



Board Highlights for May 31, 2023

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Gwillim Lake Adventure Race

The Gwillim Lake Adventure Race was a huge success. Twenty teams participated in the event. The teams competed to 20 kilometres of trekking, biking and canoeing. The race promotes leadership, teamwork, orienteering, physical education, and outdoor education. Special thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors that support this event and help make it a great adventure for students.

Congratulations to the following teams:

1st place - Senior Division: Jordan McKenna, Kadin Schafer, Issac Tomquist

1st place – Junior Division: Keegan Hendrickson, Teagan Irving, Lincoln McLean

Sportsmanship Award: Kinley Mackay, Sophie Smith, Spencer Mackay



Don Titus Elementary school hosted a STEAM fair where students got to choose between a number of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, or Math activities. Students spent a whole day in a multi-age group completing their activities. There was an egg drop, gardening, cooking, cardboard creations, building a marble maze, painting and more. Parents were invited to a showcase and watched to see whose egg survived

Don Titus also finished up their Multi Age Learning Time. Students chose between a number of amazing sessions and then spent three afternoons working on their skill. Some of the choices were archery, roping, cooking, cheer, hiking Mt. Baldy, outdoor sports, crocheting, painting, and crafts.



Crescent Park Elementary students from Mrs. McInnis' and Ms. Graham's class were invited to sing O Canada for the opening of the North Central Local Government Association's Annual General Meeting and Convention in Dawson Creek at the Ovintiv Events Centre.

Kym Gouchie, Wayne Lariviere and Stan Fraser have been touring through schools engaging students in many different cultural activities.

Kym Gouchie spent 2 weeks in the district, visiting a total of 10 schools. Most schools booked a 45-minute concert followed by workshops with individual classes.

Wayne Lariviere is working with students creating Indigenous art.

Stan Fraser is speaking to the students about Indigenous culture and showing respect to the land.



Pouce Coupe Teachers are connecting math with art. Mrs. Kennelly's K/1 students made shape animals. Ms. Hommy's 3/4 students explored fractions by making fraction sundaes.





DCSS-Central Campus - The French Immersion Class is currently in Quebec immersing themselves in the French culture and practicing the French language.



Mrs. Barker's grade 1/2 class at Tremblay Elementary School has been taking part in yoga in the month of May. They have been working on breathing, calming, and different poses.



Many schools are participating in school and community clean-up events. The students are learning about giving back and land stewardship.

All elementary schools have also been hosting "Welcome to Kindergarten" events. The events provide the students and parents the opportunity to visit the school and participate in some fun activity centres. The students take home a gift bag that has books, early learning information, puzzles and other fine motor skills activities to work on over the summer months to help prepare them for entering Kindergarten.

DCSS – South Peace Campus held elections for student council. The council has been eager to get underway and has already started planning for the next school year.



Students in both elementary and high schools took part in activities to honour and learn more about the Moose Hide Campaign.

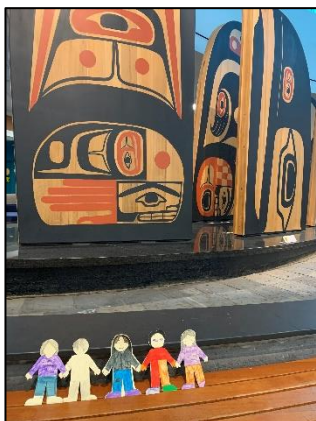
The Moose Hide Campaign began as a BC-born Indigenous-led grassroots movement to engage men and boys in ending violence towards women and children. It has since grown into a nationwide movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians from local communities, First Nations, governments, schools, colleges/universities, police forces and many other organizations – all committed to taking action to end this violence.

Participating in the Moose Hide Campaign is a commitment to take action in honour of women and children everywhere, and a symbol of honouring Indigenous medicine and belonging.

