



School District No. 59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for June 2026

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Students from DCSS Central and South Peace Campuses attended the track and field provincials in Prince George.



Students at Central Campus had a fun competition building and coding battle bots!

Canalta Elementary School hosted a Spring Showcase where each class wrote and performed their original composition. This year, the staff did a number for the students too.



The grade 6/7 class hosted a night at the museum for their parents to showcase their learning this term.

The K/1 classes hatched and released butterflies.

Grade 7 celebrations continue as the students have had their tour of Central Campus, received their honorary grad hoodies (cost shared with the school PAC group) and they are heading off to Gwillim and will be having a celebration lunch next week.



Don Titus Montessori students participated in a STEM project with Engineer Jody Watson. The students designed and made kites. The windy weather was perfect to test out their designs as the students ran through the field to see if their kite would fly!

Two classes had a field trip to the WAC Bennett Dam. There were so many activities for the students to participate in, it is like a mini science world! It was a great experience for them.



All the classes at Don Titus went to Gwillim this Spring. The Pat O'Reilly Outdoor Education and Environmental site is an accessible and inclusive site that has activities for everyone to enjoy.



Students at Windrem Elementary participated in the District of Chetwynd's community pitch in event. Students collected 15 bags of garbage from the side streets around the school.

Students are excited to paint a mural with Wayne LaRiviere. The mural is a culminating project for the science unit on eco-systems and biodiversity. Students learned from the Saluteau First Nations land guardians about the importance of taking only what you need from the land. Conservation officers helped students understand what the Moberly lake eco-system is like and helped them learn about the different fish that are included in the mural.

Windrem hosted their Welcome to Kindergarten and Ready, Set, Learn event on May 15th. The Kindergarten population is growing at Windrem!



The Bug Hotel is open for business at Devereaux Elementary School. Some of the younger students have been building bug hotels in the sand on the playground. They are quite fancy and have been expanding as more students join in on building bug houses!



Devereaux Elementary has been busy celebrating their grade 7 students. A highlight is the grade 7 tea that is shared with school friends and family.

Mrs. Boisvert's class was excited to finally win the Golden Garbage can award!

A school spirit day included wacky hair day and at the monthly assembly the students played "minute to win it" games and received awards.



McLeod Elementary participated in the BC Dental Association's Brush to Win Contest. Mrs. Doornbos' primary class entered their plan for good dental health care and was selected to win a prize of \$1,000 for the school.

Pre-Kindergarten students were welcomed to the school at the Welcome to Kindergarten and Ready, Set, Learn events.



Spring artwork was submitted from Peace View Elementary Colony School.

Other Updates:

Tricia Warnke has been appointed to Principal at Chetwynd Secondary School effective August 1, 2026.

The Musical Theatre Program at DCSS- South Peace Campus presented the musical Frozen.

Due to the weather, the Agriculture Safety Day was rescheduled to September 23, 2026.

The Indigenous Education department will be presenting “Zoom Around the District”. The event highlights activities in the district to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Graduation events will be happening throughout the district from June 19-20th. Congratulations Grads!

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Childcare Spaces

The Board completed a resolution to support the application for grant funds through the ChildCareBC Operational Start-Up (OSU) Fund. The funding is for renovations to open up new childcare seats in existing spaces. The submission is to use existing modulars at Crescent Park and Canalta elementary schools to provide before and after school care programs.

2027-2028 Five Year Annual Capital Plan

The Board completed a resolution to support the annual five-year capital plan, which included the proposed 2027-2028 major capital plan submission. On the submission is a request for a gym addition for Moberly Lake Elementary School, school replacements for Windrem Elementary and Chetwynd Secondary School as one structure, and Canalta Elementary School. The Ministry of Education and Child Care will review submissions from all school districts and will award approved plans in the Spring of 2027.

2026-2027 Board Meeting Dates

The 2026-2027 board meeting dates were approved by the board and are listed on the school district website. [2026-2027 Board Meeting Schedule | School District 59](#)

2026 General School Trustee Election

The 2026 General School Trustee Election will be held this fall, with General Voting Day on Saturday, October 17, 2026. Seven Trustees make up the Board of Education for School District No. 59 and hold a 4-year term. Elected members of a board of education are responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in their district. They are the link between their community and the public education system.

School District No. 59 (PRS) is looking at hosting a virtual Candidate Information session. Potential candidates will learn about the role of a trustee, governance, eligibility, responsibility, and commitment. Information about the candidate session will be shared on social media and the school district website. The session will be recorded and posted on the school district website to be accessible for potential candidates.

Elections BC is offering information sessions for local candidates on financing and advertising rules and guidelines on Thursday, July 30, 2026, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. [Registration Link](#)

More information and resources can be found on the District’s website at [2026 General School Trustee Election | School District 59](#). All election notices, including where to pick up and drop of nomination forms, and election results will be posted on the District’s trustee election website page.

Capital Projects Update

Crescent Park Elementary School Expansion

The final stages of the expansion are nearing completion. The expansion will be completed over the summer, and the space will be ready for staff and students in the new school year.

Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge Child Care Facilities

The prime consultants began the process of pulling the building permits for both facilities. Tender packages for both facilities are posted on BC Bid and will close on June 30, 2026.

Capital project updates are posted on the district website at [Capital Projects | School District 59 \(sd59.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd59.bc.ca).

Tumbler Ridge Campus

Work is being completed on repairing the soccer field. This includes sodding the field and installing an irrigation system. The centre complex installation which will house the new school office, common area and washrooms will be completed over the summer.

Projected 2026-2027 Annual Budget

The Secretary Treasurer presented the projected annual budget for the 2026-2027 school year. A decline in enrolment is directly related to a decrease in funding. The board read the first two readings of the bylaw and will have a special open meeting before the end of June to complete the final reading of the bylaw and adopt the 2026-2027 Annual Budget.

Committee Reports:

Indigenous Education Partners' Advisory Council (Dawson Creek)

Trustee Jones reported the Dawson Creek council held their year end gathering to celebrate the year. Council is hosting the Indigenous Peoples Day celebration on June 23rd. The celebration includes a BBQ, music, outdoor activities and games and presentation of student achievement awards.

Indigenous Education Council

Trustee Hillton reported the Indigenous Education Council reviewed school proposals for Indigenous celebrations.

Upcoming Dates:

Date:	Event:
June 25, 2026	Last day of classes
June 26, 2026	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school
September 8, 2026	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school
September 9, 2026	First Day of School for Students – schools start 2 hours late and ends 1 hour early
June 17, 2026	Public Board Meeting – School Board Office – Dawson Creek