



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Open Board Meeting Agenda

Date: December 19, 2018 1:00 PM

Place: School Board Office – Dawson Creek

“We acknowledge that we share this territory with the people of Treaty 8”

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

- R1.1 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2018
- R1.2 - Excerpts Closed Meeting – November 21, 2018

2. BUSINESS ARISING

3. ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4. OTHER PRESENTATIONS

5. REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- R5.1 – School/Student News
- R5.2 - Student Discipline Reports – November 2018
- R5.3 – Montessori Program Review Update
- R5.4 – Tripartite Agreement
- R5.5 – Field Trip Request-DCSS



6. REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

- R6.1 – Amended Operating Grant 2018/19
- R6.2 – Chetwynd Transportation Meeting Update
- R6.3 – BCSTA Survey Results
- R6.4 – Signing Authority

7. TRUSTEE ITEMS

- R7.1 – BCSTA Update – T. Jones
- R7.2 – Devereaux/Parkland Gyms – T. Jones
- R7.3 - Letter from Don Titus PAC – C. Hillton

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- R8.1 – Policy Committee
 - Adoption of Policies:
 - Policy 3160: Drugs and Alcohol
 - Policy 3180: Smoking and Smoke Free Spaces

9. DIARY

10. QUESTION PERIOD

11. FUTURE BUSINESS / EVENTS

- 12.1 – Round Table/Admin Meeting – January 9, 2019 (Dawson Creek)
- 12.2 – Open Board Meeting – January 16, 2018 (Dawson Creek)



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.59

11600 – 7TH Street, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4R8

Open Session Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 21, 2018 - 1:05 PM

PLACE: School Board Office – Dawson Creek

PRESENT: Trustees:
T. Ziemer –Chair
C. Hillton (Vice-Chair) - Absent
R. Gulick
T. Jones
C. Anderson
B. Borton
J. Lalonde

C. Clouthier, Superintendent
C. Fennell, Assistant Superintendent
M. Panoulis, Secretary-Treasurer
R. Schwartz, Recording Secretary

Guests: E. Fitzpatrick, PRSTA

Media: A. Cozicar, Dawson Creek Mirror

Called to Order – 1:05 PM

The Board Chair acknowledged that we share this territory with the people of Treaty 8.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions:

Deletions:

(2018-11-009)
MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Jones
THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as printed.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2018

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2018-11-010)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting October 24, 2018 approved as distributed.

R1.2 Excerpts Closed Board Meeting – October 24, 2018

(2018-11-011)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed meeting on October 24, 2018 approved as distributed.

R1.3 Special Open Board Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2018

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

Trustee Lalonde clarified her conflict of interest should be recorded as Vice-Chair of South Peace Arts Society.

(2018-11-012)

The Chair declared the minutes of the special open meeting November 7, 2018 approved as amended.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

The Superintendent updated the board regarding the recycling topic brought forward at the previous board meeting. Environmental stewardship is encouraged throughout the district through the Energy Management and Sustainability policy, however, what it looks like in schools may be different from school to school. The previous board brought forward a concern specifically regarding the lack of recycling in the facilities department. The Superintendent reported the department provides recycling for cardboard, metal, etc. and recycling receptacles are available in the staff room for everyday recycling items. The individual departments in facilities did not have separate recycling containers, however, paper recycling bins have since been added to all areas.

3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R5.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported the following school news:

- Central Campus – Grade 9 Girls Volleyball Team placed 5th at a provincial tournament
- Little Prairie Elementary hosted an exhibition of learning to share their “Warrior” projects
- Windrem Elementary received a grant to offer after school programs specific to sport and art themes
- South Peace Campus:
 - Sr. Boys Volleyball Team received the sportsmanship award at zone playoffs
 - South Peace Campus Sr. Girls Volleyball team placed 2nd at zones and will attend provincials in Powell River
 - Cross Country Sr. Boys Team won zones
 - Aquatic Boys Relay Team won the B final at provincials
 - 450 students completed core competency survey - the school is compiling the data
- Louis Riel day was celebrated last week by many schools
- Early dismissal days are November 21 & 22, students will be dismissed 1 hour earlier.

