



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for June 2018

Presentations:

Village of Pouce Coupe

Mayor Michetti and council members of the Village of Pouce Coupe presented to the Board of Education expressing their concerns with Pouce Coupe Elementary reaching capacity and placing students on wait lists.

Aboriginal Education – Equity Scan

Christy Fennell, Director of Instruction, presented the progress of the Equity Scan project, within Aboriginal Education. The project has helped us to look at the data, discover any gaps and put in place appropriate interventions for aboriginal students on their journey to graduation. A three-year plan has been created to gather evidence/data as to how we are doing, and plan for next steps.

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Aboriginal Day celebrations are occurring on Thursday, June 21, 2018. All Chetwynd schools are involved in celebrations at 10:00 am at Rotary Park in Chetwynd. Dawson Creek and area schools are involved in an evening of celebration at the South Peace Campus. Entertainment, activities and awards are the highlights of each gathering.

Graduation Celebrations are occurring in all three of our communities. Dawson Creek Secondary ceremonies will occur at the Encana Centre on June 22, 2018. Both CSS and TRSS will be holding their ceremonies early afternoon on June 23, 2018.

One annual grad activity is when the French Immersion graduates go to visit the French Immersion Kindergarten class in their dresses and tuxedos. A very exciting event for the kindergarten students!

Don Titus Montessori Elementary school will be hosting a pancake breakfast at the end the year for students, staff and community. In the past they have served over 300 people.

The Elementary Track and Field meet occurred on June 20, 2018 at the South Peace Campus of Dawson Creek Secondary. In response to the high temperature tents were set up to provide students with shade in between their events.

Student Discipline – May 2018

There were 41 suspensions in total for the month of May with the majority of suspensions in the areas of smoking and safety of others.

Personnel Appointment

The district is pleased to announce the appointment of and Orycia Richer as Principal of Devereaux Elementary School effective August 1, 2018.

The district is pleased to welcome our new Reading Recovery Trainer, Cristal Bertrand! She will be beginning the training of new Reading Recovery Teachers next week.

School Name Change – Ecole Windrem Elementary

The board approved to change the name of Ecole Windrem Elementary to Windrem Elementary as a result of the closure of the French Immersion program.

Field Trip

The Board gave final approval for DCSS Senior girls’ volleyball team to travel to San Diego for an invitational volleyball tournament.

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Trustee Election Bylaw and Mail Ballot Voting Bylaw was read in anticipation of the Trustee elections occurring this fall.

Board Chair, Tamara Ziemer read the first, second and third readings of the annual budget bylaw to approve the Preliminary Budget for the 2018/19 school year. The district is budgeting an operating deficit of \$685,013.

The 2018/19 proposed Board Meeting dates were presented, the approved calendar is available on our website.

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee

A motion was made to circulate Policy and Regulation 4075: Diversity and Inclusion for feedback. The motion was carried. This policy includes information from Policy 4080: Learning Services-Inclusion and Policy 4090: Diversity in Schools. These two policies would be repealed if Policy 4075 is approved.

The policies may be found on the school district website (www.sd59.bc.ca). Feedback may be made in writing to Candace Cloutier at cclouthi@sd59.bc.ca before September 7, 2018. Approval of the policy will be brought forward at the September board meeting.

Upcoming Events & Important Dates:

Date:	Event:
June 28, 2018	Last day of school for students
September 4-5, 2018	Curriculum Implementation Non-Instructional Days – No classes
September 6, 2018	First day of school for students, students start 2 hours late and are dismissed 1 hour early
September 19, 2018	Open Board Meeting. A schedule of board meetings for the 2018/19 school year will be posted on our school district website.