



## Board Meeting Highlights November 18, 2020

### Board Chairperson Report 2020/21

Board Chairperson Carreras presented the annual Board Chairperson Report 2020/21 on behalf of the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Board of Education. Highlights included an overview of the board's strategic initiatives and related achievements, and an expression of gratitude to Superintendent Sylvia Russell, who recently announced her plans to retire by January 31, 2021. The full presentation is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/>.

### 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.

### SD42 Odyssey K-9 Program Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Established

The Board of Education approved the establishment of a PAC at *Odyssey K-9*. In the *Odyssey K-9* school program, learning is designed and developed by teaching staff in an alternative way to meet the needs of students and parents who want to combine home and school learning as a partnership.

### Superintendent's Update

In the superintendent's update, Superintendent Russell provided an update on the school district's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and also shared highlights from various school activities.

### Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees shared the following items: trustee Dumore attended the *SOGI 1-2-3 Summit*, the *COVID-19 Food Security in BC School* virtual event, as well as a number of other online seminars. Trustee Murray spoke about the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign, which trustee Dumore is coordinating, and thanked trustee Dumore for her volunteer work. Money raised by the Salvation Army is used to support schools and families in the district. Trustee Shaw noted that two SD42 students received NCAA lacrosse scholarships: Garibaldi Secondary student Leona Sinclair will be going to Corban University in Oregon, while Samuel Robertson Technical student Alexa Ford will be attending

Arizona State University. Trustee Trudeau noted that the Golden Ears Métis Society made Halloween possible with a drive-through, and also spoke about online Remembrance Day ceremonies at schools. Trustee Yamamoto was impressed with the safety measures in schools and also recognized an Eric Langton parent who collected warm clothing donations for students in need at the school. Trustee Sullivan thanked all staff who have been working hard in schools.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on December 9, 2020. The live stream will be available on the school district YouTube channel and the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/online-board-meetings>.**