



**Board Meeting Highlights  
February 17, 2021**

**Presentation: Ridge Meadows Child Development Centre**

Shawn Matthewson and Susan Carr presented to the board about the Child Development Centre – a family-centred, accredited organization created by parents who recognized the need for community-based pediatric intervention services in Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, and Katzie. The centre offers a broad range of services, from early intervention in occupational therapy, speech and language pathology to school-age therapy and complex behavioural supports. The centre’s new program, Pathways, seeks to enhance the early intervention services to families in the community. The centre works closely with the school district learning services department to successfully transition children into kindergarten, and meets regularly with the department to ensure the organization meets the needs of families.

**Non-Resident Fees 2022/23**

The board approved the following program fees for non-resident students for 2022/23:

	Application Fee	Annual Tuition Fee	Homestay Placement Fee	Homestay Fee	Custodian Fee	Airport Fee	Medical Insurance
<b>10-Month Academic</b>	\$200	\$14,500	\$300	\$9,500	\$100	<i>Included</i>	\$1,200

In the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District, non-resident students are primarily international students. The 10-month academic tuition fee was increased by \$500 (from \$14,000 to \$14,500), the \$100 airport fee was eliminated, and medical insurance was increased from \$1,100 to \$1,200 to cover the actual anticipated cost increase by the insurance provider.

**2020/21 Amended Annual Budget and Second Quarter Financial Update**

Secretary treasurer Coughlan presented the balanced 2020/21 Amended Annual Budget to the board. The board approved the amended budget which includes an allocation of \$600,000 from Contingency Reserve for Local Capital to fund the purchase of portable classrooms and the setup of new classrooms.

The full analysis of the amended operating budget is available in the February 17, 2021, public agenda package: <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/February-17-2021-Public-Board-Agenda-Package.pdf>

### **Board/Authority Authorized Courses**

The board approved the following Board Authority/Authorized Courses, effective the beginning of the 2021/22 school year: Advanced Basketball 11, Advanced Basketball 12, Advanced Soccer 12, and Transitions 12.

### **Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Dhillon updated the board on various school events and activities. Highlights included an overview of the planning for the 2021/22 school year and a summary of updates to school district COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

### **Enrolment Projections**

The board received the secretary treasurer's report on enrolment projections for 2021/22 to 2024/25 for information. Estimates suggest a continued increase in student enrolment over the next four years at both elementary and secondary. For the 2021/22 school year, the district is anticipating an increase of about 328 full-time equivalent student enrolment (FTE), with 180 students at elementary and about 148 at secondary. For the years that follow, the anticipated increases are 194 FTE (2022/23), 331 FTE (2023/24), and 160 FTE (2024/25).

The full report, including summer learning, continuing education, distributed learning, and students with special needs, is available in the February 17, 2021, public agenda package at

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### **Good News**

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Dumore noted that a lot of Grade 12 students are getting their university acceptance letters and starting virtual tours; trustee Murray participated in a number of BCSTA meetings, including one on the updated provincial health and safety guidelines; trustee Shaw attended the Overdose Community Action Table and was impressed by the commitment of both the presenters and the individual committee members; trustee Sullivan spoke about the great work done by Fraser Health and Garibaldi Secondary in managing an exposure involving a variant of concern; trustee Trudeau attended the BCSTA virtual AGM and also participated in the Moose Hide Campaign to end violence against women and children; trustee Yamamoto thanked senior team for their work on implementing the updated health and safety guidelines; and chairperson Carreras spoke about her participation in the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning learning series, and the Maple Ridge Chamber of Commerce virtual business awards.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on March 10, 2021. The live stream will be available on the school district YouTube channel and the district website at**

<https://www.sd42.ca/online-board-meetings>.