



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for November 25, 2020

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News:

Louis Riel Day (November 16th) was celebrated at schools across the District. Metis culture was the focus with the flying of the Metis flags, art projects, Metis games, readings, art, trivia contests, jigging, and watching webinars from the University of Manitoba.

Tremblay Elementary students participated in a Project Based Learning Cardboard challenge.



Chetwynd Secondary School had cohort-based pep rallies and dressed up for Halloween.

At DCSS South Peace Campus, Mrs. Best's classes are taking advantage of the 2.5 hour-long blocks to do some extraordinary baking projects. Check out the Gingerbread creation!



On the professional development front, over 60 staff recently participated in a Primary PLC with Dr. Janet Mort. The Intermediate PLC with Adriane Gear also meets every 6 weeks.

COVID-19 Update

The district is continually re-evaluating the health and safety protocols in place for COVID-19. Protocols have been updated to align with the Ministry of Education, provincial and local health authority guidelines, this includes protocols for outside user groups to use school district facilities. Public Health continues to reinforce that schools' protocols are working and minimizing risk.

Operational Plan

District staff have developed a draft Operational Plan which supports the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. The Operational Plan outlines how the main goals of the Strategic Plan will be carried out. Further work will continue on the draft document and will be presented at the December board meeting.

Substance Abuse Report

The district is taking a closer look at the resources available to schools to support curriculum on substance abuse. The counselling department in School District No.59 (PRS) has been tasked with updating these resources.

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Regional District Rural Learn to Swim Grant

The request to the Peace River Regional District to extend the 2020 rural swim grant to 2021 and to allow alternate use of the funds for recreational and cultural activities was approved. This will allow the rural schools to seek alternate use of the grant funds if the access to regular swimming lessons is unattainable because of the restrictions in place due to the pandemic.

Distributed Learning Enrolment

Currently 157 students throughout the district are registered in distributed learning program. The distributed learning program office recently moved to space in Trembly Elementary School.

Rolla Property

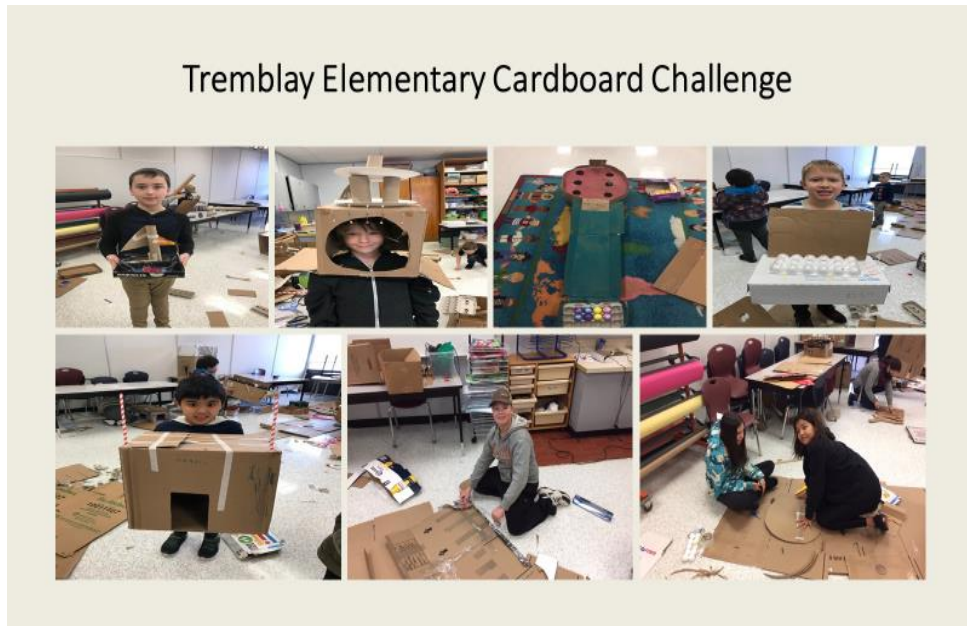
The Board is pleased to announce the sale of Rolla Elementary School for \$53,000. The sale of the property allows the board to not proceed with the Ministry approved demolition of the building.

Trustee Items:

The board accepted the correspondence from the PRRD Electoral Area E with updated information about the Chetwynd Library Replacement Project.

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
December 16, 2020	Open Board Meeting – 1:00 pm (School Board Office – Dawson Creek)
December 21-January 3	Winter Break (schools are closed)
January 4, 2021	First day back from Winter Break
January 20, 2021	Open Board Meeting – 1:00 pm (School Board Office – Dawson Creek)
February 15, 2021	Family Day Holiday (schools are closed)
February 17 & 18, 2021	Early Dismissal (school ends 1 hr earlier)
February 17, 2021	Open Board Meeting – 1:00 pm (School Board Office – Dawson Creek)



Students had to plan, design, and sketch a creation from cardboard and then turn their imaginations into real life creations.