- DCSS PAC was awarded a \$250,000 grant through Community Gaming Grants to upgrade the seating and accessibility for Unchagah Hall. The district is fulfilling the requirement to match any funds received and is contributing an additional \$250,000.

R5.2 Student Discipline Report

The student discipline report for the month of October was reviewed. A total of 39 suspensions were reported. Following is a breakdown of the main offences:

- Safety of Others: 20
- Controlled Substance 7
- Profanity 4

R5.3 Ratio Report

The Superintendent reviewed the ratio analysis report. The district is able to combine the positions for a district ratio total. As of October, the report shows the district is short 3.0 positions for the FTE count of 3574.25. The ratio will continue to grow as the positions continue to be unfilled.

R5.4 – Teacher/LOP Support

With the shortage of teachers, the district is seeing a higher number of new teachers and individuals teaching on a Letter of Permission (LOP) in the classrooms. An individual that is not a certified teacher is approved by the teacher regulation branch to teach in a classroom on a Letter of Permission with parameters based on the qualifications they submitted.

The district has implemented a mentorship program which is a joint effort with PRSTA to provide support to newly certified teachers and individuals teaching on LOP's. These individuals also receive support from school administrators, other teachers, and district staff. LOP teachers receive additional professional development training to help them in the following areas: how to set up a classroom, routines, transitions, building relationships, lesson planning, assessment and reporting, classroom management, unit planning and social/emotional learning.

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 1530 Report

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the 1530 report with the Board which describes the number of employees across the district in specific categories of Instruction, District Administration, Operations and Maintenance and Transportation.

R6.2 Trustee Remuneration

Income tax laws will be changing January 1, 2019 and all employee income will be taxable. This change will affect trustee stipends, as currently 1/3 of the trustee stipend is exempt. The Board discussed the option to continue with the current salary of \$15,309 and be charged income tax on the full amount or increase the salary to maintain the current net pay.

(2018-11-013)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Gulick

THAT, the board approve to increase the base trustee stipend to \$16,179, effective January 1, 2019.

CARRIED- (Against - Jones)

R6.3 Bus Safety

Jeff Lekstrom, SD59 Transportation Manager joined the meeting

Student safety has been an issue this fall with motor vehicles passing school buses when their lights are flashing. The bus driver's first priority is student safety. If the student has to cross the road, the bus

driver will indicate when it is safe for the student to do so. The Transportation Manager, Jeff Lekstrom, reported all SD59 buses in the district have recently been equipped with cameras and GPS systems. If a vehicle does pass a bus while the red lights are flashing, the bus driver will call the transportation department to report the infraction and give a description of the vehicle. The transportation department will then contact the RCMP. Most infractions occur on the main highways when there is a double passing lane.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 Letter from Chetwynd PAC's – C. Hillton

Trustee Ziemer acknowledged the board has received a group letter from the PAC groups in Chetwynd regarding the issue of student safety at the crosswalk on highway 97, as well as, the issue of the bus and parent parking at Windrem and Chetwynd Secondary schools.

The Secretary Treasurer reported the district has already started discussions on the crosswalk topic as it was brought up last month by Trustee Smith. The transportation department is working with the Ministry of Highways to request the installation of signage to notify drivers they are approaching a crosswalk, as well as, as installing a speed recording sign to help make drivers aware of their speed. The RCMP have been asked to increase their presence at the crosswalk during peak student use times, and the schools have been directed to ask their RCMP liaison for educational sessions on crosswalk safety.

A meeting is planned in December with stakeholders to discuss options regarding the bus transfer station in front of Windrem Elementary and Chetwynd Secondary School.

R7.2 Committee & Program Liaisons

The new board appointed committee representatives and program liaisons for the 2018-19 school year. Trustees were also assigned schools.

