



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for December 2019

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Ecole Frank Ross

Since 2016, Mme Gowda has engaged her Grade 4 and 5 students in the Grandbuddy program through Rotary Manor. Students learn empathy through the many interactions with their Grandbuddies, including games, crafts, storytelling, and bingo. The highlight of the year occurs during “Inter-Generational week” in May, when students host the Grandbuddies at Ecole Frank Ross for lunch, “home-baked cookies” and crafts.

Four students are currently in the top ten of the Curling Alberta Hit Draw Tap competition after competing in the local competition hosted by the Dawson Creek Curling Club and Elementary Curling League.

Little Prairie Elementary

The grade 7's did an outstanding job organizing the school wide Christmas concert and classes had fun decorating their doors for the annual door decorating contest.

Canalta

Students have been participating in maker stations which involved designing and building circuits, group building challenges and exploring technology.

Some classes have been working on flexible thinking strategies in math, these include monkey in the middle, doubles, doubles plus one and bridging to ten.

The school has started a Gotcha Program to recognize students caught being kind, responsible, respectful and helpful.

Windrem Elementary

Students and staff enjoyed a wonderful turkey dinner together to celebrate the upcoming holidays. Further holiday activities included decorating donuts courtesy of the local Tim Hortons, Christmas concert, and watching the Grinch in pyjamas.

DCSS Central Campus

Activities at Central include fundraising for Christmas hampers, pancake breakfast for the whole school, hosting a talent show and a student against staff basketball game.

DCSS South Peace campus

Students and staff participated in an ice hockey game.

Field Trips

Final approval was given for the French Immersion field trip to Quebec scheduled for February 11-19, 2020.

Approval was given to DCSS Me to We group to proceed with planning a trip in the spring of 2021 to Thailand and Cambodia.

Breakfast/Lunch Donation

The district received a donation for \$43,000 from the Chetwynd Communication Society to fund breakfast and lunch programs. The Board is very appreciative of the donation and thanks the society for supporting students in our district.

Student Learning Report

The 2019 Student Learning Report was presented. The report provides district data in the areas of numeracy, literacy, grade transitions, grad rates, completions rates, human and social development, post-secondary and career transitions, and the results of the student satisfaction survey. The report is a combination of Ministry gathered data with additional data from the district.

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Finance Reports

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

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.

Pouce Coupe Portable Update

The second portable for Pouce Coupe Elementary has been delivered and hooked up. The grade 2/3 students are enjoying their first week in the classroom. The school district is working collaboratively with the Pouce Coupe Public Library and the Village of Pouce Coupe to return the temporary classroom previously housed in the library back to library space early in the new year.

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee:

The board approved to circulate revised Policy 4310 Accidents and Insurance for feedback.

The board adopted the following policies as presented:

- Policy 2100 Mission, Vision, and Guiding Principles
- Policy 4505 Menstrual Products
- Policy 4550 Immunization
- Bylaw I-99 Organization and Operation of the Board (3rd reading)

The Policy Committee considered the feedback received on Policy 2205 Trustee Remuneration, Benefits, and Recognition and requested the policy have further review before adoption. The board voted down the policy as presented, and the committee will continue to work on revisions for this policy.

Policies for review will be circulated for a minimum of 45 days. Feedback will be accepted in writing to Candace Clouthier at cclouthi@sd59.bc.ca until February 4, 2020.

Policies for review are posted on the school district website main page at www.sd59.bc.ca.

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

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
December 23- January 3	Winter Break – students return to school on January 6, 2020
January 17, 2020	Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend school
January 23, 2020	Open Board Meeting – 1 pm @ School Board Office
February 12 & 13, 2020	Early Dismissal Days – students are dismissed 1 hr early
February 17, 2020	Family Day Holiday – Schools are closed
February 20, 2020	Open Board Meeting – 1 pm @ School Board Office