## PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

The Board of Education of SD59 (PRS) will be holding their Public Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 starting at 1:00 pm in Dawson Creek as the School District Board Office (11600-7<sup>th</sup> Street, Dawson Creek, BC).

Anyone wishing to attend the public board meeting may do so in person or via Zoom. Individuals must pre-register by noon (12 pm) on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 to receive the Zoom link.

Please contact Richell Schwartz to register for the meeting:

Phone: 250-782-8571, ext. 217

Email: rschwartz@sd59.bc.ca



## **Open Board Meeting Agenda**

Date: January 18, 2023 1:00 PM

Place: School District Board Office - Dawson Creek, BC

"We acknowledge that we share this territory with the people of Treaty 8"

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### 1. ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

- R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes December 14, 2022
- R1.2 Excerpts Closed Meeting December 14, 2022
- R1.3 Excerpts Special Closed Meeting December 16, 2022

#### 2. BUSINESS ARISING

#### 3. ESSENTIAL ITEMS

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS

R4.1 Dawson Creek & Area Child Care Action Plan Presentation – P Chisholm

## 5. REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- R5.1 School/Student News
- R5.2 2023-24 School Calendar-DRAFT
- R5.3 Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)

## 6. REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

- R6.1 Finance Reports
- R6.2 2022-23 Amended Operating Grant
- R6.3 New Spaces Grant
- R6.4 Portable Update

## 7. TRUSTEE ITEM

R7.1 – BCSTA Update – R. Gulick

#### 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

R8.1 - Indigenous Councils

R8.2 – Policy Committee

Policy 4115 – Function of School Libraries (For Review)

Policy 3110 - Responsibilities of School Personnel (For Repeal)

## 9. DIARY

#### 10. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions or comments must relate to items in this meeting's agenda.

#### 11. FUTURE BUSINESS / EVENTS

R11.1 - Open Board Meeting - February 15, 2023 - Dawson Creek



## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.59 11600 – 7<sup>TH</sup> Street, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4R8

## **Open Session Minutes**

<u>DATE & TIME:</u> December 14, 2022 – 1:00 PM

<u>PLACE:</u> School District Board Office, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: <u>Trustees</u>:

C. Anderson (Chair)

C. Hillton (Vice-Chair)

R. Gulick S. Mounsey A. Schurmann C. Wards

T. Jones via zoom

C. Fennell, Superintendent

M. Readman, Assistant Superintendent - absent

M. Panoulias, Secretary-Treasurer R. Schwartz, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm.

"We acknowledge that we share this territory with the people of Treaty 8."

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions:

Deletions:

(2022-12-005)
MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Wards
THAT, the regular meeting agenda be approved as printed.
CARRIED

## 1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2022

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2022-12-006)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting November 16, 2022 approved as printed.

## R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting - November 16, 2022

(2022-12-007)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting November 16, 2022 approved as printed.

## 2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

## 3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

## 4.0 PRESENTATIONS

## 4.1 Local Teacher Shortage – PRSTA

The Peace River South Teacher Association (PRSTA) president, Elaine Fitzpatrick, made a presentation to the board. The PRSTA is concerned about local teacher shortage and the affect it has on the system and staff. The PRSTA would like all stakeholders to be invested in teacher education and improve the motivation for individuals to become teachers in order to see a positive change in the teacher shortage both provincially and locally.

## 5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

## R5.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported school/student news:

- Schools recognized Louis Riel Day on November 16<sup>th</sup> and celebrated with Metis culture activities.
- DCSS volleyball teams had a successful season; the grade 10 team placed 9<sup>th</sup> at provincials
- Students at DCSS had the opportunity to visit NLC and explore the different trades and academic programs.
- Devereaux Elementary students are learning about growth mindset.
- EFR students held a food drive they collected 1400 pounds of donations for local food banks!! A Kindergarten class celebrated the holidays with a singing show and other holiday activities including a gingerbread cooking centre. Students are enjoying the snowshoes that were donated by the school PAC group and a French Immersion class from Central Campus joined the French Immersion students at Ecole Frank Ross in an afternoon of games and activities to practice their oral language.
- Canalta Elementary students are busy learning about moose and other wild animals of
  the area; researching gifts and how pricing is established, creating holiday cards and
  sending them to their grandbuddies at a long-term care facility in New Brunswick. The
  maker space in the library is getting lots of use; the students learned how to use a
  green screen to place themselves in a snow globe! The school will be holding their
  Christmas concert at Unchagah Hall while their gym is still being used as a classroom.

- Don Titus celebrated the holidays by serving over 300 holiday meals to students and families and then enjoyed holiday activities.
- A Kindergarten class from Crescent Park Elementary visited the Nawican Friendship
  Centre and had a presentation from other students all dressed in their native regalia.
  The Kindergarten class also had a career experience where they could dress up in
  their career choice and learn all about it.
- The wood working class at DCSS is creating some amazing projects, one student has designed and made a wood guitar.
- Chetwynd Secondary School held their annual snowball school dance and Ugly Sweater Day. Over 60 students are participating in the extra curricular basketball program; in their home tournament both senior teams went undefeated and took home first place.
- Treaty 8 Tribal Association has donated \$4550.72 from left over funds that were raised to hold an Indigenous youth hockey camp. The funds will be used towards school breakfast programs.
- Student Voice with Grade 10/11/12 students from each high school will be meeting in January
- Parkland Elementary School has been named as one of the top 10 finalists in the CBC Canadian Music Class Challenge for 2022 in the MusiCounts Passion Prize (most spirited, fun and passionate performance).

## R5.2 International Field Trip Update

The Assistant Superintendent has given Chetwynd Secondary School approval to proceed with planning a student trip to Costa Rica in March of 2023. The trip is being organized in conjunction with World Strides Canada.

## R5.3 2021-22 Graduation Rates

The Superintendent reported on the 2021-22 completion rates. The overall 6-year completion rate for SD59 was 82% which is down 3% from the previous year, while the rate for Indigenous students fell 5% from 73% to 67%. The district looks at achievement data regularly to review student success. Provincial and district data can be accessed through the Ministry of Education and Child Care Student Success Portal (https://studentsuccess.gov.bc.ca/).

