



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for March 15, 2023

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Schools across the district celebrated Pink Shirt Day on February 22, 2023. Pink Shirt Day is a day students come together to take a stand against bullying and be an advocate for kindness and inclusion.



TRSS students in the BC First Peoples class have been learning about Metis and Cree language and culture through beading.

The TRSS basketball team had a great year! Their team mascot is excited to cheer on the team and pump up the crowd at all their home games.



Crescent Park Elementary invited Aboriginal Family Services to the school to have a group of dancers perform at in their full regalia.



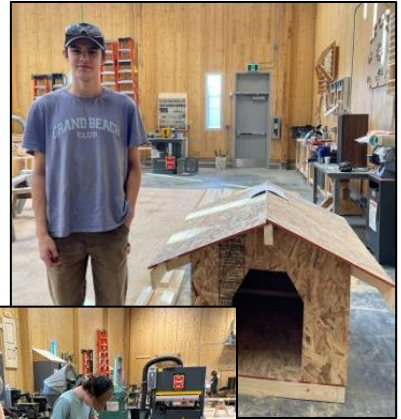
The dancers then shared their regalia with the students so they could dress up and perform as well. The performers and students had a great time sharing and learning about Indigenous culture. The district will be having an Indigenous focused professional development day on May 1, 2023. All district employees are invited to participate in the activities planned for this day.



Moberly Lake Elementary School celebrated National Trapping Day. The students had fun snowshoeing, ice fishing and other trapping related activities including a scavenger hunt in the woods to find hidden stuffed animals. The students were able to trade in their pelts for Moberly bucks.



Congratulations to all the students that participated in the Regional Skills Canada Competitions. The day was jam packed with events that included Junior and Senior Skill Competitions, Try-A-Trade and a Women in Trades conference. The gold medal students will be heading to Abbotsford in April to compete in provincial competitions. Goodluck Everyone!



Cabinetmaking – Secondary Students

- 1st – Liam Hayward – CSS
- 2nd – Abagael Walker – CSS

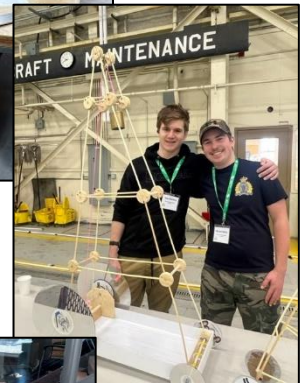
Carpentry – Secondary Students

- 1st – Logan Larrivee – TRSS
- 2nd – Chase Wein – TRSS



Electrical – Secondary Students

- 2nd – Jady Bissett – CSS



Esthetics – Post Secondary

- 3rd – Kylie Englot – DCSS

Photography – Secondary Students

- 1st – Alyssa Ingram – DCSS
- 2nd – Tegan Steckly – DCSS
- 3rd – Kristina Tuyay – DCSS

Potential Energy Vehicle – Junior Skills

- 1st – Tyson Struthers & Marshal Volkins – DCSS-Central
- 2nd – Connor Faucher – DCSS-Central
- 3rd – Taylor Shaw, Jenna Jones, & Brenna Selbach – DCSS Central

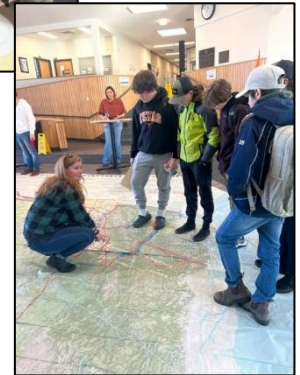


Spaghetti Bridge – Jr. Skills

- 3rd – Malcom Fraser, Camden Quinn, Kelly Amonson – DCSS-Central

Video Production – Secondary Students

- 1st – Byron Gunter & Olivia Proulx – DCSS



Welding – Secondary Students

- 1st – Reece Krieger – DCSS
- 2nd – Wesley Laglace - DCSS



Devereaux Elementary students are learning a dance routine taught by Dana Hiebert, a grade 12 student from DCSS-South Peace Campus. Dana is teaching the students dance as part of her grade 12 capstone project. The students are excited to perform their dance routine in front of the school and family.



