



# School District No.59 (Peace River South)

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## Board Highlights for February 2019

### ***Superintendent of Schools Report:***

#### **School/Student News**

DCSS Central Campus held Employment & Career Seminars. Grade 8-9 students had the opportunity to choose from 13 different seminars and learn about the transition to high school and post-secondary education, career education programs, financial advice and gain insight on what skills & abilities are needed to attain employment. Local businesses that participated included, The Source, Dawson Creek Co-op, McDonald's, Corlane Sporting Goods, Legacy Village Market, TD Canada Trust, North Peace Credit Union along with South Peace Secondary Campus and Northern Lights College.

The Kindness Club at Tremblay held a "free hugs" day to spread kindness. The Club set up a booth and gave free hugs and handed out friendship suckers to students.

The two senior intermediate classes at Tumbler Ridge Elementary are working on giving back to the community. The groups are holding different fundraising activities, these include a cake walk, bake sale and selling hot chocolate. Funds raised are being donated to the Dawson Creek Hospital, a homeless shelter in Quesnel and to the SPCA in Dawson Creek.

Every morning at Pouce Coupe Elementary School, the teachers and several older students host a Breakfast Club. This is a great community building activity and has had a very positive impact on the learning in the school by giving the students a good start to their day. The grade 4/5/6 class has been sewing, knitting and crocheting for Applied Design, Skills and Technology.

Windrem Elementary participated in a cereal box challenge. The students were given the choice to see what they could make out of cereal boxes. The final products were displayed in a presentation of learning at the school.

#### **Human Right's Museum Field Trip**

The final request was approved for the DCSS – South Peace field trip to the Human Right's Museum in Winnipeg, Manitoba scheduled from February 25, 2019 to March 1, 2019.

#### **2019-20 DRAFT School Calendar**

The proposed 2019-2020 school calendar was presented and will be circulated for public feedback. The board will review the feedback and adopt a calendar at the next board meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Feedback may be made in writing via email to Christy Fennell ([cfennell@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:cfennell@sd59.bc.ca)) by March 6, 2019.

#### **Mental Health Literacy**

The school district has received \$35,000 from the Ministry of Education to assist in developing, integrating and sustaining mental health infrastructure in the district.

### ***Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:***

#### **2018-19 Amended Annual Budget**

The 2018-19 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw was read and adopted.

**2019-20 Enrolment Projections**

Enrolment projections were presented to the board. School District #59 is projecting a decrease in 50 FTE for the 2019/20 school year.

**Pouce Coupe School Capacity**

Currently Pouce Coupe Elementary School is operating over-capacity. The district was able to work collaboratively with the Village of Pouce Coupe and the Pouce Coupe Public Library Board to temporarily convert library space into a classroom for the current school year, this allowed students to attend their catchment area school. A one classroom expansion request has been submitted to the Ministry of Education, the board is expecting an answer on this request in early March 2019. The board discussed alternative solutions if the request is not approved.

***Trustee Items:*****BCSTA Update:**

Members of the Board of Education were able to participate in the Northern Interior Branch meeting in Prince George where they were given the opportunity to have an open discussion with local MLA's.

***Committee Reports:*****Policy Committee:**

The committee brought forward revised Policy 4730: District Code of Conduct for approval to circulate for feedback. The revised policy includes policy and regulation for both District Code of Conduct and Student Code of Conduct, including student dress code guidelines.

A motion was made to circulate Policy 4370: District Code of Conducts for 45 days. Any questions or comments may be directed to Candace Clouthier at [cclouthi@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:cclouthi@sd59.bc.ca).

Policies are posted on the school district website at <https://www.sd59.bc.ca/district/policies>.

***Upcoming Events:***

| Date:             | Event:  |
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| February 18, 2019 | Family Day Holiday – Schools are closed               |
| March 13, 2019    | Open Board Meeting - @ Chetwynd (Time & Location TBD) |
| March 18-29, 2019 | Spring Break – Schools are closed                     |
| April 17, 2019    | Open Board Meeting – 1 pm @ School Board Office       |
| April 19, 2019    | Good Friday – Schools are closed                      |
| April 22, 2019    | Easter Monday – Schools are closed                    |