## 6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

## R6.1 Statement of Financial Information

The Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) report was presented. This annual report is required by all public institutions. The report publishes the names and salaries of employees over \$75,000 (wages & benefits), vendors over \$25,000, and trustee income and expenses. The report is posted on the district website.

## 7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

## R7.1 BCSTA Update - R. Gulick

Trustee Gulick reminded trustees to complete survey regarding the BCSTA Trustee Academy. Northern Interior Branch meeting will be held in Prince George on January 20 & 21, 2023.

## R7.2 Conflict & Committees – T. Jones

Trustee Jones declared conflict of interest with family member belonging to BCTF.

Trustee Jones was appointed as trustee liaison for Parkland Elementary and Pouce Coupe Elementary schools.

Trustee Jones was appointed as an alternate trustee representative to the Dawson Creek Indigenous Council and BCSTA provincial committee.

## **8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **R8.1 Indigenous Councils**

The Indigenous Councils have been reviewing data which is used to develop goals for the enhancement agreement.

## 9.0 DIARY

## 10.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

## 11.0 QUESTION PERIOD

A question and answer period was provided.

## 12.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

R12.2 - Regular Board Meeting - January 18, 2023

## **ADJOURNMENT**

(2022-12-008)
MOVED – Wards
THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (2:38 PM)
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:	
(C. Anderson) Board Chair	-
(M. Panoulias) Secretary Treasurer	



**MEETING:** Closed Board Meeting

DATE: December 14, 2022 10:30 AM
PLACE: School Board Office – Dawson Creek

The meeting was called to order and the following was reported.

## **Items for Adoption**

- Approval of Agenda
- Closed Meeting Minutes November 16, 2022

## **Business Arising**

## Trustee Items

Items discussed and reported included:

• BCPSEA Update

## Superintendent's Reports

Items discussed and reported included:

• Personnel Matters

## Secretary Treasurer's Reports

Items discussed and reported included:

- Excluded Compensation
- New Spaces Grant

## Adjournment Motion

C. Anderson, B	oard Chair	



MEETING: Special Closed Board Meeting
DATE: December 16, 2022 9:30 AM
PLACE: School Board Office - Dawson Creek

The meeting was called to order and the following was reported.

## **Items for Adoption**

- Approval of Agenda
- Teamsters Ratification

## **Adjournment Motion**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:
C. Anderson, Board Chair
M. Panoulias, Secretary Treasurer



To: Board of Education of SD59

From: Jan Proulx, Director of Instruction

Agenda Item: 2023-24 School Calendar

The proposed calendar was developed in accordance with the requirements of the School Act and in consultation with Peace River South Teachers' Association. The calendar reflects the current collective agreement language around start, end, and break times with special approval for the two-week spring break. This language includes that Winter Break starts on the Monday preceding Boxing Day and that Spring Break starts on the third Monday in March.

The 2023-24 school calendar currently reflects September 30th as the Federal Government designated day for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation for federal employees and federally regulated workplaces. The Province continues to work with Indigenous leaders, organizations, and communities to best decide how to remember and honour the children who were taken from their families. This day has currently been marked as statutory day in the 2023-2024 school calendar but may change if further guidance is provided.

The school calendar regulation requires that a board must make publicly available a school calendar that it proposes to submit to the minster. The consultation period allows for the public to provide input on the school calendar before it is adopted by the Board of Education and submitted to the Ministry of Education by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Written feedback must be sent to Jan Proulx at <u>japroulx@sd59.bc.ca</u> before March 3, 2023, to be considered.

Jan Proulx Director of Instruction

## SD59 CALENDAR FOR 2023/2024 DRAFT

	July-23								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
						Canada Day			
2	3 STAT	4 Break	5 Break	6 Break	7 Break	8			
9	10 Break	11 Break	12 Break	13 Break	14 Break	15			
16	17 Break	18 Break	19 Break	20 Break	21 Break	22			
23	24 Break	25 Break	26 Break	27 Break	28 Break	29			
30	31 Break								

	August-23							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	·	1 Break	2 Break	3 Break	4 Break	5		
6	BC Day 7	8 Break	9 <b>Break</b>	10 Break	11 Break	12		
13	14 Break	15 Break	16 Break	17 Break	18 Break	19		
20	21 Break	22 Break	23 Break	24 Break	25 Break	26		
27	28 Break	29 Break	30 Break	31 Break				

	September-23									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
					1 Break	2				
3	Labour Day STAT	5 NID Curriculu Implemen- tation District	Students Start 2h late End 1h early	7 First Full Day	8	9				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation				
					18 Days In Session					

ſ	October-23								
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L	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
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l	1	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation STAT	3	4	5	6	7		
	8	Thanksgiving STAT	10	11	12	13	14		
I	15	16	17	18	19	NID Pro-D Provincial/ District	21		
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
	29	30	31			19 Days In Session			

	November-23								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Friday	Saturday			
			1	2	3	4			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day			
12	13 Remembrance Day	14	Early Dismissal	Early Dismissal	17	18			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25			
26	27	28	29	30					
					21 Days In Session				

December-23							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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3	A NID Pro - D School End of Term 1	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25 Christmas Day	Boxing Day	27 Winter Brea	28 ak	29	30	
	STAT	STAT	Break	Break	Break		
31					15 Days In Session		

LEGEN	LEGEND							
13 Stat	Statutory or General Holidays							
59 Break	Break Days (Winter,Spring or Summer)							
8 NID	Non-Instructional Days (Prof Dev or Admin)							

O VIS	Not-In-Session Day (No School Activities)						
180	Instructional Days						

## SD59 CALENDAR FOR 2023-2024-DRAFT

	January-24								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
	New Year's Day	2	Winter Brea		5	6			
	STAT	Break	Break	Break	Break				
7	Schools Reopen	9	10	11	12	13			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27			
28	29	30	31		18 Days In Session				

