



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for May 28, 2020

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

The school district has been regularly updating their website with good news stories that are occurring throughout the district. Make sure to check it out!



At Little Prairie teachers have created small paper avatars of themselves to send home to students. This idea was modelled after “The Flat Stanley Project” that is based on the 1964 children’s book Flat Stanley.

Parkland Elementary held their Welcome to Kindergarten event outside. They were able to make it a fun event while maintaining physical distancing. The intermediate class has been researching and doing presentations on viruses.

Canalta Elementary students have been doing ADST (applied design skills and technology) and art projects from home. Different projects include Minecraft rollercoasters, sheds, and planters.

French Immersion Program – Chetwynd Senior Secondary

The Board heard a presentation from Chetwynd Secondary French Immersion students and parents advocating for the program to continue in some way to allow the two students to finish the program through to grade 12 and graduate with a dual dogwood diploma.

Superintendent, Candace Clouthier, reviewed information that was presented during the regular open meeting of the board on April 28, 2020. The Superintendent stated with only two students remaining in the program it is no longer financially sustainable and in her opinion is not educationally practical. Alternate methods of delivering the program were researched, however, no viable option has been found.

A motion was passed to end the French Immersion program at Chetwynd Secondary School effective June 30, 2020.

SD 59 Restart Plan

The Ministry of Education has released a five-stage plan for resuming in-class instruction. The focus for the K-12 sector is to increase in-class instruction in a gradual and controlled manner while ensuring health and safety measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission are in place.

The Province is currently in stage 4 and will be moving into stage 3 on June 1st, 2020. The Superintendent submitted a district plan to the Ministry of Education that addressed the following:

- Health and safety measures.
- How in-person instruction will be offered.
- Support for children of essential workers and students requiring additional assistance.
- How remote, online and in-person learning will be delivered and balanced over the school week.
- How support for meals and technology will continue.
- Ensure staff workloads between in-class and on-line delivery are balanced and manageable.

Links for additional information

SD59 Superintendent Letter:

<https://www.sd59.bc.ca/sites/default/files/articles/Superintendent-Letter%20to%20Parents%2C%20Families%20and%20Community-May-26-2020.pdf>

SD59 Stage 3 COVID Protocol:

<https://www.sd59.bc.ca/sites/default/files/articles/COVID%20Protocols4WorkingWithChildren%20Stage%203D.pdf>

Ministry of Education K-12 Education Re-start Plan:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-education-restart-plan.pdf>

High School Graduation Plans

Each of the three secondary schools in the district have worked collaboratively with the graduating students and parents to develop a plan that will celebrate their graduation while keeping within the physical distancing measures and gather size limits currently in place. The schools are committed to finding meaningful ways to help the grads create a lasting memory.

Principal Appointments

The Superintendent announced the following appointments, effective August 1, 2020:

- Brendan Bogle, Principal of Tumbler Ridge Secondary School
- Stacie Deeley, Vice-Principal of Tumbler Ridge Secondary School
- Jody Bougerolle, Principal of Don Titus Elementary School

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Interim Audit

The 2019/20 interim audit has been completed and the audit procedures to date have identified no major weaknesses in internal controls.

Finance Reports

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the current school, revenue and expense reports with the board. An additional analysis was provided on estimated school year-end surpluses and the limitations put on the carry-forward amount.

2020/21 Budget Recommendations

The budget recommendations for the 2020/21 school year were presented. A summary was provided on any program changes.

Trustee Items:

Retirement and Long Service Recognition

The Board of Education has historically honoured retirees and long service award recipients through a dinner event held in June of each year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions to large group gathering, the Board will not be able to host the dinner event this year. The Board of Education

thanks all recipients for their dedication and commitment they have given to our district and to our students.

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee

The board adopted the following policies as presented:

- Policy 4200 Career Development Education
- Policy 4580 Electronic/Social Media Communication and Information Access – Students

The policy committee brought forward the following policies for circulation:

- Policy 2320 School Closure
- Policy 4500 Communicable Disease

Policies will be circulated for a minimum 45 days. Feedback will be accepted in writing to Mike Readman at mreadman@sd59.bc.ca until August 31, 2020.

Current policies are posted on the school district website at: <https://www.sd59.bc.ca/district/policies>.

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
June 1, 2020	Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend school
June 2, 2020	Stage 3 – K-12 Education Re-Start Plan
June 24, 2020	Open Board Meeting – 1 pm
June 25, 2020	Last day of learning for students
June 26, 2020	Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend school