



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for May 2019

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Devereaux Elementary

Devereaux Elementary students participated in the Gwillim Lake Adventure Race and the Color Run in Fort St. John.

Ecole Frank Ross Elementary

Ecole Frank Ross is having their 4th annual Walk-A-Thon on Friday June 14th. They have registered the event with Participaction Community Better Challenge, the program encourages communities to take on healthy living together.

Little Prairie Elementary

Little Prairie is busy planning a track and field day and the year-end talent show. The grade 7 students are working on random acts of kindness throughout the school as well as teaching the grade 1/2 class how to code. The essential question they are answering is “Can we design a centre for primary students to learn coding?” The grade 2 class is busy learning about food sustainability by growing their own vegetables.

Windrem Elementary

On May 27th the whole school enjoyed a fun-filled day at the Pat O’Reilly Outdoor Education Centre at Gwillim Lake. The grade 6/7 class will be travelling to Prince George to release the salmon they have been caring for all year, as well, the school will be hosting an appreciation tea where students will provide entertainment and honour the volunteers that have helped at the school throughout the year.

Tumbler Ridge Elementary

At Tumbler Ridge Elementary Ms. Deeley’s incubated eggs right after Easter and the first chick hatched on May 12th. On May 17th the chicks were sent to their forever home to be cared for. It was quite an adventure for the students!

Moberly Lake Elementary

Discovery Science came to visit Moberly Lake Elementary and students completed their own chemistry experiments. Mrs. Demeulemeester’s class has also been busy growing bean plants! As part of the science experiment they have been observing the plants growth and recording it.

Moberly Lake Elementary has connected with park rangers and archaeologists through Skype which is an amazing learning opportunity for the students.

Here are some thoughts from the students:

“I made a connection to the tepee ring. I found one like this once when I was canoeing near Dinosaur Lake with my family.”

“I have seen petroglyphs before, but never pictographs. People made these to tell their stories without writing. They wanted people to know about good hunting experiences.”

“I have been to a cemetery. I didn’t realize that some graves are big enough to go inside, and others are just markers. I still don’t understand why they thought they could take stuff with them when they died.”

“I would be interested in hiking and flying drones. I want to know more about how lasers can help us see under the ground.”

“You have to be kind of tough to be an archaeologist. It’s an outside job, it would suit someone who doesn’t like sitting around.”

Dawson Creek Secondary - South Peace Campus

The graduating class from Dawson Creek Secondary identified Gwillim Lake trips as a highlight in their K-12 school years and wanted one more chance to visit the site. The school took a group of 30 grade 12 students back to the camp for an overnight trip. The event was a success and the school is hoping to make this an annual event. In future years, administration would like to incorporate giving back to the facility as a component of the trip, this will be a way for their graduating students to leave a legacy in the district.

Adventure Race – Gwillim Lake

The Adventure Race occurred on May 24-25. The event was a huge success with 39 students racing from seven schools across the district. The annual event helps students to develop team work and wilderness skills.

Principal Announcements

The district is pleased to announce the following Principal and Vice-Principal appointments effective August 1, 2019.

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| • Principal of Canalta Elementary School: | Jennifer Sutherland |
| • Principal of Little Prairie Elementary School: | Christi Munch |
| • Principal of Pouce Coupe Elementary School: | Amanda Bricker |
| • Vice Principal of Canalta Elementary School: | Susanne Wakeham |
| • Vice Principal of Crescent Park Elementary School: | Joanne Dueck |
| • Principal of Parkland Elementary School: | Kristy Rose |

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Finance Reports

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

Interim Audit

The 2018/19 interim audit has been completed and the audit procedures to date have revealed no major weaknesses in internal controls.

Don Titus School Closure Update

The capacity utilization rates in the three elementary schools in Chetwynd continue to be that all students could fit within two schools. In September 2018 the recommendation to proceed with the proposed school closure of Don Titus Elementary was made in consideration of the condition of the building. With the uncertainty of the provincial funding model review there is concern regarding the accuracy of potential cost savings. The Secretary Treasurer stated will not be bringing forward a recommendation to proceed with the first bylaw reading of the school closure for Don Titus Elementary school. The enrolment situation will continue to be monitored in Chetwynd.

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee:

The policy committee brought forward revised policy 2250: Policy Development for review. The policy will be circulated for feedback for a minimum of 45 days. Any questions or comments may be directed to Candace Cloutier at cclouthi@sd59.bc.ca.

The policy committee brought forward Policy 4410: Student Dress Code for repeal. The board approved to repeal the policy as the information is covered in the Code of Conduct.

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

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
June 6,7,8, 2019	DCSS-SP Theatre Production @ Unchagah Hall
June 7, 2019	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school
June 10, 2019	Social Media Conversation – FREE EVENT for parents and students 7 pm at Encana Events Centre – Sponsored by Browns Chevrolet Buick
June 19, 2019	Open Board Meeting – 1pm @ School Board Office
June 27, 2019	Last day of school

June 10, 2019 7pm

Starting The Social Media Conversation

Joe Whitbread & Jo Phillips

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“For the most part, kids are on their own when it comes to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube, Snapchat, TikTok, Twitch and their many gaming apps. Social media is now an invisible fact-of-life in most households and at school, and kids are joining these channels whether teachers and parents understand or agree with them or not. It’s time to start a social media conversation at home.”