



Trustees:

Mike Murray (Chair), Susan Carr, Ken Clarkson, Kathy Marshall, Sarah Nelson, Eleanor Palis (Vice-Chair), Dave Rempel

Executive:

Laurie Meston (Acting Superintendent), Flavia Coughlan (Secretary Treasurer), Shannon Derinzy (Acting Assistant Superintendent), David Vandergugten (Acting Assistant Superintendent)

Presentation: Safe and Caring School Communities

District Counsellor for Safe and Caring Schools, Sherri Skerratt, presented to the Board on the implementation of the *Safe, Caring and Healthy Schools Policy*. The presentation highlighted protocols established in partnership with the RCMP and Alouette Addictions, and outlined progress to date, including considerable training in the areas of suicide prevention and critical incidence response.

Trustee Motions: Correction Request

The Board passed a resolution requesting a correction to a recent newspaper article, which reported incorrectly that the recently adopted Trustee Remuneration Policy increased trustee compensation and ensured automatic CPI increases. The new policy merely establishes the process by which trustee remuneration will be considered.

2014-2015 Proposed District School Calendar

The Board approved the recommendation to send the *Proposed 2014-2015 District School Calendar* out for public consultation. The calendar includes:

- ✓ one day not in session to coincide with the Remembrance Day holiday on **Monday, November 10, 2014**;
- ✓ a two-week Christmas Break extending from **Monday, December 22** to **January 2, 2015**; and
- ✓ a two-week Spring Break extending from **Monday, March 16** to **Friday, March 27, 2015**.

Also sent out for public consultation are the proposed *2014-2015 Kanaka Creek* calendar and the proposed *2014-2015 Distributed Learning* calendar. All three proposed calendars will be posted for public feedback on the District website (<http://www.sd42.ca/proposed-calendar>.) on Thursday, February 13, 2014.

2014/2015 Preliminary Budget Process Timeline

The Board approved the following proposed timeline for the 2014/2015 Preliminary Budget Process:

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 DEO 6pm	BOARD MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation and Board Approval of the 2013/14 Amended Annual Budget• Presentation and approval of the Proposed Budget Process/Timeline• Presentation of Projected Enrolments for 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17
Wednesday, February 26, 2014 DEO	BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the 2014/15 preliminary cost pressure estimates• Partner groups consultation on budget balancing options.
Wednesday, March 12, 2014 DEO	BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partner groups presentation of the 2014/15 Budget Balancing Proposals
Wednesday, April 9, 2014 DEO 6pm	BOARD MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the 2014/15 Proposed Preliminary Budget
Wednesday, April 16, 2014 MRSS 6pm	BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public and partner groups input on the 2014/15 Proposed Preliminary Budget
Wednesday, April 30, 2014 DEO 6pm	BOARD MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of 2014/15 Budget Balancing Proposals
Wednesday, May 14, 2014 DEO 6pm	BOARD MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption of the 2014/15 Preliminary Budget Bylaw

Enrolment Projections

Secretary Treasurer Flavia Coughlan presented the 2014/15, 2015/16, and 2016/17 headcount enrolment projections for students enrolled in regular K-12.

Secretary Treasurer Coughlan observed that, in general, the enrolment decline of the past ten years will continue over the next two years but will start leveling off in 2016/17. The following table details enrolment projections for 2014/15:

2014/15 Regular School Age Student Summer School or Continuing Education Distributed Learning Level 1 Students with Special Needs Aboriginal Education Other enrolment categories	Decline 94 FTE No decline Increase 4 FTE Decline 4 FTE Increase 32 FTE No projected change
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For 2015/16, an enrolment decline of 37 regular school age student FTE is projected. These are the current best estimates, Secretary Treasurer Coughlan stressed.

Full details of projected enrolments for the next three years are available online at <http://www1.sd42.ca/board-of-education/board-meetings>

Financial Statements, Second Quarter

The Board received an overview of Second Quarter Financial Statements. Secretary Treasurer Coughlan noted that the statements show expenditures and revenues are trending within budget, and that the District expects to finish the year in a balanced position. Trustees expressed concern about the inconsistency of Ministry funding from year to year, but Secretary Treasurer Coughlan explained that the Ministry is currently considering ways to address this problem.

Amended Budget Bylaws Approved

The Board passed and adopted the 2013/14 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw. The updated projection of operating revenue and expenditures included budget approvals by the Board to date, enrolment driven changes for funding and staffing, a proposed transfer to contingency reserve of the estimated surplus of \$0.42 million and other projected changes in revenue and expenditure factors.

Good News Items

Trustees noted the following good news items: Trustee Clarkson reported on his involvement representing the District in the selection of the new artist in residence for Maple Ridge, Trustee Murray reported on the Social Planning Advisory Committee; Trustee Nelson spoke about the Pitt Meadows Centennial and the Maple Ridge Secondary Grad Transition interviews.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on February 26, 2014 in the District Education Office.