The Board referred the section on 'Board Representatives for Negotiating Purposes' to the round table for further discussion.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.0 DIARY

10.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

11.0 QUESTION PERIOD

A question and answer period was held.

12.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

R12.1 - Regular Board Meeting – December 19, 2018 – Dawson Creek

ADJOURNMENT

(2018-11-014)

MOVED – Lalonde

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (2:50 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

(T. Ziemer) Board Chair

(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

MEETING: Closed Board Meeting
DATE: October 24, 2018 11:00 AM
PLACE: School Board Office – Dawson Creek

The meeting was called to order and the following was reported.

Items for Adoption

- Approval of Agenda
- Closed Session Minutes – October 24, 2018

Business Arising

Trustee Items

Items discussed and reported included:

Superintendent's Reports

Items discussed and reported included:

- Personnel
- Student Incident

Secretary Treasurer's Reports

Items discussed and reported included:

- Property Update

Future Business

Adjournment

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

T. Ziemer, Board Chair

Melissa Panoulis, Secretary Treasurer



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

December 5th, 2018

**SD59 Peace River South
November 2018
Student Discipline Report**

November Suspensions:	
Controlled Substance	11
Fighting	6
Non-Compliance	6
Profanity	1
Safety of Others	17
Theft	2
Total	43

Submitted by:

Mike Readman
Director of Instruction

School and Month

suspensions this year ----->

12/13/2018[illegible]

School and Month

suspensions this year ----->

12/13/2018[illegible]

School District 59 Discipline Report
for November, 2018.

Legend

Bullying <----- suspension category

12/13/2018

suspensions this month -----> 2 6 <----- suspension days this month

suspensions this year -----> 5 12 <----- suspension days this year

School and Month

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DCSS-South Peace Campus		Bullying		Drugs/ Alcohol		Fighting		Indecent Behav.		Indefinite		Instigat- ing		Non-com- pliance		Profanity		Safety of Others		Tobacco		Theft		Truancy		Vandal- ism		Weapons		Total	
November	2018	0	0	3	11	3	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	29
	Totals To Date	0	0	9	30	7	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	2	4	16	3	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	95

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School District No.59 (Peace River South)

December 14, 2018

To the Board of Education
School District 59, Peace River South

Regarding Approval in Principle for a student trip to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg, Manitoba

This letter is to inform you that Josh Kurjata, Principal at Dawson Creek Secondary School – South Peace Campus has asked for **Approval in Principle** for a student trip to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg, Manitoba for February of 2019. The trip would involve a group of approximately 12 students and two chaperones from Dawson Creek Secondary School, who would be travelling to Winnipeg from February 25, 2018 to March 1, 2018.

According to our SD59 Field Trip Guidelines, the trip would be considered to be a Type “C” trip, which requires a much longer process for approval than is currently available. Trips outside of the boundaries of BC and Alberta usually require:

- 6 months in advance – Approval to Proceed with planning from the Board of Education
- 3 months in advance – Approval in Principle from the District Field Trip Coordinator
- 1 month in advance – Final Approval from the Board of Education

The opportunity for this trip was only recently presented to the school by the Rotaty Club and is the reason why the application was not received within the timeline outlined in accordance with our guidelines. Despite the short notice, I recommend that the Board consider this application. This trip may receive outside funding and it has important learning opportunities for students as the focus. Additionally, Dawson Creek Secondary has a significant amount of experience in organizing safe and successful field trips within and outside of Canada.

Based upon the paperwork received to date, this trip will be a valuable experience for our students, providing them with authentic experiences and memories that will last a lifetime.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education provide **Approval in Principle** for the trip as described in this letter.