	February-24					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Friday	Saturday
				End of Semester 1	NID Pro-D School	3
4	5 Beginning of Semester 2	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	Family Day STAT	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		
			Early Dismissal	Early Dismissal		
					19 Days In Session	

	March-24					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	NID Pro-D District	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	End of Term 2	16
17	18 Break	19 Break	20 Spring Brea Break	21 k Break	22 Break	23
24	25 Break	26 Break	27 Spring Brea Break	28 k Break	Good Friday STAT	30
Easter Sunday					10 Days In Session	

ſ	April-24						
I	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Friday	Saturday
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l		Easter Monday STAT	Schools Reopen	3	4	5	6
I	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
I	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	NID NID Indigenous Education Day	30			20 Days In Session	

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	May-24					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	Victoria Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	NID Pro-D School	
	-				21 Days In Session	

	June-24					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18		20	21	22
23	24	25	26	Last Day of Classes	NID Year End Admin Day	29
30	-			19 Days In Session		

LEGEN	LEGEND			
13 Stat	Statutory or General Holidays			
59 Break	Break Days (Winter,Spring or Summer)			
8 NID	Non-Instructional Days (Prof Dev or Admin)			

O NIS	Not-In-Session Day (No School Activities)
180	Instructional Days

#### School District 59 Calendar 2023/2024 Draft

Tuesday, September 5 Non-Instructional Day: Curriculum Implementation Day

Wednesday, September 6 First Day for Students (arrival 2 hours late, dismissal 1 hour early)

Monday, October 2 National Day for Truth And Reconciliation (Saturday Sept. 30 ) STAT

Monday, October 9 Thanksgiving Day STAT

Friday, October 20 Non-Instructional Day: Professional Development (Provincial/District)

Monday, November 13 Remembrance Day (Saturday Nov. 11) STAT

Wed & Thurs, Nov 15 & 16 Early Dismissal (1h) for Parent Interviews

Monday, December 4 Non-Instructional Day: Professional Development (School)

Dec. 25 to Jan. 5 Winter Break (Collective Agreement language - Winter Break

starts on the Monday preceding Boxing Day)

Monday, January 8 Schools Reopen

Friday, February 2 Non-Instructional Day: Professional Development (School)

Monday, February 19 Family Day STAT

Wed & Thurs, Feb 28 & 29 Early Dismissal (1h) for Parent Interviews

Monday, March 4 Non-Instructional Day: Professional Development (District)

March 18 to April 1 Spring Break (Collective Agreement language - Spring Break

starts on the third Monday in March)

Friday, March 29 Good Friday STAT

Monday, April 1 Easter Monday STAT

Monday, April 2 Schools Reopen

Monday, April 29 Non-Instructional Day: Indigenous Education Day

Monday, May 20 Victoria Day STAT

Friday, May 31 Non-Instructional Day: Professional Development (School)

Thursday, June 27 Last Day of Attendance for Students

Friday, June 28 Non-Instructional Day: Year End Administrative Day

#### Notes

Elementary - required hours of instruction 878 minimum required 4 hours 53 minutes per day Secondary - required hours of instruction 952 minimum required 5 hours 18 minutes per day

#### **Elementary Terms**

Term 1 Sept. 6 to Dec. 1 (59 instructional days)
Term 2 Dec. 5 to Mar 15 (61 instructional days)
Term 3 April 2 to June 27 (60 instructional days)

Secondary Semesters

Semester 1 Sept. 6 to Feb.1 (92 instructional days)
Semester 2 Feb. 5 to June 27 (88 instructional days)



# THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI)







Experiences in the middle years — especially between the ages of 10 to 13 — have critical and long-lasting effects. During this time, children experience significant cognitive, social, and emotional changes that establish their lifelong identity and set the stage for successful development in adolescence and adulthood.

The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that is completed online and asks students in Grades 4 through 8 about their experiences in school, in the home, and in the community. It is a valid and reliable measure with strong scientific evidence. It focuses on highlighting the protective factors and assets that are known to support and optimize development in middle childhood.

To date, the MDI has been implemented with over 140,000 students in BC.

## Five dimensions of the MDI



## Physical Health & Well-Being

Children evaluate their own physical well-being in the areas of overall health including help-seeking for emotional well-being, transportation to and from school, nutrition, and sleeping habits.



## **Connectedness**

Children are asked about their experiences of support and connection with the adults in their schools and neighbourhoods, with their parents or caregivers at home, and with their peers.



## Social & Emotional Development

Children respond to questions about their current social and emotional competencies in several areas such as optimism, self-esteem, happiness, empathy, prosocial behaviour, sadness, worries, self-awareness, and self-regulation.



## **School Experiences**

Children are asked about their school experiences in 4 areas: academic self-concept, school climate, school belonging, and experiences with peer victimization (bullying).



## Use of Out-of-School Time

Children are asked about the time they spend watching TV, doing homework, volunteering, reading, hanging out with friends, and playing video games.



## The MDI at a glance

- The MDI uses a strengths-based approach to assess five dimensions of child development that are scientifically linked to social and emotional well-being, health, academic achievement, and overall success through school and life.
- Students complete the survey during class time in January or February through a secure, online portal hosted by the University of British Columbia.
- The MDI project is voluntary. School administrators, teachers, parents or caregivers, and the children themselves are able to choose whether or not they wish to participate.
- The questionnaire is administered by an educator and takes one to two class periods to complete.
- Teachers and other school staff are fully supported by the MDI team including training, presentations and a variety of online and printed resources.
- Within two months of the MDI being complete, administrators can access Online School Reports, a comprehensive overview of MDI results for all questions and measures. MDI reports include data and infographics that are easy to interpret and share.



## Five things to know about the MDI

Children's overall health and well-being affects their ability to flourish and thrive, concentrate and learn, develop and maintain positive relationships with adults and peers, and navigate thoughtful decision-making. The MDI takes a "whole child" approach to understanding their health and well-being.

