

ATIKOKAN HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2017/2018

School Council members are: Beth Fairfield (Principal), Joanne Spencer and Darryl Gannon (co-chairs), Jennifer Learning (secretary), Ashleigh Kalas (community representative), Nancy Pitura, Sylvie Cyr (teacher representative), Claire Poulin and Adam Poulin (student representatives).

Our year began with follow up regarding the School Accommodation Review and news that the Board was applying for Capital Funding for a new K to 12 school. An announcement from the government in January confirmed funding for a new K to 12 school, with additional funding for daycare with a child and family centre.

During the year, some topics of discussion and information were the Board wide School Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan, Here Campaign, and the School Board budget. As part of School Council's discussion regarding the Board budget, we brought forward our concern regarding our unique geography to obtain charter buses from Thunder Bay for school activities. We also celebrated the Board's ongoing support of our experiential learning program, known as "Outers."

Our School Council discussed course availability at Atikokan High School. We are enthusiastic about opportunity for students to take music and a variety of technological courses. We remain concerned; however, that Grade 12 University level Physics is only available to students as an e-learning course. Physics is a required course for students entering Engineering and some Sciences, our School Council agrees that E-Learning is not serving students best. We are inquiring about the idea of presenting Physics as an evening course, or dedicating specific funding and time for teachers to enhance their teachable subjects.

We received reports on student successes with sports and robotics teams, and opportunities for out of classroom learning with events such as the French trip to Europe, the Travel and Tourism trip to Minneapolis and French DELF testing.

We ended the year with a Gala event for families to celebrate art and technology, with a performance by the Atikokan High School Band and a demonstration by the Robotics Team, rounded out by a wonderful meal prepared by the Foods class.

School Council meetings took place on September 12, November 14, December 12, February 13, April 10, May 22, June 13.