



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for October 2018

Presentations:

Gordon Currie has recently been hired as the new Digital Content Strategist, he presented to the Board of Education outlining some key directions for improving our digital presence and communication.

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

All Windrem Intermediate Students took part in learn to curl sessions thanks to the Chetwynd Curling Club. The students, staff and volunteers had a wonderful time. All Students had pyjama day and enjoyed breakfast for lunch (pancakes and sausages) offered by the Windrem PAC. The students thought it was the best breakfast ever!

Chetwynd Senior Secondary (CSS) hosted their 9th annual community dinner, there were over 150 people in attendance. On October 30th CSS will be hosting the Find your Fit tour which is open to students from grades 5 to 10, this is hosted by WorkBC and helps students discover a range of in-demand careers in BC through fun and interactive activities.

<https://www.workbc.ca/Jobs-Careers/Find-Your-Fit-Tour/About-Find-Your-Fit.aspx>



DCSS Central will be hosting a Grade 9 Cannabis Presentations ~ **WEED OUT THE RISK** on October 31st and November 1st presented by *MADD Canada*. This new program involves a 60-minute presentation to each of the grade 9 Homeroom classes.

The DCSS senior girls volleyball team were in San Diego for the Southern California invitational tournament a couple of weeks ago. They moved into the playoffs after placing second in their pool. In the end, they made it to the semi-final and played in 2 matches before being eliminated.

Student Discipline – September 2018

There were 25 suspensions in total for the month of September with the majority of suspensions in the area of Safety of Others and Fighting.

Class Size & Composition Report

There are seven schools not in compliance with class size and/or composition maximums as describe in LOU # 17. A meeting occurred with the union president of the PRSTA to report on our best efforts to resolve any class size or composition issues. The union president agreed the district had demonstrated best efforts and supported applying remedies in classrooms that are over class size and/or composition maximums.

Montessori School Review

Additional details of the Don Titus Montessori School review were discussed. The intent of the review for Don Titus is to ensure the Montessori program is operating in accordance with Montessori principles. As a school of choice with a Montessori program, it is important the Board of Education have the confidence in supporting and recognizing the program is authentic and sustainable. The process for the review was explained, additional details were included in the board package.

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:**Final Enrolment**

The final enrolment for the 2018/19 school year is 3639.25 FTE which is an overall increase in 86.63 FTE.

Executive Compensation Disclosure

The compensation paid to executive staff for the 2017/18 fiscal year was presented. The Executive Compensation Report is available on the district website under district info, financial information.

SOFI Report

The SOFI report describes financial information in the district and includes the audited Financial Statements, schedule of remuneration and expenses, a listing of all employees earning over \$75,000 and suppliers receiving over \$25,000. This report is available on the district website under district info, financial information.

Chetwynd Proposed School Closure Update

In past school closure processes the first and second reading of the bylaw have occurred in October as indicated in the September board meeting. The Secretary Treasurer discussed how the proposed school closure review for Don Titus Montessori is a more complex situation and that more time is going to be needed to gather data to determine if a recommendation for the first bylaw reading for school closure will be brought forward or not. No timelines have been set as it will depend on the data received, as well as, time required to educate the new board that was recently elected. While this process can be upsetting for students, staff, parents and the community is it important there is enough time taken for a thorough review.

Official Election Results for School Trustees**Area I – Chetwynd & Contiguous Area**

Becky Borton
Crystal Hillton

Area II – Tumbler Ridge

Roxanne Gulick (acclamation)

Area III – City of Dawson Creek

Jennifer Lalonde
Tamara Ziemer

Area IV – Rural Areas Surrounding Dawson Creek and Pouce Coupe

Chad Anderson
Travis Jones

The Board and District Staff thanks Trustees Nicole Soontiens, Andrea Smith, Richard Powell, Sherry Berringer, and Wayne Ezeard for their years of service as a school trustee and their dedication to student education. The new board will take office in November 2018.

Trustee Items

School Review/ Closure Process

Trustee Ziemer recommended that the School Closure policy and regulation be referred to the policy committee to determine if improvements can be made to the process, taking into consideration the letters received from concerned Don Titus parents.

Crosswalk safety

Trustee Smith discussed safety concerns with the crosswalk on Highway 97 by Chetwynd Senior Secondary and Windrem Elementary. Transportation Manager, Jeff Lekstrom, has already spoken to RCMP with the request to increase police presence around the crosswalk during pivotal times. Additional recommendations were presented that are being considered.

Superintendent Contract

Superintendent, Candace Clouthier, has agreed to extend her one-year contract for an additional year, it will end after the 2019/2020 school year.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee

A motion was made to circulate the following Policies/Regulations (motion carried):

- o Policy and Regulation 3160: Drugs and Alcohol
- o Policy and Regulation 3180: Smoking and Smoke Free Spaces

Feedback may be made in writing to Candace Clouthier (cclouthi@sd59.bc.ca) by December 7, 2018 and will be considered by the Policy Committee.

A motion was made to approve the following Policy/Regulations/:

- o Policy and Regulation 4075: Diversity and Inclusion (motion carried)
- o Regulation 4370: District Code of Conduct (motion carried)
- o Regulation 6070.2: School Bus Transportation-Authorized Non-Public School Bus Passengers (motion carried)

A motion was made to repeal the following Policy/Regulations (motion carried):

- o Policy and Regulation 4080: Learning Services-Inclusion
- o Policy and Regulation 4090: Diversity in the School Community

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

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
November 7, 2018	Inaugural Meeting of New Board of Education (11:00 am @ School Board Office)
November 12, 2018	Remembrance Day – Schools Closed
November 21, 2018	Open Board Meeting - 1 pm @ School Board Office
November 21 & 22, 2018	Early Dismissal Days – students are dismissed 1 hour early Parent Teacher Interviews at most schools
December 19, 2018	Open Board Meeting - 1 pm @ School Board Office
December 24 – January 6	Schools Closed for Winter Break