



## Board Highlights for October 19, 2022

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

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

Schools held events to recognize September 30<sup>th</sup> as a National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. The events included showcasing Indigenous literature, assemblies, dancing, culture activities, honouring orange shirt day, murals, bulletin boards, etc.

Thanksgiving was also celebrated across the district. Central Campus celebrated by serving over 350 bowls of turkey soup and Canalta Elementary students created a Thankful Tree; the students wrote on the leaves what they were thankful for.

Cross country running events are happening at most schools.

At Crescent Park Elementary Several classes are participating in weekly walking field trips to spend time in nature and practice Social Emotional Learning strategies such as spending time in quiet spots.

Students in grades 4-6 at Devereaux Elementary are learning the Wonder of Science, which includes learning about ecosystems and biomes.

TRSS grade 9 Foods class learned how to filet a salmon through traditional Indigenous culture.



The Kindergarten class at Canalta Elementary is having fun learning how to program blue bots to identify letters of the alphabet.

# Thank-you!

Red Merrick plants potatoes in his fields and allows schools to harvest the potatoes as school fundraisers. This year over 3000 lbs of potatoes were harvested. A huge thank-you to Red Merrick as this has been happening for 30 years!



Fire safety week activities are being held at all schools. Many elementary schools have the fire department in to teach the students about fire safety. At Crescent Park Elementary, the kindergarten classes have field trips planned to visit the RCMP Station and Fire Station to learn about their important roles in our community.

Classes are taking advantage of the great fall weather and still enjoying field trips to the Pat O'Reilly Education Centre at Gwillim Lake.



## Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report

The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report was presented to the Board. The report is submitted to the Ministry of Education as a formal document that is used to set, create and maintain a strategic plan, annually report on student outcomes and put systems in place with a focus on enhancing student learning and success. It combines accountability with evidence-informed decision making and system-wide continuous improvement to support equity of outcomes for all students in the provincial K-12 public system, including Indigenous students, children and youth in care, and students with disabilities or diverse abilities.

## 2022-23 School Calendar Amendment

On October 5, 2022, the Ministry of Education and Child Care made the decision to amend the School Calendar Regulation to reduce the number of hours of instruction by five hours for the 2022-23 school year. This amendment was to accommodate the closure of schools on September 19, 2022, for the National Day of Mourning to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

### **Early Learning Update**

The district will be partnering with the YMCA to offer a before and after school program will be opening at Pouce Coupe Elementary School. The program is scheduled to begin on November 1, 2022.

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

#### **2022-23 Final Enrollment**

The final enrollment for the district was reported at 3696.75 FTE, this represents an increase of 24.7 FTE from last year and 41.8 FTE from the preliminary budget.

#### **Executive Compensation Disclosure**

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2021-22 Executive Compensation Disclosure Report, the report will be posted on the school district website after it is reviewed by BCPSEA/PSEC Secretariat.

### **Official Election Results**

Area I – Chetwynd & Contiguous Area

- **Crystal Hillton (acclamation)**
- **Sherry Mounsey (acclamation)**

Area II – Tumbler Ridge

- **Roxanne Gulick (acclamation)**

Area III – City of Dawson Creek

- **Angelina Schurmann**
- **Christina Wards**

Area IV – Rural Areas Surrounding Dawson Creek and Pouce Coupe

- **Chad Anderson (acclamation)**
- **Travis Jones (acclamation)**

The Board and District Staff thanks Trustees Becky Borton, Jennifer Lalonde and Tamara Ziemer, for their years of service as a school trustee and their dedication to student education. The new board will take office in November 2022 and will serve a 4 year term.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Date:	Event:
November 9, 2022	Inaugural Meeting of new board of education.
November 11, 2022	Remembrance Day – schools are closed
November 16, 2022	Regular Board Meeting – Dawson Creek
November 16 & 17, 2022	Early dismissal days – students are dismissed 1 hr. early.
November 25, 2022	Non Instructional Day – students do not attend school
December 19, 2022 - January 2, 2023	Winter Break – schools are closed