



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for February 2018

Presentations:

Christy Fennell, Director of Instruction for Aboriginal Education, presented on a reflection of the year in Aboriginal Education. Of all the students in our district, 32% self-identify as having aboriginal ancestry.

Highlights of the presentation included the following:

- Teachers are infusing aboriginal content into curricular areas across the district
- Schools gathered data around the three goals of the enhancement agreement
 - Increasing Student Belonging
 - Increasing Student Achievement
 - Connecting to Parents
- Schools are working with the Aboriginal Advisory Council to focus on a particular goal for each school

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

- Little Prairie Elementary is providing electives for their students such as robotics, art etc. which has been very successful.
- Elementary Basketball is alive and well in the district. Tremblay students travelled to Tumbler Ridge to play a team from the elementary school. The school was very excited as they don't have many opportunities to play outside teams.
- Pouce Coupe and Canalta elementary schools have been collaborating on an Olympic themed project
- Welcome to Kindergarten and Ready, Set, Learn sessions will be held in the spring.
- School District 59 students represented the district very well at the Regional Skills Canada Competition held last Friday at Northern Lights College.

Funding Formula – Superintendents Survey

The BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA) submitted survey results to the Ministry of Education for input into the new funding formula. The association made 5 key recommendations for change:

1. Ensure Equity and Access for All Learners
2. Increase Flexibility in the Funding Model to Support All Learners
3. Revise the Current Funding Protection Model
4. Ensure that the Funding Model Provides for Increased Costs and Inflation
5. Review Compliance Audit System

2018-19 School Calendar Options

Two proposed calendars for the 2018-19 school year are being circulated for feedback. Option #1 proposes a one-week spring break and Option #2 proposes a two-week spring break. The calendars will be circulated for feedback until March 9th, 2018. The board will review the feedback and adopt a calendar at the board meeting on March 14th, 2018. Feedback may be made in writing via email to Candace Clouthier (cclouthi@sd59.bc.ca).

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Finance reports as of January 2018 were presented to the board. School surpluses continue to be high for some schools, the majority of which have been caused by vacant staff positions. The district is 13% under budget in expenses, this is expected to decrease over the next few months as increased spending is planned.

The third and final reading of the 2017-18 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw was read and adopted.

Enrollment projections were presented to the board. Given the increase in enrollment this year the most conservative approach is to budget a small increase in FTE for the 2018/19 school year. School District #59 has estimated an increase in 50 FTE for the 2018/19 school year and a further 25 FTE for the following two years.

Cost projections for a potential Chetwynd Secondary School renovation were presented to the board. A meeting has been scheduled for the board to discuss the plans with the engineer.

Future Business:

Date:	Event:
March 14, 2018	Open Board Meeting - 1 pm @ School Board Office
March 15, 2018	District Wide Career Fair @ DCSS-South Peace Campus
March 19-April 2, 2018	Spring Break – schools are closed
April 18, 2018	Open Board Meeting - 1 pm @ School Board Office