



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for June 22, 2022

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Students from Parkland Elementary School presented at the June board meeting. The grade 1-3 students recited an original limerick, 'Moose on the Loose', and sang a "bee-utiful" song, then sang and danced to the John Micheal Montgomery song – Sold. The board members were just as excited as the students to have a live presentation.

Board meetings are recorded and posted online so you can view the presentation by Parkland Elementary students on the zoom recording of the meeting:



https://sd59.zoom.us/rec/share/hTG6miWlUpcljEx1l8YASlWXEncFZ3EpPUcdR38myAWCHINXUOpNqraWUyCWyy4.v1otcr_YRacTCi-a?startTime=1655928317000

The TRSS town planning class had a celebration of learning presenting their projects to guests who judged the final results. The winning submission focused on creating a walkable community with services for people of all age groups. The design included walking trails and bike paths and had everything within a 15-minute walking distance.

Chetwynd Secondary School had their awards ceremony and are getting ready for grad. They also had their first spring dance in two years which over 100 students attended. A bus was provided for Sauleau and West Moberly First Nations students to return home after the dance.



Canalta Elementary students have been doing Gymnastics at the local gymnastics centre. Mrs. Harman's grade 4/5 class held an outdoor poetry café. Mrs. Lockhart's grade 6/7 class performed a percussion version of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" during the spring showcase.

Tumbler Ridge Secondary School hosted the Women X Non-Binary in Industry event on June 9th. This event brought together students from TRSS, CSS and DCSS to hear from a panel of

individuals working in local industry. There was an opportunity to meet in small groups with each panelist and then students took part in a hands-on activity in the auto shop later in the day. Thank you to the local sponsors who supported this opportunity.

DCSS-Central Campus has published the Coyote Quarterly this year. It showcases student artwork and writing. You can check it out on the DCSS-CC website <https://online.fliphtml5.com/asuac/onex/>.

June 21st was National Indigenous Peoples Day. The district celebrated the day with a Zoom Around the District that reached 135 classrooms, with over 2500 viewers. Schools showcased their events and activities celebrating Indigenous culture.

- Tumbler Ridge Secondary School focused on stewardship of the land and planted trees and flowers from Twin Sisters Native Plant Nursery.
- McLeod Elementary School practiced being stewards of the land and revived their school community forest.
- Tremblay students created talking sticks.
- Miss Knowles PE 8 class at DCSS-Central Campus class performed a Metis jig in full regalia for the Indigenous Day celebrations.
- Schools celebrated Metis culture with Bev Lambert; students participated in jigging and learning about Metis culture.
- Many schools baked bannock which is an important food in Indigenous culture.



Tremblay Elementary school held their annual kite day. Students built their own kites and spent an afternoon flying them in the school field.

Don Titus Montessori School students hiked to the top of Mount Baldy. They also did owl pellet dissection and created stained glass petals which are now displayed on the fence outside the school creating many beautiful flowers. Mrs. Newman's class turned their room into forts which created a fun learning environment; they also celebrated crazy hat and sock days.



The district's, Artist in Residence – Mr. Wayne Lariviere, has been working with schools sharing his knowledge and history of Indigenous culture. Students have been creating amazing pieces of art.

- Pouce Coupe Elementary students designed and painted large rocks outside the school.
- Windrem Elementary students learned about the significance of treasure boxes and painted their own boxes.
- Moberly Lake Elementary students painted wooden feathers.
- At Chetwynd Secondary School (CSS) a mural was created to represent bringing together of the cultures. Students created legacy tiles to be added to the tree and the bear on the mural.
- Wayne Lariviere has created a mural on the side of the Indigenous Education Centre. It represents the bringing together of the Indigenous and Metis people.



DCSS-South Peace Campus had their awards night where over \$120,000 was given out to students. Graduating students have also been busy with all the grad festivities with the graduation ceremony held at Ovintiv Centre on June 17th with approximately 1800 guests in attendance.



DCSS-South Peace Campus unveiled their new mural in the hallway by the office. The bird, the beast, and the burden was created by a student artist with the goal of providing more indigenous representation in the school.

DCSS teacher, Eric Wolf is sharing his passion for archery by teaching archery to students from schools across the district. Teachers can contact Mr. Wolf to book archery lessons.

The Superintendent announced the following Principal Appointments, effective August 1, 2022:

- Sue Wakeham – Principal at Devereaux Elementary

Reports from the Secretary Treasurer:

2022-23 Annual Budget and Bylaw

The board passed the annual budget for the 2022-23 school year. The annual budget is available on the school district website.

2023-24 Capital Plan Submission

The board approved the 2023-24 Capital Plan submission. The submission lists an expansion for Crescent Park Elementary School as the main capital priority of the district. The summary of the Crescent Park expansion request will be submitted to the Ministry for consideration.

2022-23 Board Meeting Dates

The dates for the 2022-23 board meetings are set and posted on the district website. The first board meeting of the new school year will be held on September 21, 2022.

Capital Addition

The board approved a capital addition to purchase portables for Crescent Park Elementary and Canalta Elementary; one additional portable will be placed at each school to meet the needs of increasing enrollment.

Reports from Trustees:

Trustee Stipend

The board passed a motion to cancel the annual CPI increase that would take effect July 1, 2022. As stated in policy 2205 trustee remuneration is adjusted annually on the Canadian Consumer Price Index established in July of each year.

Upcoming Dates:

Date:	Event:
June 29, 2022	Last day of school for students (regular hours)
June 30, 2022	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school
September 6, 2022	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school
September 7, 2022	First day of school for students (schools begin 2 hours later and ends 1 hour earlier)
September 21, 2022	Regular Board Meeting – Dawson Creek
October 15, 2022	General Voting Day for School Trustee Election

Life is full of great adventures!