Sincerely,

Mike Readman
Director of Instruction



Dawson Creek Secondary School

South Peace Campus: 10808 - 15th St. — Dawson Creek, B.C. — V1G 3Z3

Central Campus: 10701 - 10th St. — Dawson Creek, B.C. — V1G 3V2

Phone: (250) 782 5585

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December 13, 2018

Josh Kurjata, Principal – Dawson Creek Secondary School
SD 59 Peace River South
10808 15th Street
Dawson Creek, BC V1G 3Z3

Dear Mike Readman:

In accordance with SD59 Policy, Dawson Creek Secondary School is requesting approval from the Board of Education for a field trip to Winnipeg, Manitoba to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. The trip would involve a group of approximately 12 students and two chaperones from Dawson Creek Secondary School, who would be travelling to Winnipeg from February 25, 2018 to March 1, 2018.

The purpose of this field trip is to attend the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Last summer two of our students, through the Rotary Club, were fortunate enough to spend a week at the Human Rights Museum. They had an amazing experience at the Museum and brought back the passion and idea to have students who are in our grade 11 and 12 Social Studies courses to attend the museum.

Two weeks ago, I was contacted by Tamara Larson who is the Youth Services Chair for Rotary District 5370. She indicated that the museum was willing to host a group from our school in late February. Our initial conversations centered around Rotary being the primary organizer of the field trip and the school would work in the capacity of recruiting students and promoting the trip within the school. In a recent conversation with Tamara she indicated that there is a potential to have the trip fully funded if we were able to send a teacher on the trip, hence the reason for this application.

According to the District Field Trip Handbook, this trip would be a Type C field trip. I do realize that our timelines are not ideal, but I would ask that the Board consider this trip for our students. This excursion would provide students and teachers with an experiential learning opportunity to support classroom learning. The experience is sure to have a lasting positive impact on our students. This type of trip aligns with School District #59 Field Trip Policy 4220 where "Field trips within the borders of Canada that focus on Canadian heritage, regional differences and cultural diversity are encouraged."

Communication

Relationships

Collaboration

Learning

dcss.sd59.bc.ca

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The Canadian Museum for Human Rights is dedicated to the evolution, celebration, and future of human rights. One of their goals as a museum is to build a national hub for human rights learning, and discovery of global human rights leadership. An opportunity like this for our students does not come around every day and the learning opportunities associated with this trip are endless and extend beyond what can be provided within a classroom.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Josh Kurjata
Principal
Dawson Creek Secondary School

SCHOOL DISTRICT 59 - PEACE RIVER SOUTH

COMPARISON OF BASE OPERATING GRANT FUNDING

	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>2018/19</u> <u>Preliminary</u>	<u>2018/19</u> <u>Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%</u>
Student Base Allocation	\$25,320,992	\$25,381,794	\$25,878,196	\$26,675,424	\$26,971,534	\$296,110	1.1%
<u>Supplements:</u>						\$0	
ESL	114,540	143,520	166,005	168,980	157,620	(\$11,360)	-6.7%
Aboriginal Education	1,325,255	1,319,280	1,401,180	1,424,340	1,435,410	\$11,070	0.8%
Special Education	2,252,925	2,305,850	2,484,800	2,723,600	2,859,000	\$135,400	5.0%
Adult Education	0	16,548	13,854	0	0	\$0	
Salary Differential	420,237	620,604	911,260	924,128	681,304	(\$242,824)	-26.3%
Unique Geographic Factors	5,218,590	5,377,255	5,445,033	5,240,725	5,240,725	\$0	0.0%
Transportation & Housing	2,480,208	2,462,680	2,454,850	2,545,209	2,545,209	\$0	0.0%
Funding Protection	3,670,557	2,568,083	1,255,269	310,190	97,238	(\$212,952)	-68.7%
Education Plan Supplement	69,638	69,848	69,270	69,755	69,755	\$0	0.0%
Administrative Savings	-246,997	-205,328	-205,328			\$0	
Total Funding	\$40,625,945	\$40,060,134	\$39,874,389	\$40,082,351	\$40,057,795	(\$24,556)	-0.1%
Student Enrolment	3,545.3	3,527.1	3,555.8	3,606.0	3,645.8	39.8	1.1%
Per Student Funding	\$11,459	\$11,358	\$11,214	\$11,115	\$10,988	(\$128)	-1.2%



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

December 13, 2018

School District #59 Trustees

RE: 2018 BCSTA School District Survey Results

The BCSTA conducts an annual survey of BC school district for Trustee Stipends.

