



2019/20 Amended Annual Budget

Secretary treasurer Coughlan presented the balanced 2019/20 Amended Annual Budget to the board. The board approved the transfer of all available operating surplus for 2019/20, currently estimated at \$184,917, from the operating fund to the local capital fund for the creation and furnishing of new classroom spaces in the district. The full analysis of the amended operating budget is available in the February 26, 2020, public agenda package: <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/February-26-2020-Public-Agenda-Package.pdf>.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Russell provided an update on various school events and activities. Highlights included the 2020 SD42 Student Forum, held at Swaneset on February 25. The focus of the forum was on mental health, wellness, and the tools students need to manage stress. Approximately 200 students (grades 9-11) representing every secondary and alternate school in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District participated in this forum, which gave students the opportunity to provide input on changes they would like to see in their schools. The collected feedback will be reviewed for common themes and brought back to students for consultation.

Enrolment Projections

The board received the secretary treasurer's report on enrolment projections for 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23 for information. Estimates suggest an increase in regular school-age full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrolment from 14,534.4375 FTE in 2019/20 to 14,745 FTE in 2020/21, an increase of 355 FTE for 2021/22, and a further increase of 273 FTE for 2022/23.

The full report, including summer learning, continuing education, distributed learning, and students with special needs, is available in the February 26, 2020, public agenda package at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/February-26-2020-Public-Agenda-Package.pdf>

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees spoke about their participation at the Student Forum and their attendance at the 20-year employee milestone recognition evening on February 25. Trustee Shaw spoke about her tour of Thomas Haney Secondary, noting that the new location for the Ridge Meadows Foundry (which offers young people 12-24 access to health and social services) is now located close to the school; trustee Dumore congratulated the Maple Ridge Secondary School cheer team for

placing 9th in the world at the World Championships in Orlando Florida; trustee Yamamoto also enjoyed her visit to Thomas Haney and mentioned the school's upcoming musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*, playing from March 2-6; trustee Murray spoke about his attendance the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting at which trustee Trudeau enjoyed serving as an alternate; and trustee Carreras referred to the decline in the child-poverty rate reported by Statistics Canada, noting that there was still more work to be done in this area. Trustees also spoke about the successful Valentine's dinner organized by Kitchen42 and hosted at Thomas Haney Secondary on February 14, noting that Kitchen42 chefs praised the school's supportive janitorial staff.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on March 11, 2020, at the District Education Office.