



Board Meeting Highlights May 19, 2021

Presentation: 2021 Graduation Celebrations

Assistant superintendent Ken Cober presented to the board on the 2021 graduation celebrations, noting that a great deal of advanced planning had been done at school, school district, and provincial levels. Graduation celebrations are guided by provincially developed key parameters with ceremony options falling into the following four broad categories: road show, individual, drive-thru, learning group ceremony. Learning group ceremonies are closest to the traditional ceremony model and are also the option most schools in the district have selected in consultation with their students and their grad committees. Lawn signs will also be distributed this year, as will caps and gowns. Professional photographers have been booked for learning group ceremonies, all of which are occurring in June.

Whonnock Elementary School Utility Right-of-Way Bylaw

The board gave three readings to, passed, and adopted the Whonnock Elementary School Utility Right-of-Way Bylaw, 2021. The bylaw is required to give BC Hydro access to a power generator that will be installed at the school. The new generator will ensure the continuity of essential operations at the school facility in the event of a power outage.

Policy Updates

The board approved the following policies and procedure following public consultation:

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

These policies are available on the policy manual page of the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policy-manual/>

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Dhillon updated the board on various school events and activities. Highlights included an update on K-12 Summer Learning 2021. The school district is offering the following five program options: *Elementary – English and French Immersion (Grades K-6)*; *Grade 7-8 Transition Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (ADST)*; *Grade 8-9 Literacy and Numeracy Skill-Building*; *Grade 10-12 Academic Courses Leading to Graduation*; and *Online Summer Learning Fast Track: Grade 10-12 Credit Courses Leading to Graduation*. Registration for these programs opened on Monday, May 17, 2021, and closed May 28, 2021. Programs for Katzie First Nation will also run this year, with planning for this programming currently being finalized. Additional information about Summer Learning 2021 is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/program/summer-learning/>.

Climate Change Accountability Report 2020

The board received the *Climate Change Accountability Report 2020* for information. The report covers the period between January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, summarizing the district's emissions profile, the total offsets to reach net-zero emissions, the actions the district has taken in 2020 to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, and district plans to continue reducing emissions in 2021 and beyond. For

the 2020 calendar year, the school district's total payable amount for carbon offsets is \$90,425. A portion of collected funds will be redirected to the Ministry of Education, which distributes the funds to school districts as capital funding under the Carbon Neutral Capital Program. Carbon offsets costs will increase in future years once the provincial government implements the Clean BC agenda. The full report is available on the school district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/sustainability>.

Energy Management Plan Update

The board received the Energy Management Plan update for information. The school district completed 48 energy upgrades by the end of year six of its Energy Management Plan, translating into estimated ongoing electrical savings valued at \$0.54 million. During 2020/21, the district's COVID-19 response plan also required the implementation of operational changes to HVAC systems to increase fresh air supply and prolong occupied ventilation schedules, resulting in increased energy consumption. For 2021/22, approximately \$0.61 million will be allocated to support Riverside lighting upgrade to LED, Garibaldi Secondary boiler upgrade optimizations, continuous optimization programs at Thomas Haney and Samuel Robertson Technical secondary schools, and other projects identified through the updated school district sustainability plan.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Shaw looked forward to the next school year; trustee Trudeau recognized Golden Ears Métis Society for successfully partnering with Fraser Health to host a Métis -specific vaccination clinic; trustee Yamamoto spoke about Chef Randle's BC Agriculture in the Classroom initiative; trustee Murray acknowledged students Kamil Gallus (PMSS) and Ethan Page (MRSS), who were the recipients of Arts Council bursaries in visual arts and music respectively, and also spoke about the Caring for Kids fundraiser that will be held in the fall; trustee Dumore spoke about the May 12, 2021 professional development keynote speakers; and trustees Sullivan and Carreras spoke about COVID-19 vaccines soon being made available to children between the ages of 12-17.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on June 16, 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>.