Children's social and emotional skills not only predict academic success, but also physical health and mental well-being in adolescence and adulthood. The MDI collects data on the factors that are associated with resilience. including supportive relationships with adults at home, in school, and in the community, as well as their nutrition and sleep, and their constructive use of time during the after-school hours.

The MDI aligns with multiple initiatives within BC's curriculum as well as existing research frameworks on social and emotional learning and mental health in schools. Questions on the MDI shine a light on facets of children's Personal and Social Competencies, Physical Education and Health, and other factors that support health and well-being.

Contact us:

604, 822, 1310 mdi@help.ubc.ca earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi



The MDI upholds Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which states that children have a right to give their opinion and be heard by the adults around them. The MDI provides children with opportunities for self-reflection and to safely share their experiences, thoughts, and feelings.

MDI data are a powerful tool for encouraging exploration of ways to promote children's personal and social competencies in the classroom, in schools, and with parents and caregivers, educators, and leaders in the community. It provides the information needed to take action to support the well-being of children at school and beyond.

The MDI is not used for individual diagnosis or assessment of children, or comparison of individual teachers, classrooms or schools.

## Instead...

Our goal is to support schools, families, and the children themselves in charting their own course toward improving the lives of children during these critical years of growth and transition.

## **Discover MDI**

Our online resource - Discover MDI: A Field Guide to Promoting Well-Being in Middle Childhood - provides a wide-range of practical strategies and tools that support schools and communities to build an understanding of the MDI along with information on how to promote the well-being of children in middle childhood. The Field Guide provides a supported, step-by-step journey that will help you gain familiarity with the MDI measures, make sense of your MDI data, and guide approaches to building dialogue and action within schools, and communities.







January 12, 2023

School District #59 Trustees

## **RE:** December 2022 Financial Reports

Following are explanations of major variances for the December 31, 2022 Financial Reports. These reports are based on initial amended budget figures. I am working on finalizing the budget with the December funding announcement, the finance reports will be adjusted for next month to match the Amended 2022/23 Budget.

Given the timelines with the new collective agreements currently being ratified, the new funding for the collective agreements were not included in the December funding announcement. I am hopeful the funding for the teacher collective agreement increases will come within the next three weeks to be considered within the Amended 2022/23 budget. I have included all wage increases, and therefore if the funding is not confirmed I will use my estimate, by including this estimated funding it will prevent higher variances at year-end.

## **REVENUES:**

At this point we are almost directly on budget, which you would expect at this time of the year as the amended budget is still being finalized and we are able to adjust to reflect what has acutally been received.

## **DISTRICT EXPENSES:**

- 1. **District Special Ed/Helping Teachers** \$30,000 of the \$60,000 is related to the delayed hire of the elementary counsellor in Chetwynd. Given the part-time (0.7 FTE) position remained vacant since September, the district was able to fill the position in January and increase the FTE to 1.0 to June 2023.
- 2. **District Programs Other** The majority of the \$297,000 favourable variance is from Technology (\$57,000) and Indigenous Education (\$216,000).



- 3. **Administration & Other** Currently Education Administration is \$38,000 over budget in compensation expenses, I suspect an employees GL allocation is not matching the budget allocations. I will be exploring the cause of this variance further.
- 4. **Operations & Maintenance** This favourable variance is mainly contributed due to savings across a variety of departments in wages and benefits. I will be working with Wade Simlik, Director of Operations, to adjust the Amended Budget in departments that are showing significant savings (carpentry, mechanical, and Chetwynd).
- 5. **Transportation** breakdown is as follows
  - a. \$50,000 favourable variance in Wage & Benefits, this aligns with the decrease in availability in spare drivers in the transportation department and the runs that have had to be canceled.
  - b. \$83,000 favourable fuel variance
- 6. **Utilities** is showing a favourable variance, \$34,000 is related to electricity.
- 7. The **District School** is below budget. This budget is made up of the net difference between average and actual wage costs, as well as budgeted and actual absence rates.
- 8. The majority of the **Special Purpose** variance is from the Annual Facilities Grant (\$287,000), Community Links (\$81,000), Classroom Enhancement Fund (\$64,000), Family Affordability Fund (\$162,000).

