



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for November 2019

The Board accepted a motion that Flora Christenson will be the acting Secretary-Treasurer for duties specific to the board meeting.

Early Learning Presentation - from Gloria Cleve, the Early Learning Manager

The district has seven StrongStart programs (Don Titus, Tremblay, the Early Learning Hub, Parkland, McLeod, Devereaux, and Tumbler Ridge Secondary). The program is guided by the Early Learning Framework and focuses on the results from the EDI through UBC. Through a play-based environment, students are exposed to play that boosts self-regulation, fine and gross motor skills, literacy and numeracy foundation skills, social competence, social skills, coping with their feelings, and self-awareness and self-confidence.

The district also provides many other opportunities such as English Language Learning classes for parents, Early Learning sessions in high school classes, Children's Festivals, Baby Welcome Parties and Positive Discipline programs for parents and teachers.

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News:

The Terry Fox Foundation is celebrating their 39th Anniversary and sent a thank you letter to SD59 for supporting the foundation. To date, schools in the district have raised \$164,578.42.

Remembrance Day assemblies were held at all schools honouring all veterans who have fought for the freedoms we value today.

Louis Riel Day was honoured in all schools. Students learned facts about his life and Metis culture. Activities celebrated the Metis culture and included learning to create Metis sashes and the importance of the colours and how you wear your sash.

Classes from DCSS-South Peace Campus visited the art exhibit "Honouring Indigenous Women Exhibition" on display at the local art gallery.

Students at Don Titus Elementary School are studying continents and countries. As part of the research, students are taste-testing snacks from different countries and graphing which snack they like best.

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Lease of Property – Hudson Farm

The board approved a five-year lease of the Hudson Farm property to the BC Grain Producers Association. The BC Grain Producers Association is open to educating students about the Agriculture Industry through school tours and work experience opportunities.

Pouce Coupe Portable

The second portable at Pouce Coupe Elementary School is ready and scheduled to arrive the week of November 26th. Once it is delivered, the hook up will go quickly as the site work has been completed.

Trustee Items:

The board approved to send the following motion to the BCPSEA AGM for consideration:

That BCPSEA work with the Minister of Advanced Education, The Deans of Education for BC universities and the BC Education Teacher Development Programs to develop an online teacher training program in BC.

Trustee Anderson presented on the webinar “Productive Workplace Interactions” he attended.

Retirement Notice of Superintendent

The Board Chair announced the retirement of Candace Clouthier, effective August 1, 2019. The board will start the process of hiring a new Superintendent.

Strategic Plan

The board discussed how the district will move forward in the next strategic plan. The environmental scan will be used again; the board will then review the information from the scan with student achievement data and financial considerations to develop a new three-year strategic plan.

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee:

The policy committee brought forward the following policies for circulation:

- Policy 2150 Roles and Responsibilities of the Board (Combined and revised policies 2150 and 2155)
- Policy 4210 Outdoor Education Program (revised with name change)

Policies for review will be circulated for a minimum of 45 days. Feedback will be accepted in writing to Candace Clouthier at celouthi@sd59.bc.ca until January 7th, 2020.

Policies for review are posted on the school district website main page at www.sd59.bc.ca.

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

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
November 29, 2019	Non-instructional Day – Students do not attend school
December 19, 2019	Open Board Meeting – 1 pm @ School Board Office
December 23-January 3	Winter Break – students return to school on January 6, 2020
January 17, 2020	Non-instructional Day – Students do not attend school
January 23, 2020	Open Board Meeting – 1 pm @ School Board Office