

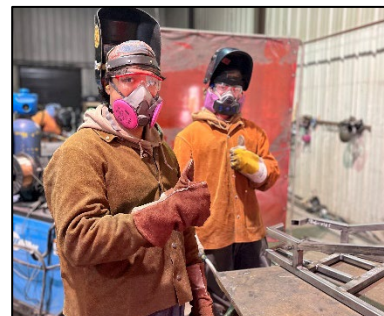


Board Highlights for April 2024

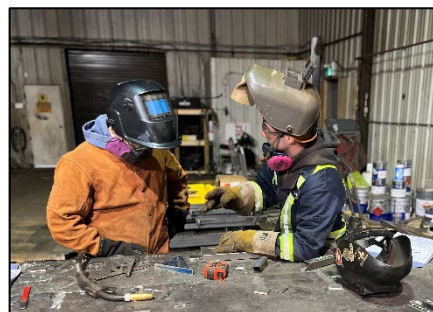
Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

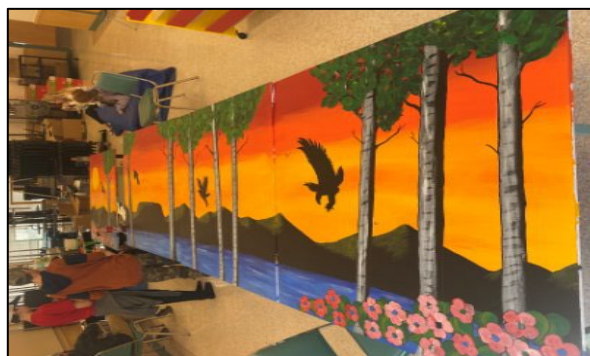
Project K.A.R.T.S is in full swing at TRSS. Students work in teams to plan, design, build and of course race their go karts! The project encompasses curriculum in trades, arts, math, writing and business skills. The community is a big part of the project as well with the students receiving mentorship from business skills to welding and fabrication. Special thanks to the 24 sponsors. Race Day is on May 31, 2024.



Chemistry 12 students at TRSS are learning about Titrations - in simple terms, a technique where a solution of known concentration is used to determine the concentration of an unknown solution.



Peace View Elementary shared their weekly newsletter to highlight all the fun activities the students are engaging in. In the latest newsletter, the students had started their Mother's Day surprise gift, participated in an Earth Day activity as environmental 'clean-up' scientists, completed math assessments and included an update on their Buddy Reading program.



Little Prairie Elementary students have almost completed their Indigenous focused art mural with an emphasis on local connections. The mural was made by students with the District's Artist in Residence, Mr. Wayne LaRiviere.

Students in the district are thrilled to have the opportunity to learn life skills through horses! The District has partnered with Exceptional Equine to offer programs in Dawson Creek and Chetwynd where students work with horses to learn about trust, responsibility, relationships, communication, collaboration, self-awareness and ultimately building their confidence.

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While we couldn't see the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, students at Crescent Park Elementary created their own solar eclipse and learned what happens when the moon passes between the sun and earth.

Competition heated up at the Battle of the Books! Teams read books then engaged in a trivia battle to determine who was the best of the best!



Students at McLeod Elementary School were captivated to have Miss Rodeo Canada Kaylee Shantz visit the school. In celebration, the leadership students were inspired to create a Western Olympics style afternoon of events. Students competed in various student-invented competitions like There's a Snake in My Boot and Chair Calf Roping.

Six students represented School District No. 59 at the Skills Canada BC Provincial Competition held in Abbotsford on April 17th. Congratulations to all the competitors. The District is very proud to announce Tegan Steckly took 1st place in the high school photography competition and Kelly Amonson and Thor MacLean brought home the gold medal in the junior skills potential energy vehicle competition. Good luck to Tegan who will be off to compete at Nationals in Quebec City on May 30-31, 2024.



Strategic Plan Update

The Board has reviewed the information gathered through community consultation and environmental scans and identified themes that were then developed into three priorities: Student Success, Communication and Building Capacity. The next step is to create goals under each of the priorities to complete a new strategic plan.

Recruitment & Retention Update

As of April 1st, the District can utilize the approved Tier 1 incentives for up to five positions located in Chetwynd. The District is prioritizing the positions that are being offered with the incentive.

Cell Phone Guidelines

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has amended the Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order, effective July 1, 2024. The amendment requires all boards of education to include one or more statements restricting student use of personal digital devices (including cell phones) at school.

To align with this order, the District's Policy Committee will be updating Policy & Regulation 4370 District Code of Conduct to implement the new language and give direction to school administrators to update their school code of conduct to include guidelines around use of personal digital devices while at school. The guidelines are to include, not only restrictions on use, but also when it is appropriate to use devices such as, for instructional purposes, digital literacy, accessibility and accommodation needs, and appropriate use to student's age and development.

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

2024-2025 Budget – Draft 3

The Secretary Treasurer presented the third draft of the 2024-2025 budget for which the board gave the second of three readings of the budget bylaw.

Consultation will continue to occur, with the final reading of the annual budget to be completed in a special open meeting on May 8, 2024 via zoom at 9:00 am.

The budget presentation is posted to the district website at [Financial Information | School District 59 \(sd59.bc.ca\)](#). Feedback may be emailed to the Secretary Treasurer (kmorris@sd59.bc.ca) before May 8, 2024.

Lead in Water Testing Results

School districts must complete lead content testing on all critical drinking water fixtures across all school facilities once every three years. A minimum of 1/3 (or 33%) of the school facilities in a school district's inventory must be tested each year.

The district conducted water tests at eight sites in February; a total of 205 samples were obtained in accordance with Ministry guidelines. Results were submitted to AGAT Laboratories for analysis and twelve deficiencies were reported, of those, all but one fixture at Tremblay Elementary School, passed post purge tests and have signage posted in accordance with Northern Health requirements.

Committee Reports:

Indigenous Education Councils

The Indigenous Councils heard about the student programs and services offered at Northern Lights College. The councils also heard updates about the planning for the District’s Truth and Reconciliation focused professional learning day to be held on April 29th and the Zoom Around the District to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Policy Committee

The Board adopted Policy and Regulation 2150 Trustee Code of Conduct and received the updated Regulation 2250 Policy Development for information.

Policy and Regulation 5190 Use of School Facilities is under review by the Policy Committee.

The Policy Committee will be developing a policy to address use of digital devices by students as per the ministry guidelines that were issued to school districts.

Upcoming Dates:

Date:	Event:
May 8, 2024	Special Public Board Meeting for the final reading of the Annual Budget & Bylaw Via zoom @ 9:00 am Zoom link: https://sd59.zoom.us/j/69328697631
May 15, 2024	Public Board Meeting – Tumbler Ridge Northern Lights College @ 1:00 pm
May 20, 2024	Victoria Day Stat – schools are closed
June 19, 2024	Public Board Meeting – Dawson Creek School Board Office @ 1:00 pm
June 27, 2024	Last Day of School
June 28, 2024	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school

Ecole Frank Ross also hosted the Board of Education on a tour of the school before their board meeting on April 24, 2024. Thank you to the student ambassadors Evelyn Kelli and Brielle MacDonald for being exceptional tour guides and highlighting all happenings at the school.

On Earth Day the garden in front of the school was cleaned up, a visit from a magician was a real hit with students, Ms. Kurjata has started a student choir group, and a public speaking event was held to show oral speaking skills. Primary classes memorized poems and the intermediate classes had a speech competition; finalists were chosen from class competitions who then competed against each other in gym in front of a much larger audience.

