



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for February 20, 2020

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

DCSS – Central Campus has been very busy lately. The students held a Valentine's Day dance, a group has started attending an equine program, students are participating in skiing and the students in French Immersion program just returned from their trip to Montreal and Ottawa. Additionally, the Junior Boys Basketball Team placed 1st at zones and are off to Provincials.

School District 59 won a performance award for the Youth Work in Trades program. The Industry Training Authority is recognizing SD59 for our commitment to training youth apprentices and for setting students on the path to successful careers.

Northern Lights College hosted the 13th B.C. Skills Regional Competition on February 14th, 2020. High school students competed in the Junior Skills and Trades Competitions. Medal winners will be travelling to the Provincial competition in Abbotsford on April 15th, 2020 where they will compete to go to the National event. It was exciting this year to see an increase of SD 59 students coming to Junior Skills events. Thank you to Jamie Maxwell and Mike Readman for their support of this event.

Health Update

An update was given on the coronavirus (2019-nCoV). Information developed by Northern Health has been distributed to parents. The risk for students within the district is low, however, as we receive new information we will continue to keep parents informed.

Draft 2020-21 School Calendar

The proposed 2020-2021 school calendar was presented and will be circulated for public feedback. The proposed calendar reflects current collective agreement language around that start, end and break times with special approval for the two-week spring break. The board will review the feedback and adopt a calendar at the next board meeting on March 12th, 2020. Feedback may be made in writing via email to Christy Fennell (cfennell@sd59.bc.ca) by March 5th, 2020.

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

2019-20 Amended Annual Budget

The 2019-20 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw was read and adopted.

2020-21 Enrolment Projections

Enrolment projections were presented to the board. School District No.59 is projecting a slight increase for the 2020/21 school year.

CSS Renovations

The Board approved to proceed with an alternate plan for completion of the renovations at Chetwynd Senior Secondary School. The amended plan will complete the hallway corridor upgrades and tile the library entrance area and the office to match the rest of the school. This approved alternate plan does not include moving/upgrading the school office or developing a new student lounge.

Trustee Items:

Trustee Gulick reported the motion put forward by the Board of Education of School District No.59 (PRS) at the British Columbia Public School Employers’ Association annual general meeting was unanimously passed without debate. The motion encourages the development of an online teacher education program in BC.

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee

The board adopted Policy 4310 Accidents and Insurance as presented.

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

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
March 12, 2020	Open Board Meeting – 1 pm @ School Board Office
March 17-27, 2020	Spring Break – Schools are closed
April 10, 2020	Easter Good Friday – Schools are closed
April 13, 2020	Easter Monday – Schools are closed
April 23, 2020	Open Board Meeting – 1 pm @ School Board Office