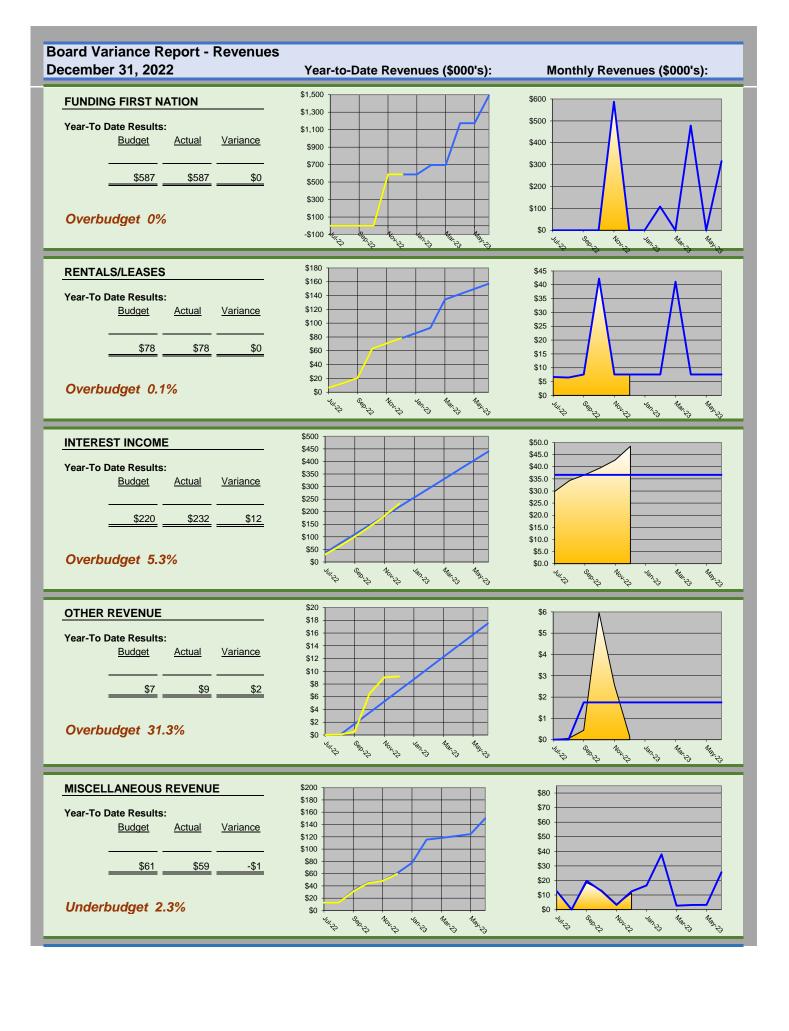
## **SCHOOL EXPENSES:**

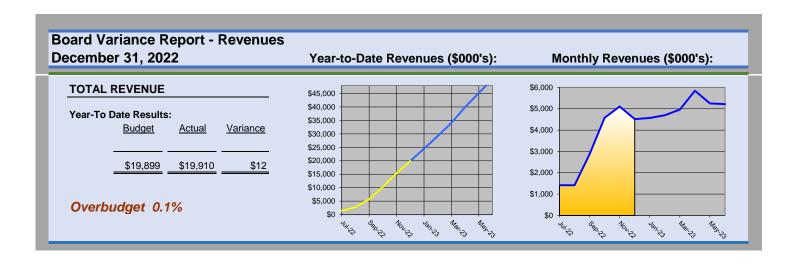
At this point of the year when schools make larger purchases it can greatly impact their financial reports. With these initial financial reports, administrators are to compare staffing charges line by line directly to their budgets, this allows us to check errors earlier in the year and make corrections to ensure accurate reporting. This will be done by administrators this month and therefore I expect changes to occur.

I did take a preliminary look at Windrem Elementary given their deficit, and the allocation of a staff position was incorrect. This correction will be made this month and I expect the school will no longer be in a deficit position.

Melissa Panoulias

#### **Board Variance Report - Revenues** December 31, 2022 Year-to-Date Revenues (\$000's): Monthly Revenues (\$000's): \$45,000 **BASE OPERATING GRANT** \$40,000 \$4,500 \$35,000 \$4,000 Year-To Date Results: \$3,500 \$30,000 <u>Actual</u> <u>Variance</u> <u>Budget</u> \$3,000 \$25,000 \$2,500 \$20,000 \$2,000 \$18,262 \$18,262 \$15,000 \$1,500 \$10,000 \$1,000 \$5,000 \$500 On Budget \$0 **OTHER MoEd GRANTS** \$3,500 \$800 \$3,000 \$700 Year-To Date Results: \$600 \$2,500 Budget <u>Actual</u> **Variance** \$500 \$2,000 \$400 \$1.500 \$437 \$437 \$0 \$300 \$1,000 \$500 \$100 On Budget \$0 **GRANTS-OTHER PROV.MINISTRIES** \$300 \$45 \$40 \$250 Year-To Date Results: \$35 \$30 Budget <u>Actual</u> **Variance** \$25 \$150 \$20 \$0 \$109 \$109 \$15 \$100 \$10 \$50 \$5 Overbudget 0.0% \$0 \$30 \$14 **NON-RESIDENT TUITION** \$12 \$25 Year-To Date Results: \$10 Budget <u>Actual</u> **Variance** \$20 \$8 \$15 \$6 \$17 \$16 -\$1 \$10 \$4 \$5 \$2 **Underbudget 7.0%** \$0 \$350 SECONDED/SUBSTITUTE TEACHER \$45 \$300 \$40 Year-To Date Results: \$35 \$250 **Budget** <u>Actual</u> \$30 \$200 \$25 \$150 \$20 \$121 \$121 \$0 \$100 \$15 \$10 \$50 \$5 On Budget \$0

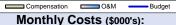




#### **Board Variance Rpt. - Expenditures ■** 0&M YTD Budget YTD Actual **December 31, 2022** Year-to-Date Costs (\$000's): Monthly Costs (\$000's): \$160 **DISTRICT SPEC. ED./HELP.TCHRS** \$1,400 \$140 Year-To Date Results: \$1,200 \$120 **Budget** <u>Actual</u> **Variance** \$1,000 \$100 Comp 529 475 54 \$800 \$80 O&M 61 55 6 \$600 \$60 \$40 \$400 530 60 Total 590 \$20 \$200 **Underbudget 10%** \$4,000 \$450 **DISTRICT PROGRAMS-OTHER** \$3,500 \$400 Year-To Date Results: \$350 \$3,000 Variance <u>Budget</u> <u>Actual</u> \$300 \$2,500 \$250 Comp 1,374 1,234 140 \$2,000 \$200 \$1,500 O&M 579 422 157 \$150 \$1,000 \$100 1,655 297 Total 1,953 \$500 \$50 \$0 **Underbudget 15%** \$250 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** \$35 \$200 Year-To Date Results: \$30 **Budget** <u>Actual</u> Variance \$25 \$150 Comp 64 0 \$20 \$100 \$15 O&M 59 66 -7 \$10 \$50 -7 Total 122 129 \$5 \$0 \$0 Overbudget 6% \$2,500 **ADMINISTRATION & OTHER** \$250 \$2,000 Year-To Date Results: **Budget** <u>Actual</u> **Variance** \$200 \$1,500 Comp 792 813 -22 \$150 \$1,000 O&M 458 451 6 \$100 \$500 \$50 Total 1,249 1,265 -16 \$0 Overbudget 1% \$700 \$6,000 **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE** \$600 \$5,000 Year-To Date Results: \$500 **Budget** <u>Actual</u> **Variance** \$4,000 \$400 2,102 1,934 Comp 168 \$3,000 \$300 O&M 711 621 -90 \$2,000 \$200 \$1,000 Total 2,723 2,645 78 \$100 **Underbudget 3%**

# Board Variance Rpt. - Expenditures December 31, 2022

YEAR-to-Date Costs (\$000's):

