saskatchewan is encouraging school divisions to do the same.
- The North East School Division is working on developing policy related to staff vaccination (proof of vaccination or negative test) requirements and further information will be forthcoming.
- The North East School Division will consult with employee groups in developing new policy, including the North East Teachers' Association, CUPE Local 4875, and Teamsters Local Union No.395.
- Local Medical Health Officers from across the province have recommended mandatory vaccination requirements in school divisions.
- The health and safety of students and staff continues to be a priority for the school division and we will continue working closely with the provincial and local public health officials for advice and suggestions.
- The North East School Division is committed to a culture of mutual respect which is responsive to the diversity among people and to conducting ourselves with integrity and compassion.

A School Review Committee was established to review the viability of Gronlid Central School which had an opening enrollment of 18 students for K-8. A School Review Committee will be established; the committee is comprised of School Community Council, municipal and First Nation representatives. A School Review Committee will receive information related to school viability according to the Board Procedure 114 *School Viability Review*. The Board will meet with the School Review Committee before the end of January to receive a recommendation on possible grade discontinuance or school closure.

Opening enrolments as at September 15, 2021 was 4816 compared to 4750 at September 30,2020.

A Wall Walk on year end results in early years, grade three reading, compose & create, comprehend & respond and math number strand levels was received by the board. This report provides an overview of in student achievement levels from the previous year and will serve as a baseline for the upcoming school year.

The NESD Safe School Plan was reviewed by the board and found acceptable. Correspondence from the Ministry of Health on COVID-19 Mask Use, Case and Contact Management in schools was received in correspondence.