The attached graphs show the district comparison to the 2018 survey results.

As well, the following table provides a summary of the results:

	Provincial				SD59 Rate	% of Average	% of Median
	High Rate	Low Rate	Average	Median			
Trustee	\$ 44,466	\$ 850	\$ 15,853	\$ 14,015	\$ 15,309	97%	109%
Vice-Chair	\$ 46,690	\$ 850	\$ 17,013	\$ 15,024	\$ 16,309	96%	109%
Chair	\$ 48,913	\$ 975	\$ 18,557	\$ 16,554	\$ 17,309	93%	105%

For the 11 Similar Sized Districts:

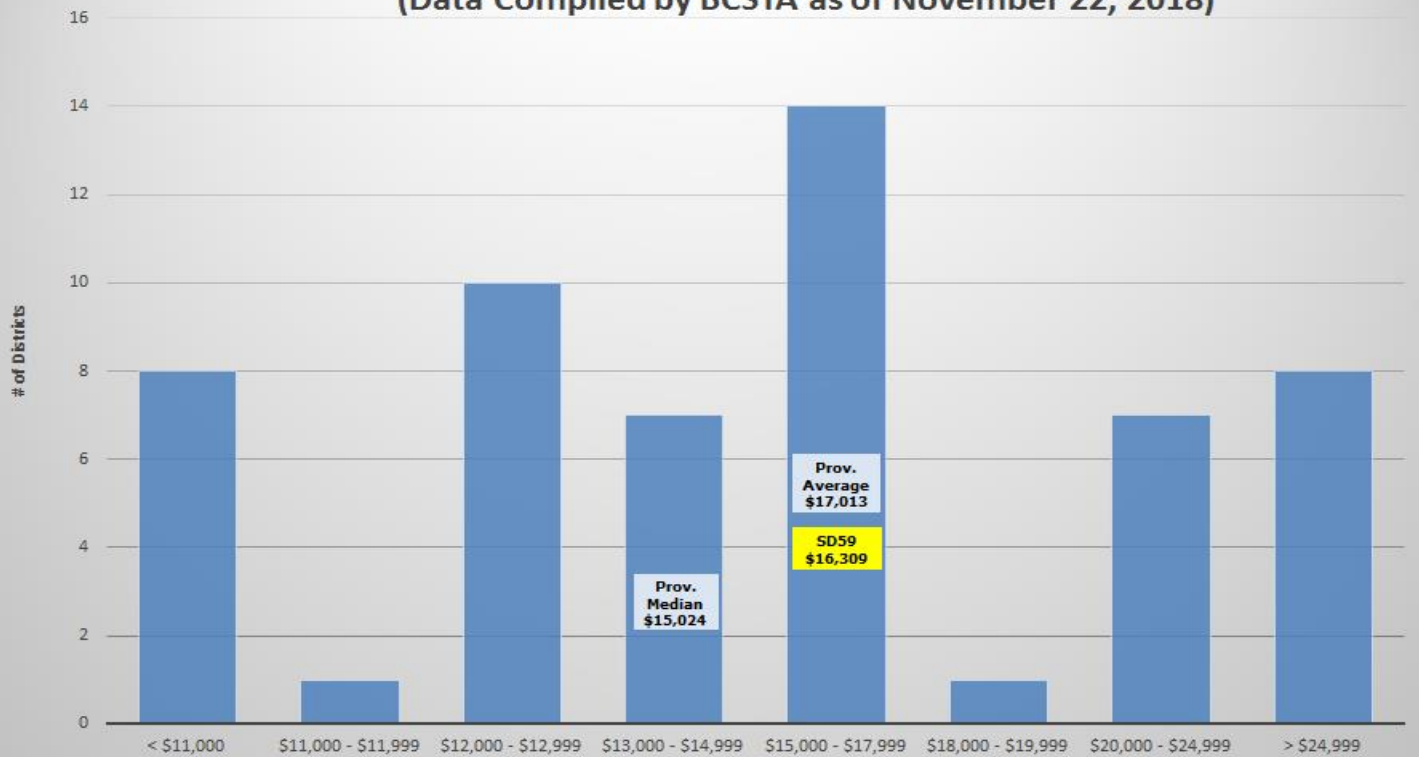
	Similar Sized Districts				SD59 Rate	% of Average	% of Median
	High Rate	Low Rate	Average	Median			
Trustee	\$ 15,309	\$ 9,227	\$ 12,711	\$ 12,674	\$ 15,309	120%	121%
Vice-Chair	\$ 16,935	\$ 9,763	\$ 13,912	\$ 13,841	\$ 16,309	117%	118%
Chair	\$ 19,331	\$ 11,371	\$ 15,583	\$ 15,326	\$ 17,309	111%	113%

