



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for September 22, 2021

The Board held their annual organizational meeting to elect a board chair and vice-chair and appoint committee reps and liaisons.

The Board congratulates Trustee Chad Anderson in continuing in the position as Board Chair and Trustee Crystal Hillton in continuing in the position as Vice-Chair.



Presentations:

Auditor Presentation: Sander Rose Bone Grindle

The Financial Statements for SD59 were presented by the audit partner, Mr. Jaron Neufeld. The financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, and no major concerns were identified.

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Audited Financial Statements

The district reported an operating surplus of \$1.4 million for the 2020/2021 school year. As of June 30, 2021, an operating reserve balance of \$8.6 million is available, of which \$2.1 is internally restricted.

For additional details on the 2020/2021 Financial Statements please see the Financial Statement Discussion & Analysis report that provides readers with a more comprehensive understanding of the financial activities of the district. The information contained in this report goes beyond what financial statements alone can provide. This report is available on the district website under District Info – Financial Information.

2022/2023 Minor Capital Plan

The Board of Education approved the Minor Capital Plan as presented. The plan is submitted to the Ministry of Education as a request for funds. The Ministry reviews all submissions and will notify the district the following spring if they were successful on any of their submissions.

Preliminary Enrollment

Preliminary enrollment numbers were presented at 3639.93 FTE. Final enrollment will be presented at the October meeting after the September 29th 1701 process. Overall, the district is estimating to be up 45 FTE from projected enrollment.

COVID-19 Restart Funding

The district is receiving additional financial resources to support ongoing health and safety measures, mental health services, and to address learning impacts to students.

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Schools are already in full swing with many activities happening.

Students at Devereaux Elementary are enjoying watching the installation of the new universally accessible playground. Installation is expected to be completed by September 24, 2021.



Crescent Park Elementary and Ecole Frank Ross classes were excited to take field trips to Swan Lake to start the school year off. The classes participated in leadership, teamwork, outdoor and canoeing activities.



At Little Prairie Elementary, Grade 2 students are having fun learning about neural pathways and social emotional learning.

At both campuses of DCSS, in-person assemblies and team sports have resumed. At the Central campus, a mock federal election was held and intra-mural activities have started.

The district will be honoring Truth and Reconciliation the week of September 27th to October 1st. The Centre for Truth and Reconciliation has webinars available in which teachers are able to access with their class. Orange Shirt Day will be honoured on September 29th and flags within the district will be flown at half mast all week.

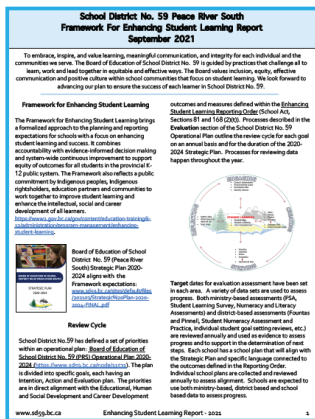
At Chetwynd Secondary School students were welcomed back with breakfast being available at the *welcome table*. Grads are being recognized with their names on grad flowers, painted locker doors decorate the hallways, the leadership class is meeting and already planning for the year, a Truth and Reconciliation assembly is being planned, art students have been creating ceramics and the foods class has been baking cinnamon buns.



Collaboration and professional learning is happening already across the district. The first Coach Mentor and Primary Literacy meetings have already occurred. The district will be hosting sessions with Dr. Jennifer Katz that focus on Universal Designs for Learning.

Covid-19 Communicable Disease Plan & Return to School

SD59 has a new COVID-19 Communicable Disease Plan for the return to School. The district has implemented additional measures in the health and safety protocols due to the higher case counts and the low vaccination rates in our area.



Framework for Enhanced Student Learning

The Framework for Enhanced Student Learning 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.

Tripartite Transportation Agreement

The Joint First Nations Students Transportation Agreements between School District No.59 and both West Moberly First Nations and Saulteau First Nations were reviewed and signed. Funding received for extracurricular activities will be used to support a late bus for Chetwynd Senior Secondary Students to enable students to take part in after school extra-curricular activities and homework clubs.

2021-22 School Calendar Revision

The 2021/2022 School Calendar has been amended to recognize the addition of a statutory non-working day on September 30th to observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The annual minimum hours of instruction were reduced by 5 hours by the Ministry of Education; therefore, there is no impact on the daily instructional hours in schools.

Trustee Items:

Recording Meetings

The Board discussed a motion that was brought forward to record open board meetings for a 2-month trial period. The motion passed, district staff will be researching the best method to record and post the videos.

2021/2022 Committee and Representatives

As part of the Organizational Meeting, the board assigned committee and school representatives for the 2021/2022 school year. These will be posted on the district website for reference.

Policy Committee

Board Policy 3170 Respectful Workplace: Personnel Bullying and Harassment was adopted as presented.

The Board developed a new Public Interest Disclosure Policy which was approved for circulation for review. Feedback will be accepted in writing to Mike Readman at mreadman@sd59.bc.ca until November 8th, 2021. Current policies are posted on the school district website at: <https://www.sd59.bc.ca/district/policies>.

Upcoming Dates:

Date:	Event:
September 30, 2021	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 11, 2021	Thanksgiving Day – Schools are closed
October 20, 2021	Open Board Meeting – 1:00 pm - Chetwynd
October 22, 2021	Non-Instructional/Professional Development Day – Students do not attend school
November 11, 2021	Remembrance Day – Schools are closed
November 17, 2021	Open Board Meeting – 1:00 pm
November 17 & 18, 2021	Early Dismissal Days – Students are dismissed 1 hour early