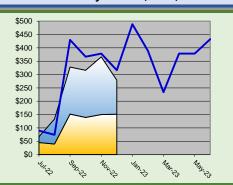


## **TRANSPORTATION**

Year-To	Date	Results:
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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Comp	727	677	50
O&M	928	812	117
Total	1.655	1.488	167





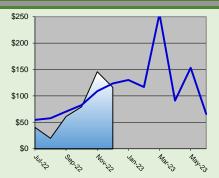
## **Underbudget 10%**

## UTILITIES

## Year-To Date Results:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Comp	0	0	0
O&M	498	462	35
Total	498	462	35





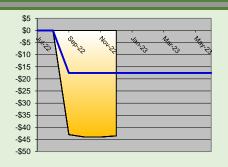
## **Underbudget 7%**

## DISTRICT SCHOOL

#### Year-To Date Results:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Comp	-70	-175	104
O&M	0	0	0
Total	-70	-175	104





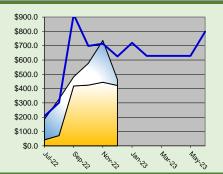
## **Underbudget 149%**

## SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS

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real-10 D	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>		
Comp	2,259	1,823	436		
O&M	1,206	949	257		
Total	3,465	2,772	693		





## **Underbudget 20%**

## **DISTRICT TOTALS - EXPENDITURES**

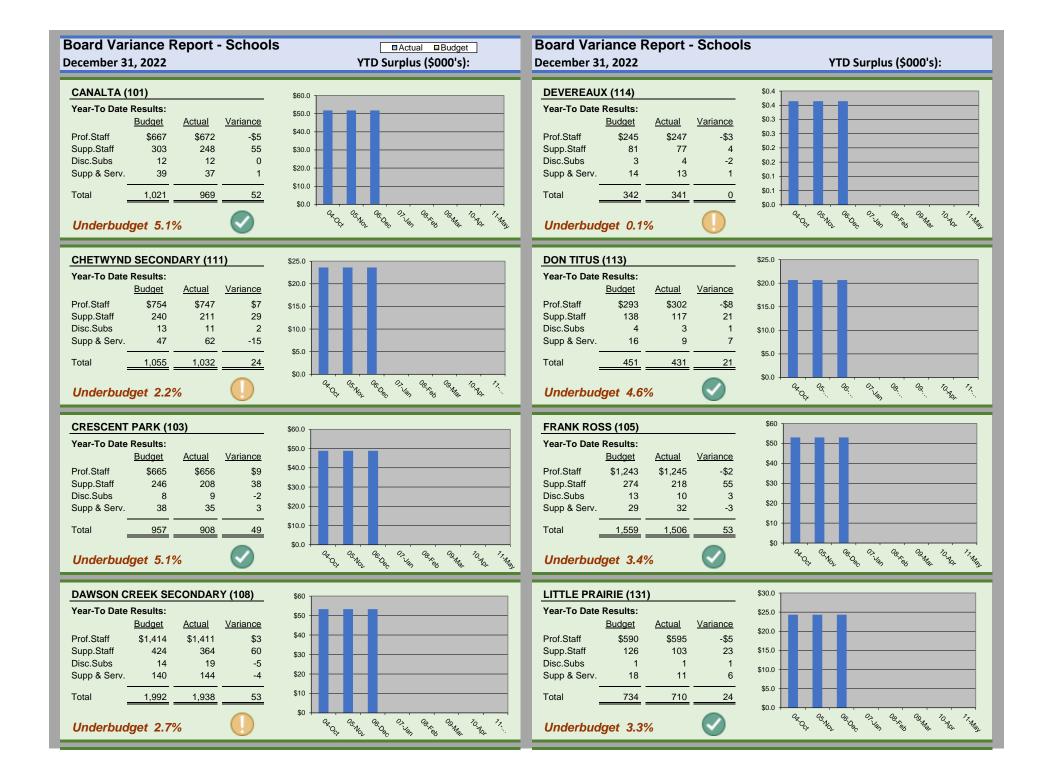
#### Year-To Date Results:

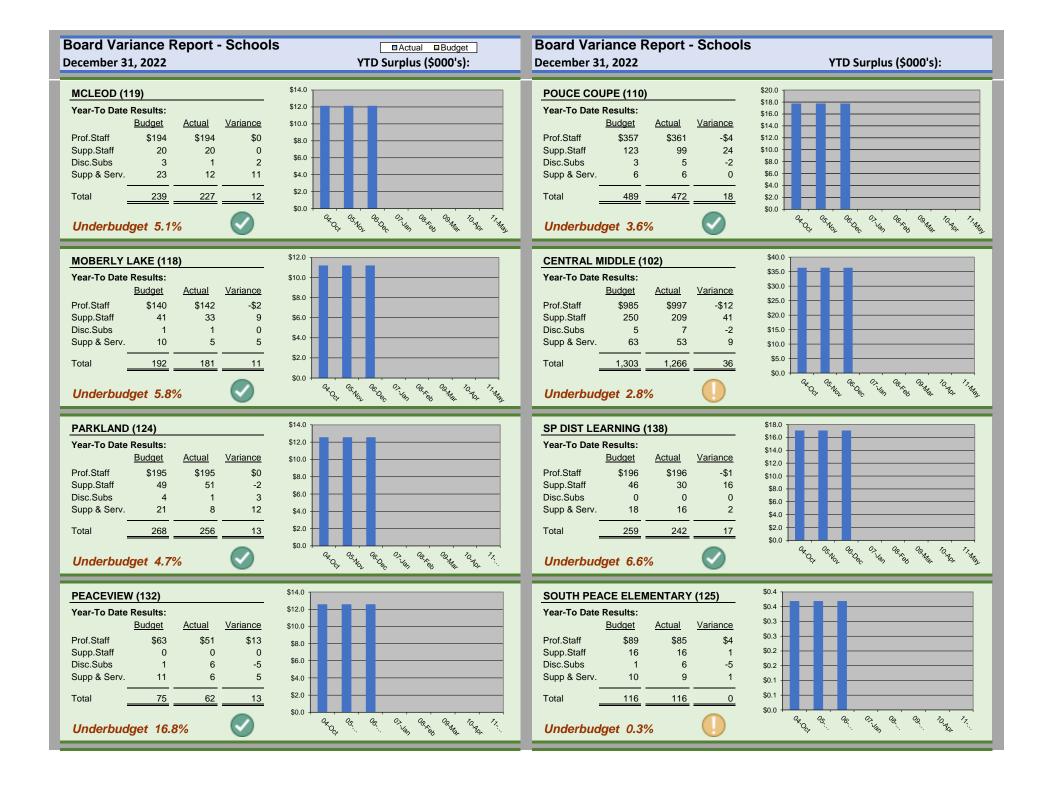
100 10 2	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>		
Comp	7,776	6,845	931		
O&M	4,409	3,928	481		
Total	12,185	10,773	1,412		