Melissa Panoulas
Secretary Treasurer

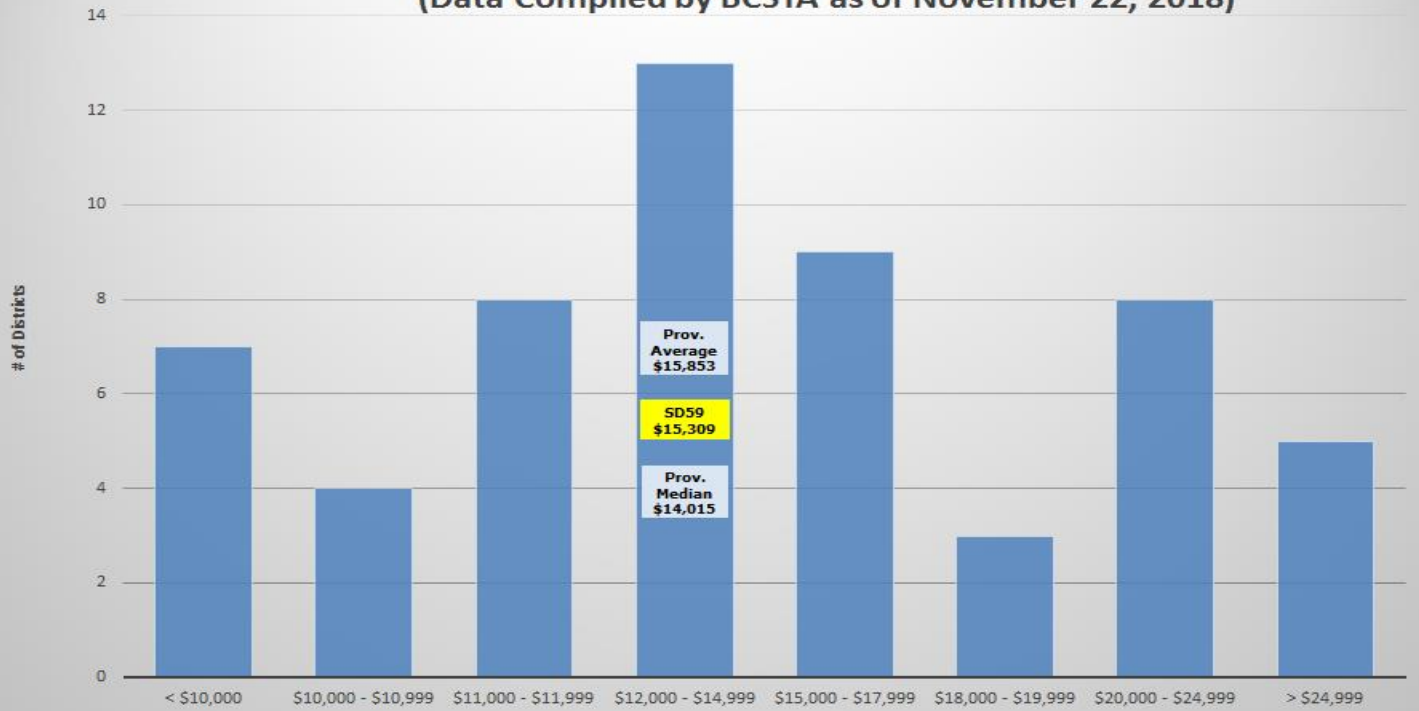
School District Stipend Rates - CHAIRS (Data Compiled by BCSTA as of November 22, 2018)



