



Board Meeting Highlights April 14, 2021

Trustee Carreras opened the meeting with an acknowledgment of the upcoming National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job, noting that the past year has been particularly difficult for employees.

Proposed Preliminary Budget 2021/22

Secretary treasurer Coughlan and superintendent Dhillon presented the *Proposed Preliminary Budget 2021/22* to the board. 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, 2021. The *Proposed Preliminary Budget 2021/22* is available for review on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/budget-process/2021-budget-process/>

Individuals who wish to share their views on the proposed preliminary budget are invited to participate in the online budget survey, open from April 15, 2021 to noon, April 29, 2021 (<https://letstalksd42.ca/2021-22-budget-process>). The Board of Education will make its final deliberations and approve the 2021/22 Budget Balancing Proposals at the public board meeting scheduled for May 5, 2021.

2021/22 Annual Facility Grant Spending Plan

The board approved the 2021/22 Annual Facility Grant Spending Plan and authorized the secretary treasurer to submit it to the Ministry of Education. The Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District portion of the 2021/22 Annual Facility Grant will be \$2,505,292. The funds will go towards facility upgrades at various schools. A summary of the 2021/22 Annual Facilities Grant Spending Plan is included in the April 14, 2021 agenda package: <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/April-14-2021-Public-Agenda.pdf> - page=139

Community and Commercial Use of School Facilities

The board approved proposed rental rates for 2021/22 and 2022/23. The cost recovery rental rates will be increased from 9 to 9.1 cents per square metre per hour to reflect full cost recovery for 2021/22 and 2021/23. The 2021/22 and 2022/23 rental rates have been published to the school district website *Facilities Rental* page at <https://www.sd42.ca/facility-rentals>.

Appointment of Auditors

The board appointed KPMG as financial statement auditors for 2020/21.

Board/Authority Authorized Course

The board approved the Board/Authority Authorized Course *Strength Training 10*, which will begin to be offered in the 2021/22 school year.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Dhillon updated the board on various school events and activities. Highlights included recognition of Laity View Elementary school principal Kristi Blakeway, who received one of the province's highest honours - the Medal of Good Citizenship – for her work in Downtown Eastside with *Project HELLO* and *Beyond HELLO*.

Policy Review Update

The Board Policy Development Committee met, reviewed, and proposed changes to the following two policies and one procedure:

- *Policy 2920: Trustees' Remuneration*
- *Procedure 2920.1 Trustees' Remuneration*
- *Policy 10820: Political Activities*

Changes to *Policy 2920* were only of a housekeeping nature, while *Policy 10820* was revised to clarify the definition of political activities and the authority given to the superintendent and secretary treasurer to implement the policy.

The board invites input from stakeholders and the public on these changes. The policies and procedure can be reviewed on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policies-procedures-public/>

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Trudeau participated in an Indigenous Education Committee meeting and expressed gratitude for ongoing opportunities for learning; trustee Dumore spoke about her work with students on the Youth Planning Talbe and her attendance of the Hospice Foundation Fundraiser; trustee Yamamoto thanked staff at all levels of the organization for their work in the district; trustee Murray noted that the Ridge Meadows Education Foundation provided a number of schools with grants for various projects and initiatives and also noted the Rotary was going to be putting on a Caring for Kids event to raise money for a number of programs, including the school lunch program; trustee Shaw appreciated being able to see photos of school activities in the superintendent's highlights; trustee Sullivan noted she was looking forward to hearing from Fraser Health about the rollout of vaccines for staff in the school district and also acknowledged the impactful work of Principal Blakeway; and trustee Carreras noted that she had been chairing meetings with trustees in preparation for the BCSTA Annual General Meeting to which she was looking forward.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on May 5, 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>.