



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for June 2019

Superintendent of Schools Report:

Presentation:

Me to We students from Dawson Creek Secondary SP Campus presented to the Board of Education on their international trip to Peru in the spring of 2019. The students embarked on an international Me to We trip to broaden their perspectives on the world as they explored a new culture and immersed themselves into the community and cultural activities of Peru, which included visiting schools and several volunteer projects. They picked up garbage, sanded and painted school walls and left a Canadian legacy of a painted mural of a moose. The students enjoyed their trip exploring the architecture, history and culture of Peru. They were inspired by the experience!



School/Student News

Go Karts at TRSS

Race day on Monday, June 10, 2019 was a big success again this year! The winning team demonstrated outstanding citizenship, teamwork and creativity. The event involved community from the planning stages through to race day.

Town Planning at TRSS

The Socials 11 class has been involved in a town planning project for Social Studies 11. Students considered everything from geology and topography to street design, social services, airports, crime reduction, green spaces and much more. Many experts from the community came into the class to provide expertise for the students to consider.

Science Fun at TRSS

The grade 11 physics class has been making Rube Goldberg machines. Each machine needed to have 31 steps of complex chain reactions to finally release balloons into the air. The project was a great success!

Grad Events at DCSS

The DCSS 2019 Scholarship and Bursary night was held on Tuesday June 18, 2019. Over \$120,000 was awarded to our graduates by local community groups, businesses and individual donors.

Student Voice

Eighteen students from Chetwynd Secondary, Tumbler Ridge Secondary and Dawson Creek Secondary gathered on May 29, 2019 at the District Resource Centre to engage with principals in learning about the potential of building meaningful Student Voice for School

District No. 59. We have a strong foundation and a motivated group of students who wish to see Student Voice grow throughout the 2019-2020 school year.

Aboriginal/Indigenous Day and Aboriginal Achievement Awards

Last week an evening of celebration was held in Dawson Creek to recognize outstanding aboriginal students. The event began with a barbecue featuring music, Metis jigging, art exhibit and pole pushing. Over 500 people attended to celebrate as a community. Saulteau First Nations and West Moberly First Nations held their own awards ceremonies for the students in their communities. Schools across the district held many events celebrating Aboriginal/Indigenous Day.

National Verb-a-thon at EFR

This year EFR had three French Immersion classes (Mme Lauzé, Mme Gowda, Mme Jaeger) participate in the National Verb-a-thon contest. The Verb-a-thon is a game where students from all across Canada are timed on how fast they can conjugate up to six different French verbs, both individually and as a team. Classrooms received 1 bronze medal and 2 silver medals. BRAVO to all our student participants!!

Personnel Announcement(s)

The district is pleased to announce the following administrative appointments:

- Dianne Bassendowski, Vice Principal, Little Prairie Elementary School
- Shane Mould, Vice Principal, Chetwynd Secondary School

Board Authorized Courses

The following BAA courses have been approved by the Board of Education:

- Academic Assistant 10-12 (revised Teacher Assistant 10-12)
- ADST Assistant 10-12 *new
- Athlete Development Leadership 10 *new
- Athlete Development Leadership 11 *new
- Athlete Development Leadership 12 *new
- Sport Performance 10 (revised)
- Lab Tech Assistant 12 *new
- Leadership 10 (revised)
- Leadership 11 (revised)
- Leadership 12 (revised)
- Psychology 11-12 (revised)
- Sport Psychology 11 *new

Teacher Certification Process

The process for how teachers receive their certification was discussed. Teachers need to apply to the Teacher Regulation Branch and the Teacher Qualification Service to receive their final certification.

Montessori Review Update

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent completed the review of the Don Titus Montessori School. Visits to classrooms, discussions with students and staff completed the review process. A final report will be submitted to the Board of Education in September with a summary of the findings and recommendations.

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Finance Reports

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the current schools, revenue and expense reports with the board.

Revised 2019-20 Capital Plan

The Board approved the 2019-20 Capital Plan as amended. The plan is submitted to the Ministry of Education as a request for funds for capital projects such as new school buses, major upgrades to schools including heating and electrical, land acquisitions, new school construction, and recently playground requests. The Capital Plan is a wish list for the district in lobbying the Ministry for capital funds. The Ministry reviews all submissions from districts across the province and will notify school districts the following Spring if they were successful on any of their submissions.

Pouce Coupe Elementary School Capacity Update

In March 2019 the board approved the purchase of one portable for Pouce Coupe Elementary; at that time enrollment for the 2019/20 school year was projected to be 126 students. Since then enrollment has increased to 133 students which could still be configured within the six classrooms; however, the configuration of those classrooms is complex and the best solution for the school is to have another classroom available.

The board approved purchasing an additional portable for the school which is expected to be installed in the fall of 2019.

2019-20 Annual Budget

The board approved the 2019-20 annual budget as presented. The annual budget is projecting a deficit of \$544,000 which will be covered by transferring funds from reserves. The Secretary Treasurer is continually having conversations about how the district can decrease the projected deficit and move towards a balanced budget. The district is in a period of transition as it moves away from funding protection and waits for the new funding model to be announced from the Ministry.

Trustee Items

2019-20 Board Meeting Dates

The proposed dates in the board package were amended. Final dates will be listed on the school district website. The board will be holding their Organizational Meeting on September 26, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the School Board Office.

Proposed Interim Dog Park

The Board had many safety concerns of the proposed interim dog park locations and approved a vote to write a letter of concern to the City of Dawson Creek.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee

The board approved a motion to circulate Policy 4530: Animals in District Facilities for a minimum period of 45 days for feedback. Feedback may be made in writing to Candace Clouthier at cclouthi@sd59.bc.ca by September 6, 2019.

The board approved changes to Regulation 4170: Student Fees for School Supplies.

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

Upcoming Events

Date:	Event:
June 27, 2019	Last day of school for students
September 2, 2019	Labour Day – Schools are closed
September 3, 2019	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school
September 4, 2019	First day of school – starts 2 hours late – ends 1 hour early
September 26, 2019	Open Board Meeting – 1 pm @ School Board Office

TRSS Town Planning



Central Campus Aboriginal Day – Pole Pushing

