



Board Chairperson Report 2018/19

Board Chairperson Carreras presented the Board Chairperson Report 2018/19 on behalf of the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Board of Education. Highlights included an overview of the board’s strategic initiatives and related achievements, as well as recently released and increased six-year grad rates for the 2018/19 school year. The full presentation is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/board-meeting-highlights/>.

Board chairperson and vice-chairperson re-elected

Trustee Korleen Carreras was re-elected chairperson of the board and trustee Elaine Yamamoto was re-elected vice-chairperson of the board. Both positions are for a one-year period.

Presentation: Albion Community Centre

The board received a presentation by CUPE Local 622 (Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge Municipal Workers) on the Albion Community Centre for information. Delegates requested that the board take a position in favour of public operation of the facilities at the Albion site, including the Albion Community Centre.

Trustee Motions

The board requested that the superintendent’s annual Supporting All Learners report include information about how the school district ensures students have access to substance education as required in the BC Ministry of Education curriculum.

New Policy Approved

The board approved *Policy 9605: Provision of Menstrual Products to Students* following the appropriate consultation requirements. The new policy has been added to the school district’s online *Policy Manual* at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policy-manual/>.

Committee Appointments

The board received for information the committee appointments for a period of one year commencing November 20, 2019. Committee appointments are listed on the district website at https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Board-Representatives_-2019_2020.pdf.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Russell provided an update on school events and activities. Highlights included a well-attended joint professional learning event over the November 16 weekend, district-wide participation in Orange Shirt Day, and the Ignite session for Grade 6 students at Westview Secondary.

Good News

In the good news portion of the meeting, trustees noted the following items: trustee Shaw visited and enjoyed the services of the SRT Hair Salon; trustee Murray reported on the school visits he participated in; trustee Yamamoto thanked executive coordinator Karen Yoxall for organizing a large number of trustee school visits; trustee Trudeau enjoyed the MRSS community dinner and spoke highly of the culinary programs in the school district; trustee Sullivan enjoyed the professional development keynote by Brad Baker and also spoke about the well-organized elementary cross-country events; and trustee Dumore noted that the Ridge Meadows Overdose Community Action Team received a \$5,000 grant for a vaping education campaign and that the organization is also putting together a mental health and trauma community event. Trustees engaged in several school visits and spoke about their participation in meeting with Pitt Meadows Secondary students. Finally, trustees Carreras, Murray and Shaw attended the hospital gala, and trustee Carreras spoke about the Remembrance Day ceremonies in Pitt Meadows.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on December 11, 2019, at the District Education Office.