School District Stipend Rates - VICE-CHAIRS (Data Compiled by BCSTA as of November 22, 2018)



School District Stipend Rates - TRUSTEES
(Data Compiled by BCSTA as of November 22, 2018)





School District No.59 (Peace River South)

December 13, 2018

To: Board of Education of SD59

Regarding: Signing Authority

At the inaugural meeting on November 7th the board passed a motion to give signing authority to any two trustees, the superintendent and the secretary treasurer. In the past, the board has given authority to the Board Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary Treasurer and Superintendent positions. This change in authorization would allow for the Board Chair and Vice-Chair positions to change throughout the four-year term without doing a resolution every year.

Despite obtaining prior approval of the motion by the bank it has since been deemed unsuitable, the district is working with the bank to obtain the correct wording. Once approved the board will forward a letter of direction to the bank.

Melissa Panoulas
Secretary Treasurer

Don Titus Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

DonTitusPAC@gmail.com

December 5, 2018

School District 59

Board of Education

VIA Email: chillton@sd59.bc.ca, cclouthi@sd59.bc.ca, SBO_Reception@sd59.bc.ca

Dear Ms. Hillton, Ms. Clouthier and the SD59 Board of Education,

RE: Don Titus School Closure Review, Request for Clarification

Further to our letter dated October 05, 2018, we are requesting clarification from the Board of Education regarding the potential closure of Don Titus Montessori School in Chetwynd. We acknowledge receipt of a notice from Melissa Panoulis regarding the School Closure Review (dated October 15, 2018), but from this letter we understand only that there is 'no set timeline' for the school review. No further communication has been received from the Board regarding this issue.

Following the Board's September meeting and the subsequent media release (*Dawson Creek Mirror, September 26, 2018*), the public perception within Chetwynd is that the Don Titus School is slated for closure. We would like the Board to recognize that by not specifying a timeline for the 'review', we are unable to provide any reassurance or guidance to our parents or community regarding the fate of the school for the 2019/2020 school year. New enrollment at Don Titus, specifically Kindergarten enrollment, will be drastically impacted if the school is presumed to be closing. As enrollment numbers are apparently a key factor in your decision, our frustration with the Board's mishandling of this matter must be understandable.

We request a concise response from the Board at your earliest convenience on whether the Don Titus school closure is being pursued for the 2019/2020 school year, and if so:

- the proposed timeline for public consultation,
- the proposed schedule for resolutions/voting,
- the proposed relocation plan for our students, and
- the proposed plan for maintaining the Montessori program,

such that we can ensure our parents and community are well informed (and prepared for the consultation process, if relevant).

We would also like to reiterate our earlier request that the next meeting of the School Board at which the school closure review of Don Titus Montessori is to be voted on be held in Chetwynd.

Best regards,
Don Titus PAC.



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

DATE: December 19, 2018

PLACE: Board Office – Dawson Creek

CHAIR:

Policies/Regulations for Discussion:

Policies/Regulations for Circulation:

Policies/Regulations for Approval:

- Policy and Regulation 3160: Drugs and Alcohol
- Policy and Regulation 3180: Smoking and Smoke Free Spaces

Policies/Regulations for Repeal:

Part B: Staff Health and Safety

3160 Drugs and Alcohol

Policy 3160 STATUS: **FOR ADOPTION**

ACTIVITIES - CONDUCT - ALCOHOL/DRUGS - ALL STAFF-VOLUNTEERS

Board Approved and Codified: September 23, 1985

Last Revised: June 19, 2013; October 2018

Description:

The Board of Education prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages, cannabis/cannabis products or use of illicit drugs by all employees while on the job or engaged in Board approved activities or outings involving students. Drugs prescribed by a physician are exempt from this policy.