At Chetwynd Secondary School students from the Careers grade 9 class organized Moose Hide Campaign activities for the entire school, including morning muffins, an assembly and a walk led by the males which symbolized their commitment to honour, respect, and protect the women and children and speak out against gender-based and domestic violence.

Students at Pouce Coupe Elementary made a pledge to help end violence and wrote (or drew) it on a paper square which represented moose hide, as well as wore moose hide pins. Teachers also used lessons from the Moose Hide Campaign site to talk about “good medicine”.

You can learn more about the campaign at <https://moosehidecampaign.ca/>.



After reading the novel Flat Stanley - Ms Robb's class has been receiving photos and postcards from Flat Stanley's Adventures from all over Canada. Family members and friends received their Flat Stanley in the mail and have returned pictures showing different parts of the country.



Five students sent their Flat Stanley to Vancouver with the principal.

Reports from the Secretary Treasurer:

Finance Reports

The Secretary Treasurer presented the monthly finance reports as of April 30, 2023.

Interim Audit Report

The auditors recently completed the interim audit. The Secretary Treasurer shared the interim audit letter and planning report from Sander Rose Bone Grindle. The auditors will complete the annual audit in July.

Capital Addition

The board approved a capital addition of \$35,000 to the 2022/23 budget. The additional funds will be used to purchase a work type utility vehicle for the Pat O'Reilly Outdoor Environmental Studies Centre and a new photocopier for the District Resource Centre.

2023-24 AFG Plan

The 2023-24 Annual Facilities Grant Plan was presented. The proposed plan includes various projects the facilities department has scheduled in the 2023-24 fiscal year. The plan may be adjusted if priorities change throughout the year.

2023-24 Annual Budget & Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer presented the annual budget for the 2023-24 school year. The preliminary budget is balanced for the 2023-24 school year with a total budget of \$66,515,787. Budget risks and assumptions were also identified. The Board read the first two readings of the annual budget bylaw.

A public consultation meeting and a survey will be available means for public to provide feedback. The Board of Education is inviting anyone to present questions or feedback in writing to Melissa Panoulias, Secretary Treasurer, at mpanoulias@sd59.bc.ca. Questions or feedback will be accepted until June 16, 2023 to be considered in developing the 2023-24 Annual Budget. The third and final bylaw reading of the Annual Budget will be presented to the Board of Education at the public board meeting on June 28, 2023.

Committee Reports:

Indigenous Councils

The councils received an overview of activities that have been happening at the schools that promote a sense of belonging for Indigenous students. A highlight for both councils was having Chetwynd Secondary students present on the Moose Hide Campaign and the activities they were organizing for their school. The Indigenous focused professional development day for all district staff was a huge success with everyone coming together to learn about setting a path and making a personal commitment towards reconciliation. Preparations continue for the annual Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration which will be held on June 21, 2023 which included reviewing school proposals outlining their plan to honour the day. Coach mentors are working with students to support them on their graduation track.

Recruitment & Retention Committee

The Recruitment and Retention Committee met on May 18, 2023. At that meeting, Paul Chisholm, Director of Instruction, reported on the district's recruitment efforts to date for the 2022/23 school year.

Policy Committee:

The board approved to circulate Policy 5140 Moving Assistance as revised for feedback. The Policy Committee will consider any feedback received and bring the policy back to the board at the September board meeting.

Feedback can be sent to Christy Fennell at cfennell@sd59.bc.ca by August 31, 2023.

All district policies are posted on the school district website. (www.sd59.bc.ca).

Upcoming Dates:

Date:	Event:
June 2, 2023	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school
June 7, 2023	Board of Education Retirement & Long Service Recognition Event
June 28, 2023* new date	Regular Board Meeting – Dawson Creek
June 29, 2023	Last day of classes for students
June 30, 2023	Non-Instructional Day / Administrative Day – students do not attend school
September 5, 2023	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school
September 6, 2023	First Day of School – schools start 2 hrs later and end 1 hr earlier

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Huge Shout Out to All Our Sponsors and Volunteers!
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