



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for March 10, 2021

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News:

It's been a busy few weeks since the last Board of Education meeting. Students were busy with Pink Shirt Day and other kindness activities.

- ❖ Don Titus had a pink shirt day kindness assembly, kindness wall and video.
- ❖ Students at Tremblay Elementary took part in a month of kindness project with a focus on being kind to others.
- ❖ Pouce Coupe Elementary School students have participated in a variety of art projects and took part in an activity called "Hanging Bullying Out to Dry."
- ❖ Students at Parkland Elementary School were busy creating and filling their "Cups of Kindness."



Dawson Creek Secondary Student, Shayne Hommy, won the Canada wide Orange Shirt Day 2021 design contest. As part of the prize, Shayne will get to meet Phyllis Webstad and have her design printed on the orange shirts sold by the Orange Shirt Society. Shayne stated "...my design represents three little Indigenous girls from different tribes, holding hands to represent the unity of our people, (Indigenous peoples) resilience and strength throughout the many years of suffering Indigenous peoples had to face."

The full article is published in The Williams Lake Tribune:
<https://www.wltribune.com/news/tolko-contest-features-northern-winner/>.

Miss Keizer's class at Crescent Park Elementary was a co-winner of the Depths of Comfort sponsored contest to find the Kindest Class in Canada. The class and individual students are featured in a Global News story: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2399380426853080>.

Students at Tremblay Elementary School also studied a unit on the fur trade. Students took part in a school wide simulation across all grades.

Numerous schools have been to Bear Mountain and Powder King ski hills on class field trips. The schools and staff at the ski hills have been very helpful in making these trips possible for perhaps the largest number of SD59 students ever.





Windrem Elementary School students were learning about local emergency services. They had a virtual tour of the hospital and the fire department visited the school. The fire department did a live demonstration outside of the school which included the use of their ladder truck.

At McLeod Elementary School students have been doing a Mino-Pimatisiwin activity, with a focus on relationships. They also recently did smarties barrel races, a car race obstacle course, and they are reading across the Antarctica.



Updated Strategic and Operational Plan Documents

Boards of Education are required to develop and implement multi-year strategic plans. The Board of Education of School District No. 59 (PRS) identified three priorities for the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan: Equity, Foundations Skills and Core Competencies, and Sustainable Use of Our Resources. The Operational Plan was recently completed and outlines how the main priorities of the Strategic Plan will be carried out including evaluation criteria and timelines.

Both the Strategic Plan and Operational Plan will be posted on the school district website.

2021-22 Calendar

A minor change was made to the draft calendar that was circulated. Based on the feedback, the early dismissal days in term 2 were moved to February 23 & 24, 2022. The Board of Education adopted the 2021-22 School Calendar as presented. The final calendar will be posted on the school district website.

Trustee Items:

The Board acknowledged that the planning for the annual retirement and service recognition event will begin soon and recognized the event is dependent on the provincial guidelines but will more than likely need to be modified again this year. Trustees will provide ideas to Trustee Hillton who is Chair of the annual event.

The Public Board Meeting in May was moved to May 19, 2021. The meeting will begin at the regular time of 1:00 pm.

Upcoming Dates:

Date:	Event:
March 15-26, 2021	Spring Break – Schools are closed
April 2, 2021	Good Friday – Schools are closed
April 5, 2021	Easter Monday – Schools are closed
April 21, 2021	Open Board Meeting – 1:00 pm
May 19, 2021	Open Board Meeting – 1:00 pm