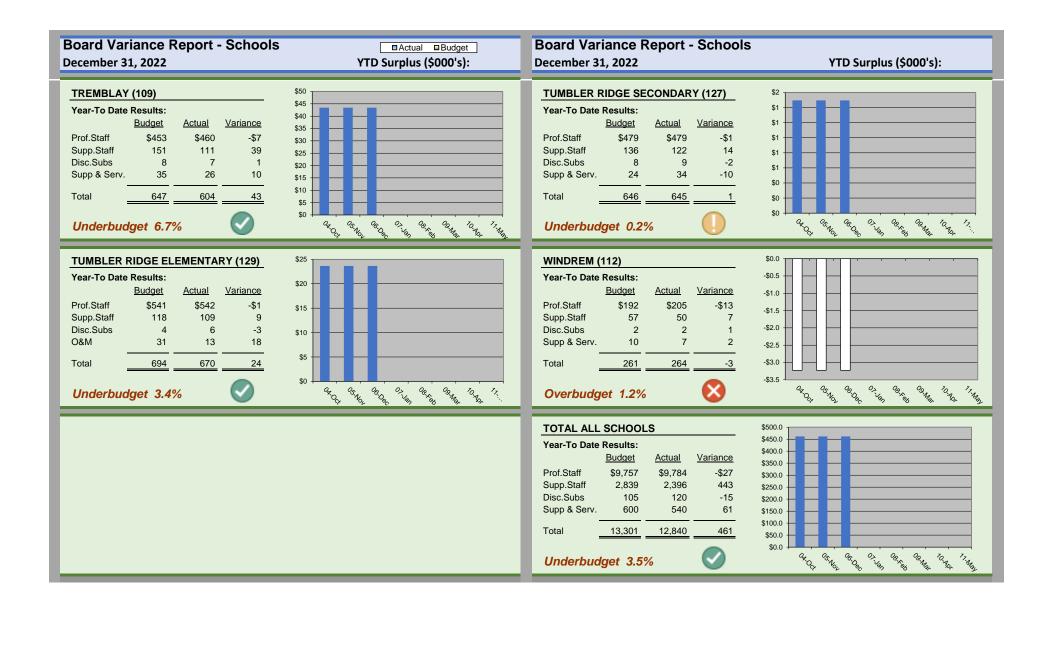




## **Underbudget 12%**







# SCHOOL DISTRICT 59 - PEACE RIVER SOUTH COMPARISON OF BASE OPERATING GRANT FUNDING

					2022/23	2022/23		
	2018/19	<u>2019/20</u>	2020/21	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>	%
Student Base Allocation	\$26,839,149	\$27,434,400	\$27,287,533	\$28,923,186	\$28,694,050	\$29,059,412	\$365,362	1.3%
Supplements:								
Enrolment Decline	0	0	104,071	0	0	0	\$0	
ESL	157,620	149,500	129,200	142,650	142,650	155,330	\$12,680	8.9%
Aboriginal Education	1,435,410	1,666,050	1,716,000	1,856,090	1,799,750	1,863,915	\$64,165	3.5%
Special Education	2,932,400	3,593,800	4,180,200	4,810,360	4,938,040	4,966,900	\$28,860	0.6%
Adult Education	5,870	1,193	0	0	0	0	\$0	
<b>Equity of Opportunity Supplement</b>		0	195,520	222,552	204,955	204,751	(\$204)	-0.1%
Salary Differential	694,819	636,264	456,804	789,699	782,863	372,626	(\$410,237)	-51.9%
Unique Geographic Factors	5,240,725	5,615,047	6,302,954	6,464,887	6,617,259	6,617,259	\$0	0.0%
Transportation	2,545,209	2,687,047	2,698,450	2,806,185	2,838,613	2,838,613	\$0	0.0%
Funding Protection	83,723	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	
Curriculum and Learning Support	69,755	71,535	32,596	32,023	32,619	32,619	\$0	0.0%
Total Funding	\$40,004,680	\$41,854,836	\$43,103,328	\$46,047,632	\$46,050,799	\$46,111,425	\$60,626	0.1%
Student Enrolment	3,645.8	3,685.8	3,622.1	3,688.4	3,655.0	3,701.4	46.4	1.3%
Per Student Funding	\$10,973	\$11,356	\$11,900	\$12,485	\$12,599	\$12,458	(\$142)	-1.1%
SUMMARY:								
Enrolment Based Funding	31,370,449	32,844,943	33,508,453	35,954,838	35,779,445	36,250,308	470,863	1.3%
Geographic & Other	6,005,299	6,322,846	6,792,354	7,286,609	7,432,741	7,022,504	-410,237	-5.6%
Transportation Enrolment Decline	2,545,209 0	2,687,047 0	2,698,450 104,071	2,806,185 0	2,838,613 0	2,838,613 0	0	0.0%
Lillolinent Decline		<u> </u>	104,071	0	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
Sub-total	39,920,957	41,854,836	43,103,328	46,047,632	46,050,799	46,111,425	60,626	0.1%
Funding Protection	83,723	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL FUNDING	\$40,004,680	\$41,854,836	\$43,103,328	\$46,047,632	\$46,050,799	\$46,111,425	\$60,626	0.1%



January 7, 2023

School District #59 Trustees

## **RE: ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund**

The district is in the final stages of completing an application for the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund.

