

Good News Items

- Northern Lights has been buzzing with badminton competitions and trustees commented on the excellent team spirit, organization and sportsmanship at recent events including Zones in Lac La Biche which involved 350 high school students from throughout the region.
- Trustee Mandi Skogen complimented Cold Lake Elementary on its recent art auction, noting it is amazing what little hands can create.
- Trustees and administration thanked Heather Stromquist, Director of Community Partnerships and Engagement, for the fantastic job she did organizing Science Olympics, including designing and testing all of the challenges. Associate Superintendent Bill Driedger noted that students were highly engaged in all of the challenges and their response to the event was astounding.
- Board Chair Arlene Hrynyk congratulated NLPS alumnus Barry Chwedoruk on winning gold at the 2018 World Senior Curling Championships.
- Board Chair Hrynyk also congratulated Bonnyville Centralized High School student Shawna Lee Bilodeau on receiving an Honourable Mention for the Alberta School Boards' Association's Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards.

Best Buddies Program

Staff and students from Cold Lake High School told the Board about the Best Buddies program. The program hosts monthly activity nights for the school's life skills students and alumni and their "peer buddies." Best Buddies creates an inclusive environment where participants can have fun and get to know each other. Activities include baking, craft nights, unified baggo, and since night. Best Buddies also offers a Lunch Buddies programs on Tuesdays where club members eat lunch together.

Beset Buddies has been recognized with several awards including a 2017 Inspiration Award for Leadership in the Prevention of Bullying, Community Group of the year from Cold Lake MFRC in 2015, and nomination for the 2018 Cold Lake volunteer appreciation awards.

Lac La Biche County Recreation

The Board agreed to enter into negotiations for a Memorandum of Understanding for sports fields.

The Board also authorized Lac La Biche County to upgrade the ball diamonds at Aurora Middle School for community use.

Locally Developed Courses

The Board reviewed the process for acquiring and approving Locally Developed Courses. Changes have been made to the process at the provincial level and, as a result, a full list of courses that need to be approved will come to the Board at a later date.

Next Board Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 16 at the Division Office in Bonnyville.

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