



Proposed Preliminary Budget 2019/20

Secretary treasurer Coughlan presented the *Proposed Preliminary Budget 2019/20* to the board. The proposed preliminary budget supports the district's vision, and considers not only its shared priorities but also the needs of its community of learners. In accordance with the School Act, school districts in the province must approve the balanced budget and submit it to the Ministry of Education by June 30, 2019. The board will make its final decision and adopt the preliminary budget balancing proposals on May 1, 2019. The *Proposed Preliminary Budget 2019/20* is available for review on the district's website at: <http://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/budget-process/2019-budget-process/>

Operational Plans

The board approved the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District operational plans, which are aligned with the district's strategic direction and address the areas of risks identified in last year's review. An update on the operational plans will be brought back to the board in June 2019.

Trustee Representative: ELL Consortium

The board appointed trustee Yamamoto as the board's representative on the English Language Learners Consortium.

2019/20 Board of Education Regular Public Board Meetings

The board adopted the following regular board meeting schedule for 2019/20:

September 18, 2019	February 16, 2020
October 16, 2019	March 11, 2020
November 20, 2019	April 15, 2020
December 11, 2019	April 29, 2020
January 22, 2020	May 13, 2020
February 12, 2020	June 17, 2020

Disbursement of Funds – Education Dream Endowment Fund

The board approved the following proposed distribution of the \$25,475 Education Dream Endowment fund: 50% (\$12,737.50) will provide academic bursaries, 25% (\$6,368.75) will be used to support early learning programs with priority given to early literacy, and 25% (\$6,368.75) will be used to help the district supply and/or maintain musical instruments or cover the costs of professional performing artists.

2019/20 Capital Plan Bylaw

The board gave three readings to, passed and adopted the 2018/19 Capital Plan Bylaw, which enables the district to access funding for projects included in the Capital Plan Summary for 2019/20. Additional information about these projects is included in the April 17, 2019 agenda package:

<http://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/April-17-2019-Public-Board-Meeting-Agenda-Package-2.pdf>

2019/20 Annual Facility Grant Spending Plan

The board approved the 2019/20 Annual Facility Grant (AFG) spending plan and authorized the secretary treasurer to submit it to the Ministry of Education. The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District No. 42 portion of the 2019/20 Annual Facility Grant will be \$2,499,785. The funds will go towards a number of projects, including building improvements, lighting controls upgrade and track resurfacing at Maple Ridge Secondary; roofing work at Westview, Golden Ears and Arthur Peake Centre; and energy efficiency upgrades at various schools.

A summary of the 2019/20 Annual Facilities Grant Spending Plan is included in the April 17, 2019 agenda package: <http://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/April-17-2019-Public-Board-Meeting-Agenda-Package-2.pdf>

Board of Education Appeal Policy and Procedures Bylaw

The board adopted the *Appeal Policy and Procedures Bylaw*.

Board/Authority Authorized Course

The board approved the Board Authority/Authorized Course *Yoga 12*, to be introduced in the 2019/20 school year.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Russell provided the board with an update on various school events and activities, including an update on emergency preparedness planning in the district.

Trustee Remuneration

On May 16, 2018, the board approved an annual adjustment of trustee remuneration for the period 2018 to 2022 effective July 1 each year, based on the Metro Vancouver Consumer Price Index (CPI) differential for the prior year. The board received trustees' remuneration for 2019/20 (which includes a CPI Vancouver 2018 adjustment of 2.9%) for information.

Policy Reviews and Policy Updates

The board received the following two policies for information and continuation with the consultation process: *Policy 2410: Board Correspondence* and *Policy 2900: Trustee Professional Development and Attendance at Conferences*. The board also received for information the following policies that had been reviewed by the Board Policy Development Committee: *Board Procedural Bylaw No. 1 – 2008 Trustee Access to Information* (no change made), *Policy 2915: Board Chairperson – Elections/Roles/Responsibilities* (no change made), and *Policy 2918: Vice-Chairperson – Elections/Roles/Responsibilities* (minor housekeeping change was made).

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustee Dumore spoke about the first-place win of the Maple Ridge Secondary cheer team at BC Provincial Cheerleading Championship; trustee Murray reflected on his and trustee Yamamoto's visit to Alexander Robinson Elementary, which won the school district Energy Challenge; trustee Yamamoto spoke about the Maple Ridge Secondary grad transitions event that trustee Shaw also attended, and thanked librarians for all their hard work on the Battle of the Books; trustee Carreras attended the Golden Ears field opening and also noted that Administrative Professionals' Day was coming up on April 24. Finally, trustees also acknowledged that National Volunteer Week had just passed, and thanked all the volunteers in our school communities.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on May 1, 2019 at the District Education Office.