



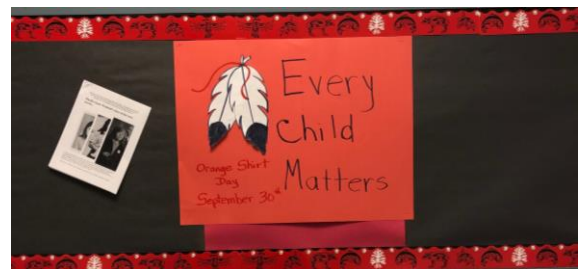
School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Board Highlights for October 21, 2020

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Orange Shirt Day was observed at schools across the district on September 20th, students were actively learning about the importance of the day through different activities. Tumbler Ridge Elementary created a giving bulletin board that provided orange shirts to anyone that wanted one; Canalta Elementary students did an interactive compare and contrast activity about how students feel in school today as compared to those that attended Residential Schools; Little Prairie Elementary did a learning lesson in every classroom and created a video; Windrem Elementary students cooked bannock hotdogs and connected to a virtual learning activity offered from the University of Manitoba; at Tumbler Ridge Secondary orange hand-prints were created and displayed and at DCSS Central Campus students participated in an “every child matters” activity.



Literacy and Numeracy continue to be a focus in the district. Canalta Elementary students are busy doing fluency fun and “doggone” words for literacy and using mini-anchor charts for math to boost student confidence. Little Prairie is doing a school wide literacy blitz.

The district was proud to host a remote Primary Literacy Conference with over 70 educators across the district attending. The event featured keynote speakers with breakout sessions on numeracy, literacy, and social emotional learning.

Learning Enhancement Agreements

The district has successfully signed Learning Enhancement Agreements with Saulteau First Nation and West Moberly First Nation.



Mental Health Grant

The district has received a \$55,000 Mental Health grant from the Ministry of Education. The grant will be used to support mental health and wellbeing activities for students and staff. The following key elements are to be considered when planning mental health activities:

- Indigenous perspectives and culturally safe and inclusive environments
- Compassionate systems leadership
- Inquiry-based conversations around data
- Social and emotional learning, trauma-informed practice and mental health literacy

The key elements of the Mental Health Grant align with the goals of the current strategic plan.

Ratios and Class Size/Composition

The district has met and exceeded the ratio for Teacher Librarians and Secondary Counsellors, at this time the district has a shortfall of 0.1 FTE in the combined ratios of SERT, LAT and ELL.

The district has 10 schools not in compliance with class size or composition maximums as defined in LOU 17. The district met with the local PRST and determined best efforts were given to resolve class size or composition issues. Remedies will be given to teachers in classes where the class size or compositions issues were not resolved.

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Final Enrolment & In-class Instruction Update

The final enrolment for the district was reported at 3622.44 FTE, this represents a decrease of 92.3 FTE from last year and 65.6 FTE from the preliminary budget.

There are 157 students currently registered in the district distributed learning program, as compared to 146 in September.

Executive Compensation Disclosure & SOFI Report

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2019-20 Executive Compensation Disclosure Report and the Statement of Financial Information Report. These reports are posted on the school district website.

COVID-19 Funding

Additional details were provided on the federal and provincial grants that were announced in the September meeting, the grants will be used to support a safe return to school for our students and staff.

Regional District Rural Learn to Swim Grant

The Board passed a motion to submit a request to the Peace River Regional District to request a deferral of the 2020 rural swim grant (\$10,000) due to the inability to use the pool in the spring and fall of 2020 due to COVID restrictions and the delay in the previous request to use the grant for alternate recreation and cultural activities.

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
November 11, 2020	Remembrance Day Holiday – Schools are closed
November 18-19, 2020	Early Dismissal Days – Schools end 1 hr earlier
November 25, 2020	Open Board Meeting – 1:00 pm (School Board Office – Dawson Creek)
December 16, 2020	Open Board Meeting – 1:00 pm (School Board Office – Dawson Creek)
December 21-January 3	Winter Break
January 4, 2020	First day back from Winter Break