ACTIVITIES - CONDUCT - ALCOHOL/DRUGS - ALL STAFF

Board Approved and Codified: September 23, 1985

Last Revised: June 19, 2013; October 2018

Description:

Supervisors on field trips, athletic trips or any school based activity may be called upon at any time to assist with or manage student circumstances. Employees who consume or are under the influence of alcoholic beverages, cannabis/cannabis products or drugs while on the job or involved in school activities involving students, are liable to receive a suspension without pay pursuant to the provisions of the School Act and its regulations. This applies to field trips, athletic trips international trips or any extracurricular school activities.

Volunteers:

Consuming an alcoholic beverage or using cannabis/cannabis products (or use of illicit drugs), at any time on school based trips is unacceptable. Volunteers are expected to be in a supervisory capacity for the duration of the field trip including overnight trips. There is no time when they are off duty. Any decision to drink while attending a school based activity will constitute the end of the volunteer's involvement for the duration of that activity and they are to leave the group (at their own expense).

3180 Smoking and Smoke-Free Spaces

Policy 3180

STATUS: **FOR ADOPTION**

SMOKING AND SMOKE-FREE SPACES

Board Approved and Codified: June 27, 1988

Last Revised: June 19, 2013, December 14, 2016; October 2018

Description:

The Province of British Columbia (The Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act and Regulation, September 1, 2016 , The Cannabis Control and Licensing Act (Bill 30), 2018 and The BC Cannabis Control Regulation, October 5, 2018), together with the Board of Education believes that tobacco, vapour product¹ and cannabis/cannabis product use are addictive practices and that the use of tobacco, vapour product¹ and cannabis/cannabis product in the school and work environment are not appropriate practices toward supporting good health. The Board therefore bans smoking and the use of tobacco, vapour products and cannabis/cannabis products in all its forms, from District premises, property and vehicles. This is to include vehicles parked on school district property.

The exception to this policy is for the ceremonial use of tobacco where the activity has been approved by the Board, and the ceremony is performed in relation to a traditional aboriginal cultural activity, or performed by a group for a purpose approved by government regulation.

¹ Vapour Products means the following:

- an e-cigarette;
- an e-substance;
- a cartridge for or a component of an e-cigarette

SMOKING AND SMOKE-FREE SPACES

Board Approved and Codified: June 2007

Last Revised: June 19, 2013; December 14, 2016; October 2018

Description:

All school campuses and district operations shall have a non-smoking policy that is published annually to staff and to the school community. It will include the following:

- Smoking or use of vapour products and cannabis/cannabis products on School District 59 property is prohibited;
- Holding a vapour product or lighted tobacco or cannabis in or on School District 59 property is prohibited;
- This ban includes public smoking, the use of vapour products or cannabis/cannabis products inside vehicles that are parked on School District 59 property
- This includes premises leased to, or articulated for joint-use by another entity, and premises that the Board leases from another entity, where a learning program is delivered;
- This ban applies to all visitors or user groups on School District 59 property;
- This ban includes all School District 59 vehicles;
- This ban includes School District 59 early learning and adult learning centers;

Provincial statute enforces this ban under the *Offence Act*, with penalties and fines ranging up to from \$2500 to \$5000 and/or 3 to 6 months imprisonment.

Together with the smoker (of tobacco, vapour products or cannabis/cannabis products), the Board, Superintendent, and principal are deemed to have committed the offence if someone contravenes the ban, unless the school/employer can demonstrate that all reasonable efforts were exercised to prevent the contravention.