



School District No. 59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for October 2024

Presentation:

Students, Laila Gentry and Mara Mamic from Chetwynd Senior Secondary presented to the Board of Education about Student Voice. The students talked about their SOAR (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results) participation last year to assist in providing the *students' voice* in developing the new strategic plan. The students also discussed how Student Voice might expand to include elementary students.

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Chetwynd Secondary School students created a stunning mural made from cloth. The mural was unveiled at the school's Truth and Reconciliation assembly.



OCTOBER

Overwhelming, breathtaking sights
Celebrating the end of a busy summer
Thanksgiving for all our accomplishments
Outstanding colours all around
Birds are no longer singing
Endless fields of ripe wheat
Reddish-yellow, gold and crimson leaves

Students from South Peace Elementary are learning about poetry. The students created an acrostic poem about October.



Many schools in the district (both elementary and secondary) partnered with BC Elections and held mock elections. The results of the student elections mirrored the provincial results.



Canalta Elementary staff had fun participating in team building activities that focused on collaborating and working together. Canalta is excited to have three student teachers in their school this year.

The intermediate students enjoyed a fall trip to Swan Lake and the primary students are learning theme work in literacy.



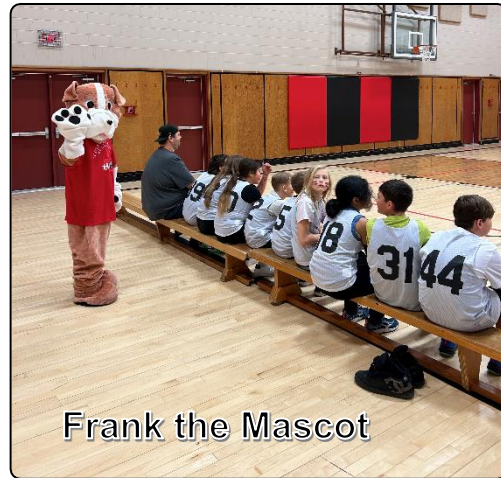
Post secondary institution fairs are happening at the high schools this month. The fairs allow high school students the opportunity to search out post secondary programs and talk to advisors about education pathways.



Ecole Frank Ross administrators joined in on fundraising activities! The students had a great time taping Mrs. Haugen (aka Spiderwoman) to the wall and dying Mr. Henry's hair pink!



Students are enjoying school sports across the District!



At Don Titus Montessori School, the Student Representative Club (SRC) hosted a Friendship Soup on the Friday before Thanksgiving. All families were invited to bring one ingredient and then the SRC grouped them into appropriate soup recipes and prepared soup for the school. The SRC also hosted a leaf pile contest for all classes. Students were given a designated area to collect leaves from and then had 20 minutes to build the biggest pile they could. Congratulations to Mrs. VanHorn's and Mrs. Jahan's classes on building the tallest piles!



erase (Expect Respect and Safe Education) Website

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has refreshed the [Expect Respect and a Safe Education \(erase\) website](#). The new website features a streamlined design with improved access to information and resources for students, adults, and school staff.

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Final Enrolment

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the final enrolment count as of September 30, 2024. There was a slight increase from the enrolment reported in the September board meeting; however,

the District had overall decrease of 44.9 FTE from projections submitted in the spring. The District is down 48.7 FTE since September 2023.

Capital Projects Update

Crescent Park Elementary School Expansion

The engineer is creating a rendering of the front and back of the building to share with school and community members. The engineer and Director of Operations met to discuss the retaining wall and drainage around the building. Updates are posted on the district website at [Capital Projects | School District 59 \(sd59.bc.ca\)](https://sd59.bc.ca/Capital-Projects).

Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge Child Care Facilities

Both sites have been surveyed and the project team has reviewed and discussed final details of the design with the architect. Heating options were selected, and plumbing details are being reviewed by the team. Updates are available on the district website at [Capital Projects | School District 59 \(sd59.bc.ca\)](https://sd59.bc.ca/Capital-Projects).

Trustee Items:

Upcoming BCSTA Events:

- BCSTA Provincial Council – October 25/26, 2024 - Vancouver
- BCSTA Academy – November 21-23, 2024 – Vancouver

Committee Reports:

Indigenous Education Councils:

Both councils are preparing for the annual enhancement meeting in November. School principals and coach mentors will join each council meeting to review the school goals from last year and create new goals for the current year.

Upcoming Dates:

Date:	Event:
November 11, 2024	Remembrance Day – schools are closed
November 20 & 21, 2024	Early Dismissal Days – students are dismissed 1 hr. early
November 27, 2024	Public Board Meeting – School Board Office – Dawson Creek
December 2, 2024	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school
December 18, 2024	Public Board Meeting – School Board Office – Dawson Creek
December 23, 2024 to January 3, 2025	Winter Break – school are closed