School wide assemblies are also really fun at Devereaux Elementary as the students participate in assembly challenges. The challenges build school spirit and culture.

Students at Devereaux Elementary have also been busy building rigamajigs, celebrating 100's Day, and exploring "What it means to be smart".



Students in the grade 12 English class at Chetwynd Secondary School are mentoring grades 3-5 students at Windrem Elementary. The older students are helping the younger students with their story writing and a creation of illustrated books. The high school students learn leadership skills and social responsibility, so it is a win-win for all students. Plus, the students at Windrem Elementary also received Chetwynd Secondary hoodies which they wore proudly.



Graduation Ceremonies

The high schools are planning their graduation ceremonies for the following dates:

Tumbler Ridge Secondary School – June 16, 2023
Dawson Creek Secondary School – June 16, 2023
Chetwynd Secondary School – June 24, 2023

Recruitment – Discover59.com

The district has created a recruitment website (Discover59.com) with brochures and media materials to promote School District No. 59 (PRS). The website has information on current teaching postings, the application process, resources and supports for staff in the district, as well as community connections for prospective teachers to learn more about the communities the district serves.

2023-24 School Calendar

The board adopted the 2023-24 School Calendar as presented. The 2023-24 School Calendar is posted on the school district website.

Early Learning Programs Update

The district had an opening ceremony for the **Just B4** program. The program is in a pilot phase and is operating in conjunction with existing StrongStart BC (SSBC) program by using the same space in Tremblay Elementary School. This partnership maximizes the use of SSBC staff, space and resources.

School District No. 59 (PRS) is excited to partner with YMCA BC to open a before and after school care program in Tumbler Ridge. The centre opened on March 1st and offers 20 school-age child care spaces. The program is housed at Tumbler Ridge Elementary School and allows students to have a seamless transition to and from before and after school care.

Reports from the Secretary Treasurer:

Finance Reports

The Secretary Treasurer presented the monthly finance reports as of February 28, 2023.

2023-24 Capital Plan Bylaw

The board passed the bylaw for the approved 2023-24 capital plan projects approved by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The approved projects include electrical and HVAC upgrades, interior construction upgrade, one playground and three new buses.

Committee Reports:

Indigenous Councils

The Indigenous Councils in Dawson Creek and Chetwynd discussed grad planning and the training for teachers for the Indigenous focused courses that are part of the new graduation requirement. The councils received an overview of activities that have been happening at the schools that promote a sense of belonging for Indigenous students. Highlighted was the Bring a Valentine to School event held at Moberly Lake Elementary School. The event was very well attended and allowed the students a chance to share their school experience and showcase their achievements. The successful partnership between the district, West Moberly First Nations and Saulteau First Nations supports a late bus that provides transportation services for high school students from Moberly Lake. The late bus service allows students to stay after school to

participate in extra-curricular events. The anti-racism action plan developed by the Ministry of Education and Child Care was presented and an update was provided to councils about the events planned on the Indigenous focused professional development day scheduled on May 1, 2023.

Policy Committee:

The board approved the following changes to policy:

Policy 4115 School Library Programs was adopted as presented.

Policy 3110 Responsibilities of School Personnel was repealed.

Regulation 3190 Long Service/Retirement Recognition - The board passed a motion to increase the gift card value of the employee retirement gift to \$150.

All policies are posted on the school district website. (www.sd59.bc.ca).

Upcoming Dates:

Date:	Event:
March 20-31, 2023	Spring Break – schools are closed
April 7, 2023	Good Friday – schools are closed
April 10, 2023	Easter Monday – schools are closed
April 19, 2023	Regular Board Meeting – Dawson Creek
May 1, 2023	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend

The Penguin Periodical Team
DCSS – South Peace Campus



The periodical showcases student artwork and writing.