



## **Board Highlights for April 20, 2022**

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

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

Students from Moberly Lake Elementary and Chetwynd Secondary School participated in a climate action program (IChap) in partnership with Saulteau Lands Office. Presentations on climate action helped the students to gain an understanding of the Moberly Lake watershed, challenges to maintaining a clean water source and the impact of climate change. The students learned how climate change can impact food and the need to put in strategies to protect water sources. The students were so inspired by the program, they will be presenting their climate action strategies to council.



Little Prairie Elementary students assisted in building standup desks that will be part of their outdoor classroom.

McLeod Elementary students took part in their own Winter Olympics prior to spring break. They also celebrated Easter with Easter themed chalk art.



Windrem Elementary staff celebrated at a recent staff meeting looking at student success in SEL (Social, Emotional, Learning) and what it has meant to them and the impact it has had at the school.

Universal Designs for Learning Professional Development with Jennifer Katz is ongoing. There are 24 staff being trained as trainers which will allow the district to support this initiative in schools across the district.

SD59 is excited to have an Artist in Residence for the remainder of the school year. Wayne Lariviere will be available to schools for sessions focusing on theatre arts/drama and mural painting.

The Dawson Creek Secondary - South Peace Campus Engineering class completed their project-based learning gondola projects. The students designed and built gondolas including the tram system. The project included measuring speed, acceleration and deceleration of the cable cars.

TRSS is celebrating SOGI, inclusion, diversity and pride by decorating bulletin boards throughout the school.



Chetwynd Secondary had a busy March, celebrating Pi day on March 14<sup>th</sup>. They also held the following events:

- Shamrock showdown
- Intramural basketball
- Rock/Paper/Scissors competition
- Staff led games event day
- Whole school Easter egg hunt



At Don Titus Montessori School, students took part in St. Patrick's Day celebrations with Lucky Charms math. The Chetwynd Art Council recently led grade 6-7 students through an art colour workshop. The new Don Titus breakfast program is well attended, and with the arrival of spring, baby chicks have hatched.



At Canalta Elememntary, Mrs. Lockhart's class has built models explaining the breakdown of atoms, protons and neutrons. Students in grade 7 have been doing skipping presentations and performances at school assemblies. At the spring break assembly there was a presentation of erupting elephant toothpaste which compared the eruption to social and emotional eruptions.

The Gwillim Lake Adventure Race will be held this year on May 27-28 at the Pat O'Reilly Outdoor Education Site. Students in grades 6-12 can sign up for the event

### 2022-23 School Calendar

The 2022-23 school calendar was previously adopted in the March board meeting; however, since then, the provincial government has announced the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30<sup>th</sup>) will be recognized as a provincial statutory holiday. With this announcement, a revision to the 2022-2023 calendar was made. This change impacts daily the number of instructional days and the number of instructional minutes per day.

Additionally, in the previously adopted calendar, the November Non-Instructional Day (NID) was identified on two different dates. This calendar confirms that this NID will take place on Friday, November 25.

The revised calendar will be circulated until May 9<sup>th</sup> for public feedback and presented in the May 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting for adoption. Feedback may be sent to Jan Proulx at [japroulx@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:japroulx@sd59.bc.ca).

### **International Field Trip**

The Board of Education provided approval to proceed with planning an international field trip to Costa Rica in the spring of 2023. The trip is for students of the Chetwynd Secondary girls' basketball team.

### **Indigenous Education Updates**

The following updates were provided by the Ministry of Education:

- September 30<sup>th</sup> will be recognized as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- Action plan to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Implementation of new graduation requirements focus on Indigenous Education as part of the province's commitment to truth, reconciliation, and anti-racism.
- National Indigenous Day will be celebrated on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

#### **Finance Reports**

The Secretary Treasurer presented the monthly finance reports as of March 31, 2022.

#### **2022-23 Preliminary Operating Grant**

The Preliminary Base Operating Grant Funding for the 2022-23 school year was announced on March 18, 2022. The District is projecting a preliminary enrolment count of 3655 FTE with total funding of \$46,050,799.

#### **2022-23 Budget Recommendations**

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2022-23 budget recommendations and announced a new process for the consultation of the annual budget. The 2022-23 annual budget will be presented to the board at the May 18<sup>th</sup> public board meeting. A public consultation meeting will be scheduled for individuals and stakeholders to provide feedback before a final budget is adopted at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> public board meeting.

#### **Appointment of Election Officers**

The board appointed Melissa Panoulas as Chief Election Officer and Richell Schwartz as Deputy Election Officer for the 2022 General School Trustee Election. The process has began for the school trustee election which will be held on October 15, 2022.

For more information about becoming a school trustee or to download the School Trustee Candidate Guide visit the BCSTA website: <https://bcsta.org/resources-and-services/trustee-elections/>.

## Upcoming Dates:

Date:	Event:
May 18, 2022	Open Board Meeting – 1:00 pm (Tumbler Ridge)
May 23, 2022	Victoria Day – schools are closed
June 10, 2022	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school Professional development day for staff
June 22, 2022	Open Board Meeting – 1:00 pm (Dawson Creek)
June 30, 2022	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school

## The Gwillim Lake Adventure Race is back!

Students compete in a 20 km race of biking, trekking, and paddling.

Take Back Our Outdoors!

# GWILLIM LAKE ADVENTURE RACE

May 27-28, 2022

ATTENTION: GRADE 6-12 STUDENTS

Located at Pat O'Reilly Outdoor/Environmental Studies Centre, Gwillim Lake, BC

-LIMITED NUMBER OF TEAMS SO REGISTER EARLY

The Gwillim Lake Adventure Race is the Challenge of a Lifetime. 20 Km of Trekking, Biking and Paddling. Show Your School Spirit as you Compete against teams from across your District.

To receive your registration packages see your school administration or email [gwillim-adventure-race@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:gwillim-adventure-race@sd59.bc.ca)

Please submit your application and e-transfer entry fee to [gwillim-adventure-race@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:gwillim-adventure-race@sd59.bc.ca)

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