



Board Meeting Highlights May 5, 2021

Presentation: New Westminster and District Labour Council

Rysa Kronebusch of the New Westminster and District Labour Council (NWDLC) presented to the board as follow up to the National Day of Mourning dedicated to remembering those who lost their lives on the job or suffered an injury in the workplace. Ms. Kronebusch acknowledged in her presentation the challenges all workers face on the job during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Preliminary Budget 2021/22

Secretary treasurer Coughlan presented a summary of all feedback received during the budget consultation process, which ran from April 15 to 29, 2021. In total, the school district received three presentations and written submissions on the 2021/22 Proposed Preliminary Budget. Additionally, the online public engagement platform saw 1,900 visitors, with 551 visitors choosing to participate in the budget survey. A summary of feedback received is available on the district website in the *2021/22 Proposed Preliminary Budget Public Consultation Summary* at

https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2021_22-Proposed-Preliminary-Budget-Public-Consultation-Summary.pdf

The board approved the *Preliminary Budget 2021/22*. The board-approved 2021/22 budget is available online at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/budget-process/2021-budget-process/>

Amendment to 2021/22 District School Calendar

The board received for information the proposed amended district school calendar for the 2021/22 school year and approved that the amended calendar be shared with the public on the school district website from May 7 to June 8, 2021. The proposed changes are as follows:

- Students and staff return from winter break on Monday, January 3, 2022
- The last instructional day for students is Thursday, June 23, 2022
- The year-end administrative day for teachers is Friday, June 24, 2022
- Five minutes are added to the end of each instructional day to meet the School Calendar Regulation requirements for hours of instruction. The daily school hours for 2021/22 are proposed to be 8:30 am to 2:25 pm (300 instructional minutes per day) at elementary, and 8:30 am to 2:45 pm (325 instructional minutes per day) at secondary.

The board will review any input received and make its decision on the proposed amendments at its regular public meeting on June 16, 2021.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Dhillon updated the board on various school events and activities. Highlights included an update on the Garibaldi Secondary International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP), which is thriving and well on its way towards full accreditation.

Financial Statements

The board received for information the financial statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2021.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Murray attended an online rotary fundraiser that featured students from Whonnock Elementary playing on donated guitars. Trustee Trudeau participated in an online conference for the 4Rs Youth Movement – a youth-driven initiative that seeks to change relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. Trustee Sullivan enjoyed the free *Strengthening Resilience* webinar put on by the Ridge Meadows Action Team, while trustee Yamamoto looked forward to the keynote speakers for the May 12 non-instructional day. Trustee Dumore spoke about the Clean Up Maple Ridge event on May 12, 2021 undertaken in collaboration with DPAC, school PACs, and Stop Overdose Maple Ridge, and also looked forward to attending the online Community Building Youth Futures conference. Trustee Carreras spoke about her participation on the BC Summer Games Legacy Committee, and acknowledged that May 5 was Red Dress Day – a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Finally, a number of trustees expressed their appreciation that the COVID-19 vaccine had been extended to all staff in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on May 19, 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>.