



# School District No.59 (Peace River South)

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## **Board Highlights for June 24, 2020**

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

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

The three high schools hosted graduation ceremonies in June. DCSS – South Peace Campus hosted 13 “physically distanced” Graduation ceremonies over the course of three days. In total they had 190 students graduate from DCSS this year, including an almost 100% grad rate for their grade 12 Indigenous students. Tumbler Ridge Secondary hosted two ceremonies that allowed all the students to attend together and invite guests.



Don Titus Elementary hosted a Socially Distanced Grade 7 Farewell celebration. The Grade 7's and their parents got to have their own personal pizzas delivered by Dominoes and watched a slide show of the student's baby pictures. Teachers spoke about their favourite quality in each student and wished the students the best in Grade 8. Traditionally, the grade 7's get water bombed by the rest of the school but since that wasn't possible the Chetwynd Fire Department came and soaked the grade 7's as well as Mr. Conrad!

Aboriginal Education Achievement Awards are normally a larger event in the district. Due to the current restrictions on large gathering each school determined how they would deliver their Achievement Awards. Some were virtual or mailed, and some schools had smaller ceremonies where parents were invited to participate.

#### **Principal and Personnel Appointments**

The Superintendent announced the following appointments, effective August 1, 2020:

- James McKechnie, Principal of McLeod Elementary
- Josh Kurjata, Principal of DCSS – Central Campus (will remain Principal of DCSS - South Peace Campus as well)
- Michael Readman, Assistant Superintendent
- Paul Chisholm, Director of Instruction
- Jan Proulx, Director of Instruction

#### **SD 59 Education Restart Plan – Stage 3 update**

School District 59 has been in Stage 3 of the Education Restart Plan since June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. This involved the option for students to return to in-class instruction on a part-time basis. The district is not aware which stage of the Education Restart Plan we will be in for September 2020, parents are encouraged to watch the district website and Facebook for updates.

#### **International Field Trips Update**

There were three fields trips planned for the 2020/21 school year that had been given approval to proceed with planning by the Board of Education. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the DCSS Senior

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girls' volleyball trip to San Diego in the fall of 2020 has been cancelled. The two student trips that are planned for March 2021 will be re-assessed prior to October 2020.

### **Ecole Frank Ross Mural Request**

The Board of Education gave approval towards the initial planning of a mural for the entrance of Ecole Frank Ross Elementary. The school will continue to work with the Superintendent to ensure all the requirements are being met before gaining final approval.

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

#### **2021/22 Capital Plan Intake**

The board approved the capital plan as presented. The plan is submitted to the Ministry of Education as a request for funds for capital projects such as new buses, major upgrades to schools, universally accessible playgrounds, and new or expansion school construction. The Ministry reviews all submissions and will notify the district the following spring if they were successful on any of their submissions.

#### **2020/21 Annual Budget & Bylaw**

The board approved the 2020/21 annual budget as presented.

#### **2020/21 AFG Plan**

The board reviewed the planned 2020/21 Annual Facilities Grant plan. The grant is intended to fund projects required to maintain facility assets throughout their anticipated economic life and to prevent premature deterioration of these assets.

### ***Trustee Items:***

#### **Strategic Plan Update**

During the 2019/20 school year the district has been gathering data towards the development of a new four-year strategic plan. Three major themes have been identified:

- Equity
  
- Foundational Skills and Core Competencies
- Sustainable Use of Resources

The next step is for Senior Administration to develop an operational plan that supports the strategic plan.

#### **2020/21 Board Meeting Dates**

Proposed board meeting dates for the 2020-21 school year were presented. The dates will be posted on the school district website. The board will be holding their Organizational Meeting on September 23, 2020 at 1:00 pm at the School Board Office.

### ***Committee Reports:***

#### **Policy Committee**

The board adopted Regulation 4555 Safety of Students (Including High Risk Activities), effective immediately.

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The board repealed the following policies, effective immediately:

- Policy 2130 Statement of Purpose for Schooling and Education
- Policy 4510 Use of Trampolines

The policy committee brought forward the following policies for circulation:

- Policy 2350 Organizational Chart
- Policy 3000 Hiring of Personnel
- Policy 4050 Grade Placement of Students
- Policy 4560 Visits to the Schools
- Policy 4570 Emergency Preparedness

Policies will be circulated for a minimum 45 days. Feedback will be accepted in writing to Mike Readman at [mreadman@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:mreadman@sd59.bc.ca) until August 31, 2020.

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

***Upcoming Events:***

| Date:              | Event:   |
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| June 25, 2020      | Last day of learning for students                          |
| June 26, 2020      | Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend school      |
| September 8, 2020  | Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend school      |
| September 9, 2020  | Frist day of school – starts 2 hrs later, end 1 hr earlier |
| September 23, 2020 | Open Board Meeting – 1:00 pm (School Board Office)         |