



# School District No.59 (Peace River South)

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## **Board Highlights for October 2019**

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

## ***Superintendent of Schools Report:***

### **School/Student News:**

#### **Little Prairie Elementary**

- The intermediate students participated in a school volleyball tournament last Friday. Fun was had by all and the sportsmanship among team mates was exceptional.
- The grade 7's are enjoying 2 days at Gwillim this week.

#### **DCSS-Central Campus**

- The school had a Thanksgiving lunch for everyone at the school.
- Me to We students went on a field trip to Edmonton.
- The students voted on October 16th for their preferred candidate in the federal election.

#### **Tumbler Ridge Elementary**

Faith Belcourt, a grade 6 student at TRE has won a logo drawing contest with a company called Allteck. The company logo had to represent unity, togetherness, team work and equality. Chief Ken Cameron from Saulteau First Nations presented Faith with a hoodie and a cheque for \$500.



#### **DCSS-South Peace Campus**

The students are embracing the new Career Life Connections course which helps prepare students for career and life transitions beyond Grade 12. Students will present a Capstone Project reflecting on their Career Life Experience before they graduate. The course includes volunteer and internship opportunities in areas of interest to them. The program is strengthening DCSS's community partnerships. The internship program is a win-win; students gain valuable insights that help with making post-secondary decisions and employers meet, recruit and interact meaningfully with potential employee candidates.

The school is also developing an Entrepreneurship program in partnership with the Nawican Friendship Centre. Students will be mentored and will create viable business plans.

## **Principal Announcements**

The following principal announcement was missed being reported at the previous board meeting:

- Cynthia Percy, Principal at Crescent Park Elementary School (effective August 31, 2019)

## **Student Voice**

Students from across the district are participating in the Student Voice program. Students reflected on where they left the program from last year and identified three themes they want to work on for this year: Education (ie: access to courses), Transitions, and Mental and Physical Health.

The next meeting is scheduled for January.

### **Class Size/Composition and Ratios**

As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the district has 11 schools not in compliance with class size or composition maximums as defined in LOU 17. The district met with the local PRSTA and determined best efforts were given to find solutions and remedies have been applied for those circumstances.

The district has met and exceeds the ratio for Teacher Librarians; however, at this time, the district has a shortfall in the combined ratios of SERT, LAT and ELL, as well as, Secondary Counsellors.

### ***Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:***

#### **Final Enrollment**

The final enrollment for the district was reported at 3683.81 FTE (an increase of 74.81 FTE from last year). Three schools with the largest increase in FTE are Crescent Park Elementary (31) Don Titus Elementary (27) and Ecole Frank Ross Elementary (30).

#### **Executive Compensation Disclosure & SOFI Report**

The Acting Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2018-19 Executive Compensation Disclosure Report and the Statement of Financial Information Report. The reports are sent to the Ministry of Education and will be posted on the school district website.

#### **Pouce Coupe Portable**

The second portable at Pouce Coupe Elementary School has been delayed and is now scheduled to arrive mid-November. Once it is delivered, the hook up will go quickly as the site work has been completed.

#### ***Trustee Items:***

Trustee Borton presented out on the transportation meeting that occurred in Chetwynd to discuss the crosswalk/intersection on Highway 97. The Ministry of Transportation has jurisdiction over this intersection and will review the concerns, issues and recommendations that were presented at the meeting.

### ***Committee Reports:***

#### **Policy Committee:**

The policy committee brought forward the following policies for review:

- Policy 2100 - Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles Policy
- Policy 2205 - Trustee Remuneration, Benefits and Recognition (Combines Policies 2200, 2230, 2231, 2235)
- Policy 4505 -Menstrual Products \*NEW
- Policy 4550 - Immunization

Policies for review will be circulated for a minimum of 45 days. Feedback will be accepted in writing to Candace Clouthier at [cclouthi@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:cclouthi@sd59.bc.ca) until December 9th, 2019.

Bylaw 1-99 Organization and Operation of the Board has been revised to reflect current board practices. The board read the first and second readings of the bylaw. The third reading and final approval is to occur at the Regular Meeting of the board in December 2019.

Policy 2140 District Goals was repealed.

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

*Upcoming Events:*

Date:	Event:
October 25, 2019	Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend school
November 11, 2019	Remembrance Day – Schools are closed
November 20, 2019	Open Board Meeting – 1 pm @ School Board Office
November 20 & 21, 2019	Early Dismissal Days – school ends 1 hour early Parent/teacher conferences are held
November 29, 2019	Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend school
December 19, 2019	Open Board Meeting – 1 pm @ School Board Office