



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for October 2017

The Board Meeting was held at Little Prairie Elementary School in Chetwynd and the day started with a tour of the school.

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

The number one activity in schools right now is administration of the Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA) for grades 4 and 7. Students are being assessed on end of Grade 3 and end of Grade 6 skills. The data will be used to help inform our instructional programs for this school year.

Margot Southall is spending most of this week with primary and intermediate teachers in the district working on professional development in literacy. Some great development around next steps in our literacy journey.

All staff will be engaged with professional development activities this Friday on a district non-instructional day.

Student Discipline

There were 21 suspensions in total for the month of September with the majority of suspensions connected to safety of others and controlled substance use.

Class Size & Composition Update

The PRSTA and Superintendent worked to provide remedies for teachers who have classes that exceed class size or composition language.

Most remedies are due to composition in the classroom. The remedies have resulted in additional time for the classroom teachers with the time being covered by another teacher.

At this time, the District is reporting to have the following non-compliant classes:

School	Composition	Class Size
Pouce Coupe (Grade 4/5)	1 class – 3 students over	
Devereaux (Grade 4/5)	1 class – 4 students over	
Central Campus (Grade 9)	11 blocks – varies 3-5 students over	
South Peace Campus (Grades vary)	4 blocks – varies 3-5 students over	1 block over by 1 student

SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender Identity) Network

Our district has joined the provincial SOGI Network which will serve to provide education and resources to schools within our district. Funds were provided by RBC to help districts begin this work.

Balanced School Year Calendar

The Board of Education discussed a balanced school calendar and at this time do not think there is enough public interest to pursue further.

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Final Enrolment

The final enrolment for the 2017/18 school year is 3552.63 FTE which is an overall increase of 42.83 FTE.

Executive Compensation Disclosure

The compensation paid to executive staff for the 2016/17 fiscal year was presented. The Executive Compensation Report is available on the district website under district info, financial information.

Trustee Items

The Board of Education of School District No.59 hosted the Northern Interior Branch meeting on October 13 & 14, 2017. Delegates from the Northern school districts, BCSTA, BCPSEA and the Minister of Education were in attendance. Representatives from School District No.59 made a presentation to the group highlighting the Leadership Academy, Aboriginal Achievement, and Primary Literacy.

The Board of Education referred the following policies to the policy committee for review:

- Policy & Regulation 2051: Organizational Meeting
- Policy & Regulation: 2020 Trustee Electoral Areas
- Bylaw 1-99: Organization and Operation of the Board

Elections for the Board of Education positions will occur at the next board meeting.

The Board of Education would like to announce the notice of retirement of Leslie Lambie, Superintendent of Schools effective July 31, 2018. Candace Clouthier will be appointed Superintendent of Schools for the 2018/19 school year effective August 1, 2018.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee

A motion was made to approve the following policies: (motion carried)

- Policy & Regulation: 3115 Electronic Communication: Employees
- Policy: 3055 Qualifications for Specialty Positions
- Policy & Regulation: 4375 Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings
- Policy & Regulation: 6070 School Bus Transportation

A motion was made to repeal the following policies: (motion carried)

- Policy & Regulation: 3050 Counsellor Qualifications
- Policy & Regulation: 3060 Learning Assistant and Special Education

All school district policies are available to review on the website (www.sd59.bc.ca).

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
October 20, 2017	Non-Instructional Day - students do not attend school
November 13, 2017	Stat Holiday – schools closed
November 27, 2017	Non-Instructional Day - students do not attend school
November 29, 2017	Open Board Meeting - 1 pm @ School Board Office
November 29 & 30, 2017	Early Dismissal – schools end 1 hour early to allow for parent teacher interviews.