



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for April 2019

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Little Prairie

Students participated in the Regional Science Fair and the school hosted their annual carnival on April 17.

Ecole Frank Ross

Ecole Frank Ross has had many cultural, language rich experiences for French Immersion students at the school this year.

- Roland Bibeau, a rock musician from Québec
- Mireille Messier, an author to do reading and writing workshops with students
- Marie-Eve Fontaine, a puppeteer and artist who created bird puppets with students

The students have thoroughly enjoyed these experiences and can still be heard singing songs they learned.

Don Titus

Don Titus students have been engaged in community service with their local community and beyond. December had students fundraising money to provide Christmas gifts for those in need. In January some students made the whole school a surprise lunch. A picnic lunch was provided for parents in February.

Pouce Coupe

The Pouce Coupe Fire Department made a donation to the PAC towards playground equipment.

TRSS

The Grade 9 students at TRSS have been going full force on the go-kart project. This has included students presenting to town council, a welding introduction at Northern Lights College, safety presentations by Conuma Coal, logo creation with a graphic designer and many more activities. The school would like to thank all the generous donations and support they have received from the community.

DCSS-SP Campus Presentation of Board Authorized Courses

Director of Instruction, Mike Readman, and DCSS South Peace Principal, Josh Kurjata, presented on the changes required to board authorized courses to bring them in compliance with the new curriculum. A description of Learning Strategies and Academic Strategies was given, outlining the big ideas, curricular competencies, and assessment.

Transportation Agreement Update

Both transportation agreements with Saulteau First Nation and West Moberly First Nation are near completion. Meetings will be scheduled for these to be signed.

Immunization

On March 20, 2019 the Minister of Health and the Minister of Education announced the launch of a provincial measles immunization catch-up campaign. The Health Authority will be providing

information to parents/guardians on how and where to get their child immunized. Clinics will be set-up in School District #59 in May and June, parents and or guardians still have the choice to go to the public health office to have the immunizations done there.

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the current school, revenue and expense reports with the board. Melissa Panoulis also discussed the preliminary funding outlook and budget recommendations for the 2019/20 school year.

Chetwynd Transportation Update

Earlier this school year the Chetwynd PAC groups expressed concern over the parking situation in front of Windrem Elementary and Chetwynd Senior Secondary schools. Secretary Treasurer, Melissa Panoulis, conveyed that many of the schools in the District struggle to accommodate staff, bus and parent parking and it is difficult to allocate resources to one school and not others when the congestion is similar to many situations across the district. The school district is still working on small improvements where possible and will be holding another stakeholders meeting before the end of the school year.

Policy Committee:

The policy committee brought forward one policy for approval after it had been circulated for review. Policy 4370: District Code of Conduct was adopted as presented.

Reports from Trustees

Due to time constraints of the meeting, all Trustee agenda items were deferred to the May Board Meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
May 20, 2019	Victoria Day Holiday – schools are closed
May 29, 2019	Open Board Meeting - 1pm in Tumbler Ridge (Location TBA)
June 7, 2019	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school
June 19, 2019	Open Board Meeting – 1pm @ School Board Office
June 27, 2019	Last day of school