



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for December 2018

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Elementary school teachers and administrators are preparing student report cards. Elementary schools are busy with winter events and plays/concerts/celebrations.

DCSS - South Peace Campus is hosting a Student-Teacher Hockey Challenge on Thursday, December 20, 2018 at the Memorial Arena.

Montessori Program Review Update

The Superintendent has met with the principal to discuss the process of the review which will begin in January 2019. A rubric will be used as a tool to help assess the program and determine where the current program is on the continuum of the Montessori philosophy. Students, staff and parents will be involved in the review and will have an active role in the process. The review is expected to be completed by June 2019.

Tripartite Agreement

The Provincial Government, Federal Government of Canada, and First Nations Steering Committee (FNESC) have signed an agreement supporting First Nation student success. The parties are committed to working together to close the gap between First Nation students and non-First Nation students through continuous improvement in educational outcomes. The parties are also committed to moving toward the full implementation of First Nations' jurisdiction over education.

The school district's role is to work collaboratively with the First Nation bands in the district (West Moberly First Nation and Saulteau First Nation) to create Learning Enhancement Agreements. The parties will also work together to ensure First Nation students have transportation services to public schools and the district will be accountable to ensure targeted federal money for transportation is allocated to First Nation students.

The Learning Enhancement Agreement is an additional agreement outside of the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement the school district developed in partnership with the Aboriginal Advisory Councils in 2016. Meetings with the West Moberly First Nation and Saulteau First Nation bands will begin in January 2019.

DCSS-SP Campus Field Trip Request:

The board passed a motion to approve a field trip request from DCSS-SP Campus for students to participate in an educational program at the Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg, Manitoba in February 2019.

The field trip request does not meet the guidelines of the timeline as outlined in the District Field Trip Handbook; however, the board considered the request under special circumstances as it was an outside organization that recently brought forward the request to the school and it will be a great opportunity for the students.

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Amended Operating Grant

The 2018-19 Amended Operating Grant was presented by the Secretary Treasurer. With an increase in student enrollment of 112.8 FTE from the preliminary budget, the overall funding is only up \$6,160. The change in per student funding decreased by \$128 to \$10,988. The significant impact from the increase in student enrollment is that funding protection has decreased.

BCSTA Survey Results

The annual BCSTA survey results were presented. The results show the annual trustee stipends, per diem and mileage rates for school districts across the province.

Trustee Items:

Letter from Don Titus PAC

The Board of Education received a letter from the Don Titus PAC group requesting a clear indication if the board is moving ahead with a proposed school closure of Don Titus Montessori school during the 2018-19 school year.

The Secretary Treasurer confirmed to the board that a proposed school closure will not be brought forward this year, therefore, the school will be open for the 2019-20 school year.

Policy Committee:

The policy committee brought forward two policies for approval that were circulated for review. Policy 3160: Drugs and Alcohol and Policy 3180: Smoking and Smoke-Free Spaces were adopted as presented. Policies are posted on the school district website at <https://www.sd59.bc.ca/district/policies>.

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
December 24-January 6	Winter Break – Schools are closed
January 16, 2019	Open Board Meeting - 1 pm @ School Board Office
January 28, 2019	Non-Instructional Day - students do not attend school
February 18, 2019	Family Day Holiday – Schools are closed
February 20, 2019	Open Board Meeting - 1 pm @ School Board Office