We are aiming for a modular constructed building given the shortened time frame on completion as compared to stick-build construction. Projects with a cost of less than or equal to \$40,000 per space are being prioritized, however given the high construction multiplier in our area of 2.445 the district will be unable to achieve a budget of less than \$40,000 per space.

For this application the district is considering child care spaces for Tumbler Ridge Elementary and/or Tremblay Elementary. Our preliminary application is for twelve Under 36 Months spaces and twenty-five 30 Months to School Age spaces.

One of the mandatory documents required for the application is evidence of a financial commitment to the project if the total project cost includes ineligible project costs. Given my review of the ineligible project costs list I am not anticipating this to be a large financial burden for the district as they are estimated to be under \$20,000 per site. I am requesting a board motion to commit to covering any ineligible project costs with regards to the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund application.

Melissa Panoulias Secretary Treasurer

## **6.2 Ineligible Project Costs**

Ineligible project costs include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Any costs or expenses (excluding consulting services) incurred prior to entering a Funding Agreement<sup>16</sup>
- Non-capital items, such as toys, consumables (e.g., food, art supplies, etc.), books, games, and small appliances
- Mortgage, rent or lease payments
- Insurance
- New or updated software/technology
- Video surveillance equipment
- Housewares (e.g., pots/pans, dishes, flatware, brooms, garbage cans, diaper disposal units, etc.)
- Indoor play structures (e.g., climbers, tunnels, mats, cushions, etc.)
- Legal costs
- Grant writing
- Community engagement/consultation activities
- Operating planning, curriculum development and instructional planning
- Training activities (e.g., Food Safe, First Aid, etc.)
- Project-related costs or fees payable to the eligible applicant (or the applicant's directors
  or officers) and/or fees payable to a third party not at arm's length from the project or
  applicant (or the applicant's directors or officers) for products or services
  (see Appendix C for definitions)
- Ongoing costs for existing staff salaries and benefits
- Costs related to attending conferences and trade shows
- Costs associated with directly meeting and/or lobbying of any level of government
- Coordinating/hosting conferences or events
- Vehicles (other than vehicles used solely for transporting children in connection with providing child care for the Child Care Facility)
- Remuneration and travel of elected officials
- Meals and project travel expenses
- Academic research
- Financing costs and interest charges
- Costs related to the purchasing of real estate, buildings, and/or commercial space (with the exception of modular buildings)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Consulting services incurred up to 12 months prior to signing the Funding Agreement may be eligible. These services must not exceed 15% of the overall project costs.



January 7, 2023

School District #59 Trustees

## **RE: Portable Update**

In June 2022 the board approved the capital purchase of two portables, one each for Canalta Elementary and Crescent Park Elementary. The pilings were installed the first week of November and the portables were placed onsite on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

The district encountered delays in obtaining permits from the City of Dawson Creek given a change in in classification of the buildings. The change in classification required architect approval of the buildings which delayed the timelines as well as increased the cost. The change in classification was not communicated to the district when the installation of refurbished portables was discussed with the City of Dawson Creek in June 2022.

The district received the occupancy permit for the Canalta portable on January 5, 2023, and the class was moved into the portable on January 6, 2023. The district is aiming to have students occupy the Crescent Park portable by the end of January 2023.



The original approval from the board was granted at a total cost of \$600,000 for both portables. The district was able to secure refurbished portables, this allowed for a shorter delivery time and reduced cost. The original estimate for the refurbished portables was \$299,300 and a further \$100,000 (\$50,000 per portable) was estimated to be incurred by the district to cover pilings, skirting, installation, services hook-ups and stairs.

The actual cost for the two refurbished portables was \$304,718 and the district has currently incurred \$131,660 in additional costs; the increase is mainly due to the architect fees and the requirement (by the architect) to install ramps for the portables as opposed to stairs. Expenses are still being incurred; therefore, an updated total budget for the two portables is \$500,000 which is still within the original board approved total cost allowance.

Melissa Panoulias Secretary Treasurer



DATE: January 18, 2023

CHAIR: Roxanne Gulick

## **Policy for Discussion:**

## **Policy for Circulation:**

• Policy 4115 – Function of School Libraries (note name change)

## **Policy for Adoption:**

## **Policy for Further Review:**

## **Policy for Repeal:**

• Policy 3110 – Responsibilities of School Personnel

## **Regulations for Board Information:**

## 4115 Function of School Libraries (note: name change)

Policy 4115 STATUS: For Review

FUNCTION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Board Approved and Codified: October 11, 1988

Last Revised: June 19, 2013

## Description:

It is the desire of the Board of Education that all students in School District No. 59 (Peace River South) shall acquire the necessary information skills to prepare them for today's information age. School libraries, in partnership with classroom teachers, will provide developmental, curriculum-integrated, resource-based, learning opportunities for students.

## 3110 Responsibilities of School Personnel

Policy 3110 STATUS: for REPEAL

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Board Approved and Codified: January 20, 1986

Last Revised: June 19, 2013

## Description:

The Board of Education feels what is communicated by the school system and about individual schools or operations, by written communication, telephone, or in direct personal contact, is an extremely important factor in establishing and maintaining a positive image of the public school system.

Written materials that leave any school must be well written and neat. Professional educators should keep in mind that their "audience" is lay people. Make points succinctly and clearly with a minimum use of jargon.

The image conveyed by any professional educator could be the lasting perception of the school system reflected in a citizen's enduring opinion. Positive relationships both inside and outside the school community are beneficial for the school system and for each member thereof.

The attitude of school bus drivers, custodians, maintenance personnel, clerks and secretaries is important in maintaining the public confidence. It is important for the public to know that all employees in the school district are seeking positive community relations.

Secretaries are often the first face to represent the school district to new parents. A pleasing personality, professional appearance, patience, understanding, and confidence ensure improved relations with the public.